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MARY WILHE, THE DES MOINES REGISTER/AP

Jeri Scott is amused by her cat Blackjack as he crawls to the head of her backyard sculpture in Des Moines, Iowa. Scott purchased "UpDown," a former Merle Hay Mall sculpture, after it sat in storage for years. She calls the sculpture "Merle" and enjoys the whimsy and controversy surrounding the artwork over the years.

YOU'VE GOT TO READ THESE

Wire Reports

Y's doughnut shop won't sell doughnuts

QUINCY, Mass. — A doughnut shop chain won't be selling doughnuts at a new Massachusetts location.

Quincy's licensing board last week approved a plan for Honey Dew Donuts to open a shop inside the city's new \$30 million YMCA.

A spokeswoman for the Y tells The Patriot Ledger that because of the organization's emphasis on physical fitness, no doughnuts will be sold. The shop will sell coffee, low-fat muffins, salads, sandwiches, yogurt, fruit cups and smoothies. All menu items must be approved by the Y.

According to Honey Dew's website, its low-fat muffins contain more calories and sugar than many of its doughnuts.

Imposter manager robs Waffle House

ATLANTA — Atlanta police are searching for a woman dressed in a Waffle House uniform who walked into a restaurant pretending to be an area manager — and left with about \$100 in cash from the register.

The heist happened shortly after 6 a.m. Wednesday at one of the chain's 24-hour diners on the city's southeast side.

Atlanta police spokeswoman Kim Jones says the suspect began acting as an area manager and conducted an inspection of the restroom area, then continued her routine as real area managers do.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports that she also turned the cash register key and took out about \$100.

Invite to 61,000 causes chaos

STOCKHOLM — Police say they were called in to restore order in downtown Stockholm after Sweden's public employment service accidentally sent an email invitation for a recruitment event to 61,000 jobseekers instead of 1,000.

Police spokesman Ulf Lindgren says staff at the job center alerted police after several thousand people showed up to an event where jobseekers would have a chance to meet with potential employers. He said many people were upset but no arrests were made.

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Haley plan would give schools technology, reading boost

By DALE LINDER-ALTMAN
T&D Staff Writer

Local superintendents say Gov. Nikki Haley's plan to improve technology and reading programs will provide a boost to efforts to upgrade their schools.

A portion of the \$198,000 that could go to Orangeburg Consolidated School District Three for technology would be spent on installing wireless internet access throughout the district, Superintendent Dr. David Longshore said.

"We have it in spots, but not everywhere, and we're already in the process of putting in wireless overlays," he said.

Longshore says the technology funding needs to be more than a one-time payment. It could make a real difference if it's a recurring funding.

"If it's put into place and we can get it for a period of three to five years, we can do some good," he said.

Haley's K-12 Education Reform Initiative focuses on bringing South Carolina's children

up to grade level in reading and modernizing technology in the state's schools.

If lawmakers fund it, the initiative would pay for reading coaches in elementary schools, increase the state's investment in summer reading camps and offer state funding for reading-related teacher training.

Also, \$20.3 million would go to schools to provide internet connections and \$4 million for technology training for teachers.

Almost \$186,000 in technology funding would go into Or-

angeburg Consolidated School District Four. Some of it would be used to update and upgrade both wired and wireless infrastructure, Superintendent Brenda Turner said.

District 4 students are at a great disadvantage, both at home and at school, because they lack adequate access to the internet, she said. The funding would also allow the district to upgrade networking and add new tech-



Haley's education initiative focuses on modernizing technology in the state's schools.

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SIGNS OF SPRING



CHRISTOPHER NUTE/T&D

A Japanese magnolia tree is in full bloom in Edisto Memorial Gardens on Friday afternoon as spring approaches. Monday's forecast calls for a 60 percent chance of showers and highs in the lower 70s.

Ex-Eutawville mayor Tom Martin dies

T&D Staff Report

In 1993, he didn't file for re-election as Eutawville mayor but was re-elected to a fourth term anyway.

Such was the status of Tom Martin in Eutawville. The man who spent a total



I guess I spent about 20 years as mayor off and on."

When Martin retired from his 24-year position as postmaster in 1980, he did so with the intention of continuing to work. He took a job as an English teacher at the then-Holly-Hill Roberts

Attorney comes home to SCSU with a message: 'We will not quit'

By DIONNE GLEATON
T&D Staff Writer

A message of perseverance undiminished by 118 years of historical leadership and service was shared among community members who came together to celebrate South Carolina State University's Founders' Day on Sunday afternoon.

University leaders and students say they have confidence S.C. State can sustain itself in the midst of ongoing financial challenges in the aftermath of the inauguration of its 11th president, Thomas J. Elzey, who recently had to appeal to the state Legislature for \$13 million to help pay the institution's bills.

"This is a sunkofa time," S.C. State University Trustee Board Chairman Dr. William Small Jr. said, referencing the word in the Akan language of Ghana whose English translation means to "reach back and get it."

"This institution has always been engaged in a struggle for its life. We are experienced and ready to deal with the challenge," said Small, who implored the audience to bring their voices to the conversation and their shoulders to the wheel in support of the institution.

"It is more than money. We want you to put your shoulder to the wheel. We need a better network of support," he said, noting that legislative representative is just one way individuals can begin to "create a model for the survival of black institutions across the state."

Small addressed those who converged upon S.C. State's Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center for the 118th anniversary of the university's founding. Attorney Kenneth W. Ravenell, a 1981 graduate of S.C. State, was the keynote speaker for the ceremony marking the 118th anniversary of S.C. State's founding.

Ravenell, a senior partner in the Murphy, Falcon



Attorney Kenneth W. Ravenell, a 1981 graduate of S.C. State, was the keynote speaker for the ceremony marking the 118th anniversary of S.C. State's founding.

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Actress Lupita Nyong'o accepts the Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role award for '12 Years a Slave' onstage during the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre. KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

OSCAR'S NIGHT



Bono, left, and Leonardo DiCaprio pose at the Oscars. DAN STEINBERG/AP



Jennifer Lawrence arrives at the Oscars in Los Angeles. CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

State left holding nuclear waste

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A radioactive leak that has indefinitely shut down a New Mexico nuclear waste dump has left South Carolina holding a stockpile of weapons waste that had been scheduled to be shipped westward for disposal by the end of next year.

The plans to ship waste stored at the Savannah River Site are in limbo — and the government isn't prepared yet to talk about what will happen next if the New Mexico underground dump no longer is an option.

The U.S. Department of Energy said Friday it is "evaluating its options" after a mysterious leak two weeks ago at New Mexico's federal Waste Isolation Pilot Plant exposed workers to radiation and shut down operations.

The department said more information will be presented next week.

Nuclear watchdogs say the government should be prompt in sharing information on the future of SRS waste slated for transport and should heed the unexpected leak as evidence not to allow further stor-

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Graham: Time to pressure Putin

By Clark Brooks
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U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham called for action instead of words Sunday in response to Russian armed forces on Ukraine's Crimean peninsula, as Defense Secretary John Kerry prepared to meet Tuesday with the new government in Kiev.

"President Obama needs to do something. How about this? Suspend Russia's membership in the G-8 and the G-20 at least for a year, starting right now, and every day they stay in Crimea adds to the suspension," Graham said on CNN's "State of the Union."

Graham stopped well short of advocating a military re-



Graham

Local ARC seeking donations to stay ahead of disasters

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It's not unusual for the American Red Cross of the Western Carolinas to respond to two disasters a day.

But lately, the average has been three. This chapter of the Red Cross, which

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Having both the financial resources

And, Wright said, "Disasters know no time frames. They know nothing about budgets."

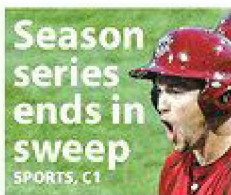
"So, we constantly fundraise so we can keep ahead of the day-to-day fires. When we have something like what we've seen in the last 60 days, we've got to amp it up," Wright said.

The Red Cross, as an organization, re-

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Curbing C-sections

Groups including Medicaid cite rising expense, risks to mom and baby in trying to change S.C. mindset



Brad Taggart adjusts the blanket of his newborn son, Mason, as his wife Pam holds the baby at St. Francis Hospital in late January. Pam Taggart delivered Mason vaginally, like most women in South Carolina deliver their infants, but C-sections have become increasingly popular over the past 20 years.

BY LAUREN SAUSSER
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Before Pam and Brad Taggart welcomed their firstborn Mason in late January, they had no formal labor and delivery strategy. They hadn't scheduled an induction or set a date for an intentional C-section.

"We didn't really make a plan," Pam Taggart said. "When he was ready, he was ready."

It turns out Mason decided he was ready just after the Taggarts tucked in around midnight on Jan. 26 — five days before Pam's due date.

"We had just laid down to go to bed. I was just hoping — if you could (deliver) at 8 a.m.," Brad Taggart told his wife that night on Johns Island. "As soon as I said that, I think my water broke."

Twelve sleepless hours later, Mason arrived at

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C-section rates are hard to compare. A4



Do you agree that insurance companies and Medicaid should work to reduce the number of C-section deliveries in South Carolina? Find this story on postandcourier.com to vote.

St. Francis Hospital in West Ashley.

"It wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be," Pam said after her delivery. "That shocked me — in a very good way."

Brad laughed at her. "Every woman in Charleston is going to hate you," he said. "I thought you had to wait a lot longer to get

pain medication and you don't," Pam said. "Pretty much right away, you get some."

Pam delivered Mason through her birth canal, just like most women in South Carolina and across the country deliver their babies. But over the past two decades, C-sections — a common procedure by which babies are delivered through a surgical incision in their mothers' lower abdomens — have become an increasingly popular option for patients and doctors.

While most C-sections are performed because a doctor deems it medically necessary to protect the mother or child, the procedure also is perceived as a more convenient way to deliver babies, simpler than letting pregnancy run its natural, unpredictable, painful course.

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Russia tightens grip on Crimea

U.S. calls advance 'act of aggression'

BY TIM SULLIVAN
and DAVID McHUGH
Associated Press

KIEV, UKRAINE — Warning that it was "on the brink of disaster," Ukraine put its military on high alert Sunday and appealed for international help to avoid what it feared was the possibility of a wider invasion by Russia.

Outrage over Russia's military moves mounted in world capitals, with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry calling on President Vladimir Putin to pull back from "an incredible act of aggression."

A day after Russia captured the Crimean Peninsula without firing a shot, fears grew in the Ukrainian capital and beyond that Russia might seek to expand its control by seizing other parts of eastern Ukraine.

Senior Obama administration officials said the U.S. now believes that Russia has complete operational control of Crimea, a pro-Russian area of the country, and has more than 6,000 troops in the region.

Faced with the Russian threat, Ukraine's new government moved to consolidate its authority, naming new regional governors in the pro-Russian east, enlisting the support of the country's wealthy businessmen and dismissing the head of the country's navy after he declared allegiance to the pro-Russian government in Crimea.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk said there was no reason for Russia to invade Ukraine and warned that "we are on the brink of disaster."

"We believe that our Western partners and the entire global community will support the territorial integrity



Putin

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Rising from government assistance to employer of 8

Determination helps N. Charleston woman get off Section 8 housing

BY DAVID SLADE
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Claudette Gill has become a local success story for a federal self-sufficiency initiative aimed at helping people change their lives so they won't need government support.

In 2009, during the recession, she started receiving federal rent subsidy vouchers after losing a job. Today, she owns a home and a growing business. "There were times when I wanted to give up, but I just couldn't," said Gill, a 45-year-old North Charleston resident and mother of four.

Families struggling to pay their bills can wait years to get a federal rent subsidy voucher, commonly known as Section 8, but the first thing Gill did when she became eligible was make plans to get off the assistance program. She had some advantages from the start, such as job skills, but her former caseworker said Gill's focus and determination were admirable.

"I saved money," Gill said. "Late Virginia sausages and Oodles of Noodles for a whole year. I just saved, saved, saved."

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Claudette Gill bought her first truck for \$3,200 and built a trucking company that now employs eight people, all while participating in a self-sufficiency program associated with federal rent subsidies.

By the numbers

The federal Housing Choice Voucher Section 8 program helps people with low incomes pay their rent. Some key numbers add perspective:

- 4,756: Number of tri-county families receiving vouchers
- 6,300: Approximate number of families on waiting lists
- 2: Minimum wait, in years, at the bottom of those lists
- 30: Percent of income that voucher recipients pay for rent/utilities
- \$1,160: Fair market (maximum) rent for a 3-bedroom residence
- \$30,950: Maximum income for a voucher-receiving family of four
- \$19.2: National funding, in billions of dollars, for vouchers



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Run Hard Marathon: Get out your running shoes Saturday for the Run Hard Marathon. Among the races are a marathon, half-marathon and marathon relay, all with 7:30 a.m. start times; and a 5K and kids marathon, at 8 a.m. Events start near USC's Horseshoe and end near the State House. Registration, course maps and other details: www.runhardcolumbiamarathon.com



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Gamecocks running back Mike Davis during practice in Florida in December.

Football, anyone? The No. 4-ranked Gamecocks kick off spring practice this

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Tears, songs, prayers fill slain woman's funeral

By JOHN MONK
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RIDGEWAY — More than 600 — and maybe closer to 1,000 — people attended the funeral of Briana Rabon at a rural Baptist church in a clearing in a vast pine forest Sunday.

And as much as the 23rd Psalm — printed on the back of the funeral program — or the assurances from the Rev. Dean Reynolds that Rabon was now in the House of the Lord, the words of the Sarah McLachlan



Rabon

haunting rock ballad touched the crowd's heartstrings.

"There's vultures and thieves at your back. ... It's easier to believe in this sweet madness, oh this glorious sadness that brings me to my knees ... In the arms of an angel; may you find some comfort here."

As McLachlan's bittersweet tune played, many in the church — an over-

flow crowd was in a nearby building — wept loudly. Pictures of Rabon at the church showed a young woman with a smile full of life and promise.

Rabon's killing last week and the arrest of a 21-year-old man who'd gotten out of prison early on probation embodied two themes familiar to those familiar with South Carolina's criminal justice system.

The state has one of the highest rates of violence in the nation where

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\$318,000 WORTH OF DANCE MOVES



They danced to this and they danced to that, and by the time they were finished, coins filled the hat.

That could have been a dancing ditty written especially for more than 1,000 University of South Carolina students who for 24 hours rocked and swayed and shagged their way to raising money for the Columbia-based Palmetto Health Children's Hospital.

This year, they raised \$318,649 — the most in some 15 years of dance marathons.

The annual dance-all-night, dance all-day charity Dance Marathon ended Sunday at noon at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center at Assembly and Blossom streets.

— John Monk

Jenny Wilkins of Chapin, a USC sophomore majoring in Spanish, dances with a monkey on her back during the USC Dance Marathon for Palmetto Health's Children's Hospital on Saturday.

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Eroding beaches spark invention of controversial seawall in S.C.

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Concealed-carry explained

Taking a look at the lesser known changes to the law

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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Much has been written about a new law that allows concealed-weapons permit holders to carry their weapons into places that serve alcohol, but the same law also makes changes to the training required to obtain a permit.

Before the law was passed, a person obtaining a CWP would be required to take an eight-hour

training course. Now, the length of the training course is up to the instructor, as long as the permit applicant passes the state-mandated test and a 50-round qualification course. If the applicant does that, the instructor can sign the certificate.

Chris Medlin, a concealed-carry instructor and owner of Your Best Defense, doesn't agree with the changes. While the length of a training course will be up to the instructor, he still plans to offer the full eight-hour course.

"There's no way you can fully inform someone of all the use-of-force laws and everything where they have a true understanding of them rather than enough to pass a test in that amount of time," he said.

The class instruction time in many courses is spent explaining to applicants proper gun handling and safety, where they can and can't carry and when it's appropriate – and legal – to use force.

"My personal opinion – and I'm sure any attor-

ney's opinion would be: That's accepting a good deal of liability on the instructor's part by not going and informing the student on all I feel they should," Medlin said. "I feel a personal responsibility to my students and the public, that anybody I say is trained as best as I can get them in that time has a good understanding of the laws and gun safety that applies to the concealed-carry permit program."

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Reliable removal



STAFF PHOTO BY DERREK ASBERRY

Crew leader Benjamin Newton climbs a tree in to saw off some of the limbs. He is with Timber Tree service in North Carolina and has been in Aiken with a team of workers to help in the disaster relief effort.

Locals weed through scams for trustworthy tree services

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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Aiken resident Terry Peterson is one of many residents who weeded through several scam attempts and found a reliable tree service company to clean up his yard after last month's ice storm.

"Timber Tree Service has done a great job and they are extremely professional," Peterson said. "They've worked with me really well and companies like them are cutting the time it will take to restore Aiken in half."

Timber Tree Service – a company out of Asheville, N.C. – is a storm chaser that offers relief efforts after inclement weather sweeps through an area.

Aiken is still suffering from last month's ice storm that covered the area in 1.25 inches of ice and left broken limbs, branches and debris scattered throughout the county. The storm called for relief efforts, which brought companies like Timber to Aiken, along with other companies that overcharge for services.

Crew leader Benjamin Newton said the best method to prevent scams or being overcharged is to go with a company that is willing to do all of the work in a yard rather than breaking it up into individual services.

"Scam artists will say 'for \$5,000, we'll take this tree, this tree and that tree down,' and they'll basically price all of the easy work," Newton said. "For \$5,000, we could probably have the whole job done. It's just a matter of being careful with who you're dealing with."

Joyce Bethmann is another satisfied customer in the area. Fortunately, she did not encounter any scams in her search and just had to pick the most reasonable bid.

For her, the best choice was Good Ol' Boys Tree Service – a disaster relief team out of Bishop, Texas.

I just want to identify these guys because they're doing such a tremendous job. We had two oak trees and half a dozen pines go down in our yard. But they came out with a fair price and have carried every log and branch out of here.

Joyce Bethmann,
Aiken resident

doing such a tremendous job," she said. "We had two oak trees and half a dozen pines go down in our yard. But they came out with a fair price and have carried every log and branch out of here."

Sales representative Anthony Gallinagh and crew manager Anthony Smith said the company has a license to work in Aiken and has already serviced multiple homes. Gallinagh added that homeowners don't owe them until they are satisfied with their work.

"We watch the news to find damaged areas and we saw a situation where we could help out in Aiken," he said. "Homeowners don't pay us a dime up front and we feel like that's the best way to do the job exactly how they want it done."

Both companies have been in Aiken for more than two weeks in the aftermath of the ice storm. In addition to their services, the companies have hired local residents to help out.

Sisters complete Air Force training together

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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Angel and Harri Holston finished high school together and decided to enter the U.S. Air Force together. It wasn't until they arrived at basic training in San Antonio that they realized they'd be training together, too.

Angel and Harri are reportedly the first pair of siblings to complete basic training in the same unit, according to their father, Harry Holston of Aiken.

The two sisters graduated from South Aiken High School in June. They left for basic training in San Antonio in late November.

"They weren't expecting it, but they shipped them out both at the same time," Harry said.

"They were going to work it out, but they knew they weren't gonna be together. Immediately after they got there, they found out they both got placed in the same flight."

Harry Holston, a former Marine, remembered his daughters coming to him and saying they wanted to go in the military, but not the Marines.

"I told them I preferred them to go for the Air Force because I knew the Air Force held education to the highest esteem," he said.

Angel, 19, participated in ROTC while at South Aiken and also played flute and ran track. Harri, 18, played the violin and basketball. She graduated a year early and decided to enter the military not long after her sister.

Harry said the two girls were active singers in numerous area churches growing up and were known as "the singing sisters." They also volunteered with Aiken Public Safety's Police Athletic League.



A. Holston



H. Holston



VICTORY IN THE DESERT

Kevin Harvick bounces back
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Best Actor: Matthew McConaughey, "Dallas Buyers Club"

Best Actress: Cate Blanchett, "Blue Jasmine"

Best Supporting Actor: Jared Leto, "Dallas Buyers Club"

Best Supporting Actress: Lupita Nyong'o, "12 Years a Slave"

Best Animated Feature: "Frozen" (Chris Buck, Jennifer Lee, Peter Del Vecho)

Best Cinematography: "Gravity" (Emmanuel Lubezki)

Best Costume Design: "The Great Gatsby" (Catherine Martin)

Best Directing: "Gravity" (Alfonso Cuarón)

Best Documentary Feature: "20 Feet from Stardom"

Best Documentary Short: "The Lady in Number 6: Music Saved My Life" (Malcolm Clarke, Nicholas Reed)

Best Film Editing: "Gravity" (Alfonso Cuarón, Mark Sanger)

Best Foreign Language Film: "The Great Beauty" (Italy)

Best Makeup and Hairstyling: "Dallas Buyers Club" (Aduitha Lee, Robin Mathews)

Best Original Score: "Gravity" (Steven Price)

Best Original Song: "Let It Go" from "Frozen"

Best Production Design: "The Great Gatsby" (Catherine Martin, Beverley Dunn)

Best Animated Short Film: "Mr. Hublot" (Laurent Witz, Alexandre Espigares)

Best Live Action Short Film: "Hellum" (Anders Walter, Kim Magnusson)

Best Sound Editing: "Gravity" (Glenn Freemantle)

Best Sound Mixing: "Gravity" (Skip Lievsay, Niv Adiri, Christopher Benstead, Chris Munro)

Best Visual Effects: "Gravity" (Tim Webber, Chris Lawrence, Dave Shirik, Neil Corbould)

Best Adapted Screenplay: "12 Years a Slave" (John Ridley)

Best Original Screenplay: "Her" (Spike Jonze)

86TH ACADEMY AWARDS

'12 Years a Slave' takes top prize

Blanchett, McConaughey win; 'Gravity' grabs 7 awards, including Best Director

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES — Perhaps atoning for past sins, Hollywood named the brutal, unshrinking historical drama "12 Years a Slave" best picture at the 86th annual Academy Awards.

Steve McQueen's slavery odyssey, based on Solomon Northup's 1853 memoir, has been hailed as a landmark corrective to the movie industry's long omission of slavery stories and years of whiter tales like 1940 best-picture winner "Gone With the Wind."

McQueen dedicated the honor to those who suffered slavery and "the 21 million who still endure slavery today."

"Everyone deserves not just to survive, but to live," said McQueen, who promptly bounced into the arms of his cast. "This is the most important legacy of Solomon Northup."

A year after celebrating Ben Affleck's "Argo" over Steven Spielberg's "Lincoln," the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences this time opted for stark realism

over more plainly entertaining candidates such as the 3-D space marvel "Gravity" and the starry 1970s caper "American Hustle."

Those two films came in as the leading nominee-getters, and "Gravity" still triumphed as the night's top award winner. Cleaning up in technical categories, it earned seven Oscars including best director

for Alfonso Cuarón. The Mexican filmmaker is the category's first Latino winner.

But history belonged to "12 Years a Slave," a modestly budgeted drama produced by Brad Pitt's production company, Plan B, that has made \$50 million worldwide — a far cry from the more than \$700 million "Gravity" has hauled in. It marks the first time a film directed by a black filmmaker has won best picture. Its graceful breakthrough star, Lupita Nyong'o, also won best supporting actress and John Ridley won best adapted screenplay.

The Oscars fittingly spread the awards around, feting the starved

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"12 Years a Slave" Director Steve McQueen congratulates Best Supporting Actress winner Lupita Nyong'o as Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt applaud.



Daniel Day-Lewis embraces Cate Blanchett as she accepts her award.



Best Supporting Actor Jared Leto

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The 247-room Marriott at Renaissance Park completed \$2 million in renovations over two years.

President urges Putin to pull back from brink

Russia tightens grip on Crimea as stunned world ponders moves to blunt aggression

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Volunteers needed to help collect trash, debris at Lake Greenwood

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Lake Greenwood is perhaps the single most important natural resource in Greenwood County.

On Saturday, area residents will have the opportunity to help make sure that resource is clean and ready for spring.

The sixth annual Lake Greenwood Cleanup Blitz will be from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. As it has for the last

several years, the Lake Greenwood Cleanup Blitz will serve as the statewide kickoff event for the Great American Cleanup South Carolina.

A host of agencies — including Keep Greenwood County Beautiful, Healthy Greenwood Neighborhoods, Greenwood

County Lake Management, Preserving Lake Greenwood and others — are collaborating to put on the annual event.

Those wishing to volunteer for Saturday's cleanup will have the choice of several different locations which will serve as starting points, including State Park Shelter No. 2, Buzzard Roost Boat Ramp, Fellowship Camp and Conference Center, Lake Management Spray Shed, River Fork Boat Ramp and Moon Landing,

Want to go?

■ **What:** Lake Greenwood Cleanup Blitz.

■ **Where:** Lake Greenwood.

■ **When:** 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

■ **For more details:** Call 864-943-2648 or 864-941-3370.

In order to get a solid head count for free T-shirts and lunch, volunteers are asked to register ahead of time. To register, call 864-943-2648

or 864-941-3370 or visit www.greenwoodsc.gov/lakecleanup/.

In recent years, volunteers collected literally tons of trash and debris from around Lake Greenwood as part of the annual Cleanup Blitz.

Healthy Greenwood Neighborhoods' Toni Able said she wants that trend to continue.

"We are kind of hopeful to be collecting even more litter, trash and

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■ ELIGIBILITY

Reprieve for SC motorists

DMV to reinstate some qualifying suspended drivers

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Associated Press

BLYTHEWOOD — Some South Carolina drivers with suspended licenses will get a chance later this month to have their driving privileges restored.

From March 10 to 14, the Department of Motor Vehicles will reduce or clear certain suspensions if all fines are paid, certain insurance papers are filed, and any necessary tests are successfully completed.

"If you believe you qualify, we encourage you to start getting ready now," DMV director Kevin Shvedo said. "The sooner you start the process, the better your chances of meeting every requirement."

The program is offered at all DMV offices in the state but is not available to everyone. Drivers whose licenses were suspended for alcohol- or drug-related offenses are not eligible.

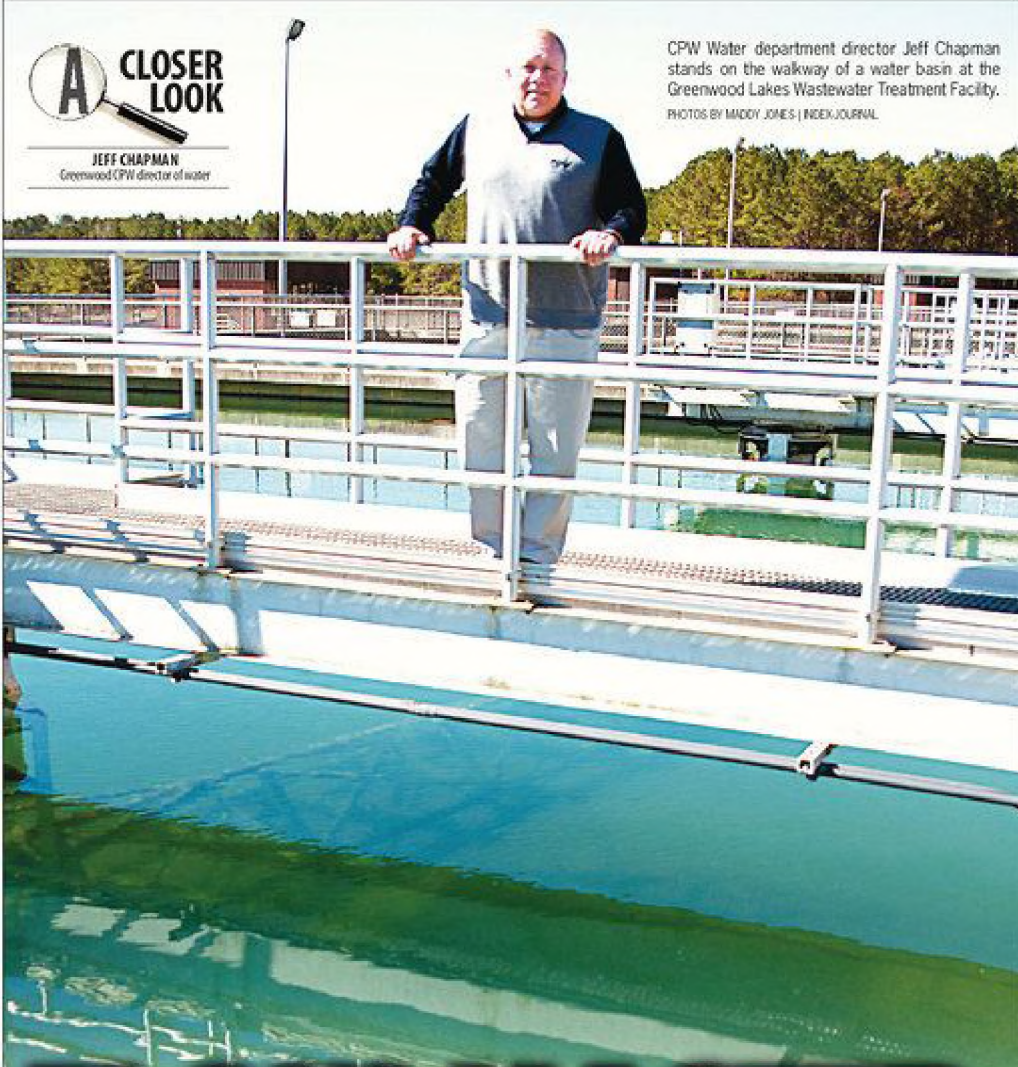
But drivers who faced suspension for operating an unlicensed or uninsured vehicle could be eligible, said department spokeswoman Beth Parks.

State lawmakers require the department to offer the suspension eligibility period once a year. The requirements can be complex, and vary according to the number and type of suspensions involved, officials said.

All fees must be paid and certain insurance forms might be required. Drivers with a clear record may apply for a new driver's license, and some people might have to take certain tests to regain their license.

"Once a driver has a clear record, they may apply for a driver's license," Parks said.

If a driver has more than one suspension, the suspension time might be recalculated.



CLOSER LOOK

JEFF CHAPMAN
Greenwood CPW director of water

CPW Water department director Jeff Chapman stands on the walkway of a water basin at the Greenwood Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility.

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FLOW MASTER

Jeff Chapman excelling in role as CPW director of water

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The Chapman File
■ **Name:** Jeff Chapman

He is married and has two children, a boy and a girl.



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State high court hearing Certificate of Need case

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina's highest court is gearing up for a debate over whether the state's health agency can end a program that regulates the building or expansion of medical facilities.

On Thursday, the state Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments over the Certificate of Need program, an approvals process administered by the Department of Health and Environmental Control and required under state law for any medical facilities seeking to build or expand.

The program has been on hold since June, when Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed the \$1.7 million needed to run it, saying she thinks it's an impediment to the free market and isn't needed. The House sustained Haley's veto after Ways and Means Chairman Brian White took the floor and said the veto was just about the money, not whether the program should continue.

Since that vote, some House Republicans have said they didn't intend to nix the program entirely, pointing out last summer that an executive decision to discontinue the program "may be contrary to law but is certainly contrary to the will and intent of the House of Representatives."

Three dozen states have similar programs, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

State law still requires medical facilities to acquire a Certificate of Need from DHEC before building, expanding, offering a new service or buying medical equipment costing more than \$600,000. When Haley vetoed the funding, about three dozen projects worth about \$100 million were being reviewed by DHEC.

Groups including the South Carolina Hospital Association sued over the issue, saying the state law requiring the review is still on the books and can't be suspended just because DHEC didn't set aside money to pay for it. Supporters also have argued that the Certificate of Need program is needed to keep costly medical services or hospital beds from going unused and that it ensures that rural communities keep access to health care.

"That the CON Act has not been repealed demonstrates the General Assembly's intent that it should remain the law of this State," the hospitals said in their lawsuit.

DHEC asked the Supreme Court to decide whether the agency could suspend the program, and justices



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Methodist Manor resident Winnie Crowley (left) laughs with the manor's chaplain, Ann Ayres, on Tuesday. The 101-year-old Crowley started a charity called Winnie's Warmest Wishes to collect warm clothes from the manor's residents to donate to House of Hope in Florence.

Winnie's WARMEST wishes

101-year-old Methodist Manor resident says it's never too late to help

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FLORENCE — Winnie Crowley thought she was pretty old when she decided to move to Methodist Manor at the age of 80.

Little did she know that 21 years later she would not only still be alive, but thriving.

"My husband had been dead for quite some years and I was living by myself, and my neighbors wouldn't let me sleep in my house by myself," Crowley said. "I told my son, 'I can't continue doing this to my neighbors,' and he said, 'Well, if you want to go (to Methodist Manor), go while you're young enough to enjoy it.'"

"That's why I came when I was so young. If I had known I was going to live this long, I might have postponed it, but I've had the most fun out here that is to be sure. It is my home."

The Darlington native isn't one for taking it easy.

During her time at Methodist Manor, she's met many new friends, as is evident by the constant stream of visitors in her suite; she's learned to paint, and has even sold a few pieces; and as if that weren't enough, she's even spearheaded a charity project.

Winnie's Warmest Wishes came about just a few months ago as Crowley sat in



her room, thinking about how cold the weather had been.

"It worries me when I think that people are cold when I'm so comfortable. When it got cold, I just got concerned about the people who were cold," she said. "I knew I couldn't do much about it myself, and so I went to talk to Ann (Ayres, Methodist Manor's chaplain). I went down there with one of my sweaters I didn't need."

"I said, 'Do you think we could get some sweaters for some of these people?' She (Ayres) took over and just went with it, and the residents just responded so beautifully. Good, nice, pretty clothes to give to people. She did a wonderful job, and the people here did a wonderful job."

However, Ayres claims all she did was provide an office to store the clothes while they waited to gather enough to take to House of Hope — Crowley's chosen charity because they do not sell the clothes, but instead hand them out.

Ayres said the true inspiration behind the overwhelming generosity of the manor's residents was Crowley herself.

"Winnie's just such a benevolent, caring person anyway, and that was just a great ministry. I loved it because it tells anyone that is still breathing on this Earth that God is still using them," Ayres said. "Don't ever say, 'Why am I still left here?' There is a reason. She came with this fabulous ministry and

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Events

The Wizard of Oz: Today at 10 a.m. at the Florence Civic Center. The American Theater Arts for Youth, Inc. presents Wizard of Oz. Tickets are \$13.50. For more information, visit atay.org.

Artsville Open Mic 2014: Today at 7 p.m. at the Midnight Rooster, 136 E. Carolina Ave., Hartsville. First Monday

COME MEET US

The Morning News is holding community forums at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library in Florence. It will be an opportunity to share ideas and

day performances, 7:30 p.m. Sunday Matinee, 3 p.m. No Monday performances. Tuesday/Wednesday shows available at \$3 discount. For more information, call 843-662-3731.

BBQ Fundraiser: Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Southside Baptist Church, 1356 Pineland Dr., Florence. Fundraiser for Andrew Strop who suffers from

yahoo.com, or call 843-598-0935.

Coker Men's & Women's Tennis: Tuesday, 3 p.m. at Coker College. Coker vs. Tennis Courts. Matches played at Coker College Tennis Courts. Admission is \$5. For more information, call 843-383-8073.

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AARP 2401: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. at the Leatherman Senior Center, 600 Senior Way, Florence. Commander Shells with the Florence Police Department will be speaking.

Coker Women's Lacrosse: Wednesday 4 p.m. at Eyerly Park, 700 Russell Road, Hartsville. Coker vs. Queens. Admission is \$5. For more information

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