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Johnson: 'I let a lot of people down'

2011 domestic case led former NBA player to drop out of C of C coach search

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What appeared to be a slam dunk for the College of Charleston and Anthony Johnson in the school's search for a new basketball coach unraveled Monday when the former Cougars standout informed college officials about an arrest stemming from a do-

estic dispute three years ago. Johnson, 35, was on the verge of getting his "dream job" as head coach but reluctantly pulled his name out of consideration Wednesday a day after the administration reviewed details of the incident with his wife, Crystal Johnson.

Police were called to the former NBA player's Atlanta home on June

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NFL commissioner apologizes; league increases penalties for domestic violence. C2

10, 2011, after the couple got into a "heated argument" that night. The arrest warrant states that Johnson used one hand to push his pregnant wife

in the throat. The confrontation took place in front of the couple's son.

Johnson was charged with two counts of simple battery, one count of simple battery of a pregnant female and third-degree cruelty to a child, the affidavits said. All four counts were misdemeanors. If convicted on

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Johnson



Online

To read arrest affidavits and plea agreements in this case, find this story on postandcourier.com.

One more school year in a maze of trailers

New schools to relieve packed Knightsville Elementary next year



Students in the second and third grades at Knightsville Elementary have to walk from trailers the school calls learning cottages to the other side of campus to eat lunch. The school building has room for only 850 students, forcing about 600 others into the 31 mobile units.

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At Knightsville Elementary, the biggest elementary school in the state, two of every five students attend classes each school day in trailers, and it's just getting bigger. However, this could be the last year the mobile units take up space on the campus.

Thanks to 2012's \$179 million bond referendum, Dorchester District 2 expects to open three new

elementary schools next year, each with a capacity of 1,000 students, providing some relief for Knightsville and other overcrowded schools, like Birch Hill and Reeves. The referendum also provides for a new middle school, set to open in 2016, and renovations to several other schools.

Dorchester District 2 leased 11 new trailers this year to ease overcrowding, bringing the district's total to 193, but some of the new trailers went to Knightsville, which



Poll

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grew this year by another 40 students.

"There are a lot of kids here, but it's so organized that you don't even

notice," said school volunteer Kim Boyea, who is also PTA president.

The building, constructed in 1938, has room for only 850 students, forcing about 600 others into the 31 mobile units that have been added over the years.

Other schools in the Lowcountry are overcrowded, too, but none as much as Knightsville. In Charleston County, Pinckney Elementary and nearby Laurel Hill are both

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Haley vows S.C. will keep kids safe

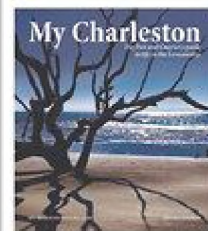
Says DSS will use team approach in wake of baby's death

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COLUMBIA — Department of Social Services workers will no longer bear sole responsibility for children under their care, Gov. Nikki Haley said Thursday, advocating a team approach in her most direct, public response to criticism of the embattled agency to date.

"Let's go and show everybody in South Carolina and let's make them proud, because I have a dream for all children to be happy," said Haley, while speaking at a Court Appointed Special Advocate of Richland County rally commemorating the 51st

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Coming Saturday

Look for latest edition of My Charleston magazine Saturday in The Post and Courier. For the first time, the magazine also includes photographs from our readers as well as Facebook responses about their favorite local spots, events and more. It has a completely new, reader-friendly look and is full of information about living in the Lowcountry, including insider tips and hidden gems. It's the ultimate guide to the area that you'll keep all year long.



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Pedestrian struck by deputy dies

65-year-old man was crossing Augusta Road

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A pedestrian walking across Augusta Road died after being hit by a patrol car driven by a Greenville County sheriff's deputy early Thursday morning, authorities said.

The deputy was on routine patrol and wasn't responding to a call when the incident took place, the Sheriff's Office said. He has been placed on paid administrative leave, said Sheriff's Office Sgt. Jennings Autrey.

The accident is under investigation by the state Highway Patrol, and no one has been charged or ticketed, said High-

way Patrol Cpl. Bill Rhyne.

The Highway Patrol identified the deputy as 28-year-old Emanuel Tyrell Davis of Greenville. He was driving a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria, Rhyne said.

The Sheriff's Office is conducting its own internal investigation to determine whether Davis violated any policies, Autrey said.

Johnny Melvin Crouch, 65, of 111 Brantford Lane, Greenville, died at the scene of the accident from multiple injuries, said Greenville County Deputy Coroner Jeff Fowler.

The death was ruled accidental, Fowler said.

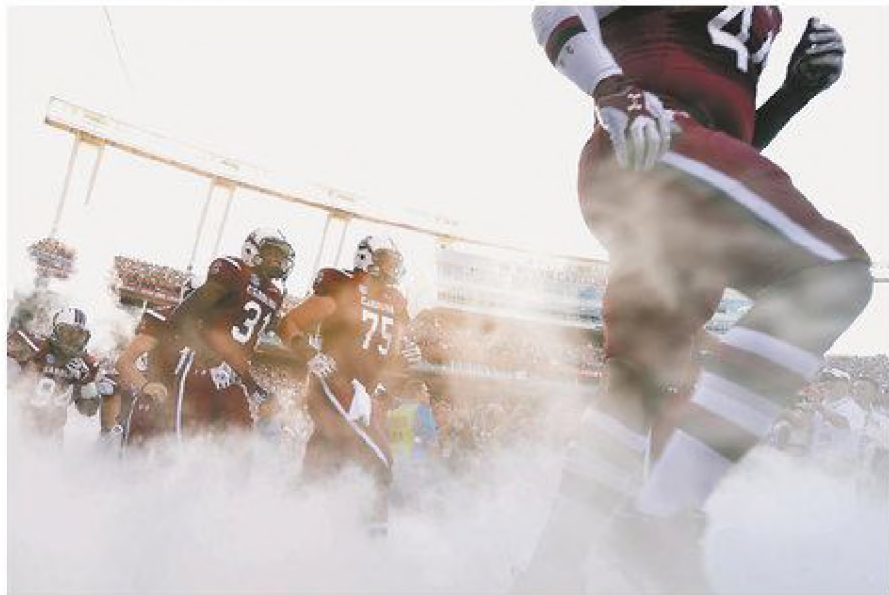


BART BOATWRIGHT/STAFF

Greenville County deputies investigate the scene of the fatal accident on Augusta Road on Thursday. Deputy Emanuel Tyrell Davis, 28, has been placed on paid administrative leave.

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TEXAS A&M 52, USC 28



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USC confidently takes the field at Williams-Brice Stadium on Thursday, but Texas A&M quickly took control of the game.

USC STUNNED BY TEXAS A&M

Left to reassess after giving up 511 passing, 680 total yards

By Willie T. Smith III
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COLUMBIA — Steve Spurrier and his South Carolina football team entered the 2014 season confident of a fourth straight outstanding campaign.

The question following USC's performance was no longer whether it had what it took to win the SEC East, following the league title, but if it has what it takes to turn things around before hosting East Carolina next Saturday.

A&M quarterback Kenny Hill, in

deveon Clowney USC defense appeared helpless to do anything about it.

After taking a 31-14 lead into the locker room at halftime, the Aggies quickly dashed any hopes of a USC comeback. It held the Gamecocks without a first down on its first pos-

Friends grieve for Clemson student

Sudden infection kills teen

By Dave Munday
Post and Courier

The thing that's so hard to take about the death of an 18-year-old Clemson freshman who died of a sudden infection Sunday is that she was so sunny and full of life, according to her friends.

Virginia Gilliam, a Wando High School graduate enjoying her first week of college, started feeling weak Wednesday. She was taken to the hospital Saturday and died Sunday morning.

At least 500 people overflowed the fellowship hall at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church Tuesday night, forming a line that stretched around the porch and extended more than a block down Hibben Street.

Caroline Yodice of Mount Pleasant, Gilliam's best friend since childhood, was standing outside by herself.

"You never met anybody as happy as she was," Yodice said. "Everything she did, she just did it with a smile."

Gilliam sang with the Wando High School chorus, swam on the Hobcav Swim team and worked as a lifeguard. She planned to work with special-needs children after graduating from Clemson.

Yodice and a group of friends spent Saturday at Gilliam's bedside, even though she was unconscious.

"We talked to her, we sang to her," she said. "A friend texted me that her entire hallway at her dorm at Clemson was outside in the hallway praying."

HOME INVASION



Texas A&M crashes the party at Williams-Brice, snapping USC's 18-game home winning streak.
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ELECTIONS 2014

Candidates for S.C. governor trade barbs

Labor Day weekend jousting kicks off political season



Haley



Sheheen

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The Gamecocks and Aggies were not the only foes battling Thursday in Columbia.

South Carolina's gubernatorial rivals, Republican incumbent Nikki Haley and Democratic challenger Vincent Sheheen, traded barbs on gameday, too.

Haley's camp took Sheheen to task for an ad that said the Republican governor covered up the hacking at the Department of Revenue for more than two weeks. Sheheen

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A 'BOND AMONG US'



Snow had fallen the two previous days on Dec. 31, 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge.

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POSTGAME SAFETY

Police ready for large Five Points crowds



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A few people walk through Five Points on Thursday night after USC's loss to Texas A&M.

Beefed-up police presence an

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Law enforcement references tower, planning

Police didn't plan to take chances after a rash of armed robberies around the periphery of USC, Benedict College and Allen University —

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Updates of this story online, along with more photos from Five Points



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Challenge accepted

We watched her health decline rapidly, and it was awful to watch. It hits every nerve in their body.

Bethany Reesor, family member of ALS victim



VIDEO
To watch dance students take the Ice Bucket Challenge, find this story online at aikenstandard.com.

STAFF PHOTO BY TEDDY KULMALA

Alexa Arthur keeps her cool as Tracy Finch dumps a bucket of ice water on her during the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, in which dancers at Carolina Dance Studio participated on Thursday.

Dance students take on Ice Bucket Challenge

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge that is sweeping the nation, and has netted nearly \$100 million in donations, gained 28 additional participants in Aiken on Thursday.

Members of a competitive dance team at Carolina Dance Studio doused each other with buckets of ice water.

To participate in the challenge, a person dumps a bucket of ice water on their head, then challenges several other people to do the same and post a video of the event to social media.

Typically, those who do not "complete the challenge" within 24 hours are asked to donate money to an organization researching amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, but others douse themselves in water and still donate.

ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a progressive neurodegenerative

disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. The progressive degeneration of motor neurons in ALS eventually leads to a patient's death. There is no cure for the disease.

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Chemistry program earns certification

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Sommer Farmer, a USC Aiken senior chemistry major, is working on a research project with Professor Dr. Monty Fetterolf — titled "Raman Spectra of EDAB and its Analogs in various solvents."

When Farmer starts applying to medical schools, her resume will in-

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ment has earned certification from the American Chemical Society.

recognition can open more doors to other universities and companies.

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Professor Dr. Monty Fetterolf joined the chemistry department in 1990 — the first year that students graduated from the program. Even at that time, a long-term interest in Society certification became a "guiding light" in the department's subsequent initiatives. Fetterolf

Police prepare for busy holiday of travel

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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Local and state law enforcement from not just South Carolina but also Georgia are coming together for Hands Across the Border, a campaign to put the brakes on drunken driving during the holiday weekend.

Officers from multiple agencies teamed up for a safety checkpoint at Exit 17 on Interstate 520 on Thursday

night. The annual initiative wraps up what officers refer to as the 100 Deadly Days of Summer — the period from Memorial Day to Labor Day during which traffic fatalities typically spike.

More than 451,000 South Carolina residents are expected to travel this weekend, up 1.5 percent from last year, according to AAA Carolinas.

Of those, 387,000 will be driving. One reason behind the increase in travel is a decrease in gas prices, according to AAA. Gas prices have fallen 24 cents since July 4, and at \$3.14 per gallon on Wednesday, South Carolina has the cheapest prices in the country.

Gas prices in Aiken on Thursday were as low as \$2.98 at Sam's Club on Jefferson Davis Highway, according to GasBuddy.com. Prices at surrounding stations ranged between \$3.02 and \$3.09.

With the additional traffic, there will also be additional law enforcement on the roadways.

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AREA DEATHS

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Kevin Harvick heads into turn two during the Bojangles' Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway on April 12.

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Labor Day race weekend comes back to Darlington

BY LOU BEZJAK
BH Media Group

DARLINGTON — Chip Wile finally has an answer to the question he's been asked many times since he took over at Darlington Raceway more than a year ago: Will the Southern 500 ever return to Labor Day weekend?

Wile can finally answer yes as NASCAR officially announced what had been rumored for the last couple weeks that Darlington's race date will be moved back to its traditional Labor Day weekend. Darlington's race weekend will be Sept. 4-

6, 2015, with the VFW Sport Clips 200 Nationwide Series race run in the afternoon Sept. 5.

The Bojangles' Southern 500 will run in primetime Sunday, Sept. 6 and be televised by NBC, which is returning to the sport next season.

"This means everything," Wile said. "This is one of the cornerstones of the NASCAR schedule and for us to get it back is such big news for the community. Everybody has a touch point with the race track whether good, bad or indifferent ... For us to be able to bring something back that is truly special and honor for every-

one that works at Darlington Raceway."

Fans and drivers have been clamoring for Darlington to get this date back since NASCAR moved it in 2003. In 2004, Darlington's fall race date was moved from Labor Day weekend to November and the track lost one of its two dates in 2005. Its lone date was held on Mother's Day weekend from 2005-13 and moved to April this year for the first time.

"I'm glad they came back. Don't know why they ever left," former driver and South Carolina native David Pearson told

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Hartsville Community challenged to STAND against crime

BY MELISSA ROLLINS
BH Media Group

More than 50 residents of the city of Hartsville and Darlington County on Tuesday filled the Butler Community Center Auditorium in Hartsville to hear a proposal on the STAND (Stop and Take a New Direction) Program that the Hartsville Police Department is considering implementing to help deal with crime and drug offenders.

Citizens heard from U.S. Attorney Bill Nettles, who helped start

a similar program in North Charleston, once considered the seventh most dangerous city in the country. Nettles said the program gives offenders a chance to get their lives straight without sending them to prison and giving them a record for the rest of their lives.

"If you truly offer people another alternative, where they are going to make more money than they would selling drugs, they wouldn't sell drugs ... I truly believe that."

Bill Nettles,
U.S. Attorney

"If you truly offer people another alternative, where they are going to make more money than they would selling drugs, they wouldn't sell drugs," Nettles said. "I really believe that."

Nettles said STAND is designed to work with people to turn their lives around.

"We need to get smarter about who we are putting in prison," Nettles said. "Some of these people need an alternative and if they had one, they would be productive members of society."

The way the program works, federal and local law enforcement identify people in the community that are participating in illegal activities. The police notify the identified group that they are going to be given a choice of going to jail or participating in the program.

Those who refuse are arrested, and those who agree to participate are closely monitored. If at any point they return to crime, they, too, are arrested.

Nettles told the assembled citizens that the program is scalable and designed to meet the needs of each community.

Some in the audience expressed doubt that the program

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Move to Labor Day puts Darlington back in the thick of NASCAR schedule

BY LOU BEZJAK
BH Media Group

DARLINGTON — Moving Darlington Raceway's date back to Labor Day not only is good for tradition but also puts the track in an added spotlight on NASCAR's schedule.

Darlington's date of Sept. 6 on the schedule falls just a week before the field for NASCAR's Chase is finalized the following week at Richmond, Virginia.

"That will add an additional element," Darlington Raceway president Chip Wile said. "There is no lack of sparks when people come to Darlington, so I think it will add another element. The

guys that are locked into the Chase can take more risks, and guys that haven't got locked in have one more opportunity after Darlington to get it. I think you will see a lot more action after Darlington."

And if the last few years are any indication, there will be plenty of sparks flying next Labor Day weekend.

In 2011, Kyle Busch and Kevin Harvick got into a skirmish following Regan Smith's surprise victory. Harvick leaned in to punch Busch but he hit the gas and shoved Harvick's unmanned car out of the way, sending it crashing head-first into the

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Kevin Harvick celebrates in Gatorade Victory Lane after winning the Bojangles' Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway on Saturday, April 12.

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Repairing the Torah

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Holiday gas prices

The number of South Carolinians on the highways this Labor Day weekend is expected to increase for the second consecutive year thanks to a recovering economy and falling gas prices. **PAGE C1**

Gun tourism

The death of an Arizona firearms instructor by a 9-year-old girl who was firing a fully automatic Uzi displayed a tragic side of what has become a hot industry in the United States: gun tourism. **PAGE A3**

Ebola accelerating

The Ebola outbreak in West Africa is accelerating and could grow six times larger to infect as many as 20,000 people, the World Health Organization said Thursday. **PAGE A4**

Convicted

A jury of 10 men and two women deliberated about an hour and a half Thursday before convicting Roderick Germaine Wynn of voluntary manslaughter in the death of Curtis Edward Goldsmith. **PAGE C1**

Losing its power

The Abercrombie & Fitch logo has lost the power it once wielded with teens. The company is trying to stock trendier clothing — and it turns out that means stripping off the once-prized Abercrombie logo. **PAGE C5**

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Dems honor Patterson at fundraising dinner

Legislator's motto: 'It's always about people'

By FELICIA KITZMILLER
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True to the Maya Angelou quote scrolled at the bottom of the program, everyone at the Cleveland Park events center Thursday night seemed to have a story about how Liz Patterson made them feel — usually energized and inspired.

Spartanburg County Democrats used their annual fundraiser dinner to honor the groundbreaking politician who served

18 years in elected office. Patterson, the daughter of former governor and U.S. Sen. Olin Johnston, was elected to Spartanburg County Council in 1975 and served for two years. She was elected to the S.C. Senate in 1979 and served until 1986, when she launched a hard-fought successful campaign for the U.S. House of Representatives, where she served three terms.

"That was one of the elections where the outcome was really a function of a person and her personality," said Frank Holleman, who was the state Democratic Party

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Former U.S. Rep. Liz Patterson, left, poses for a photo with Sharon Cauthen of Gaffney at a Spartanburg County Democrats fundraising event Thursday at the Cleveland Park events center.

TOUGH NIGHT IN COLUMBIA



JOHN BYRUM/JOHN.BYRUM@SHJ.COM

Dejection shows on the faces of South Carolina's Mason Harris, left, and Kaiwan Lewis during the Gamecocks' 52-28 loss to Texas A&M on Thursday night in Columbia.

Texas A&M spoils USC opener

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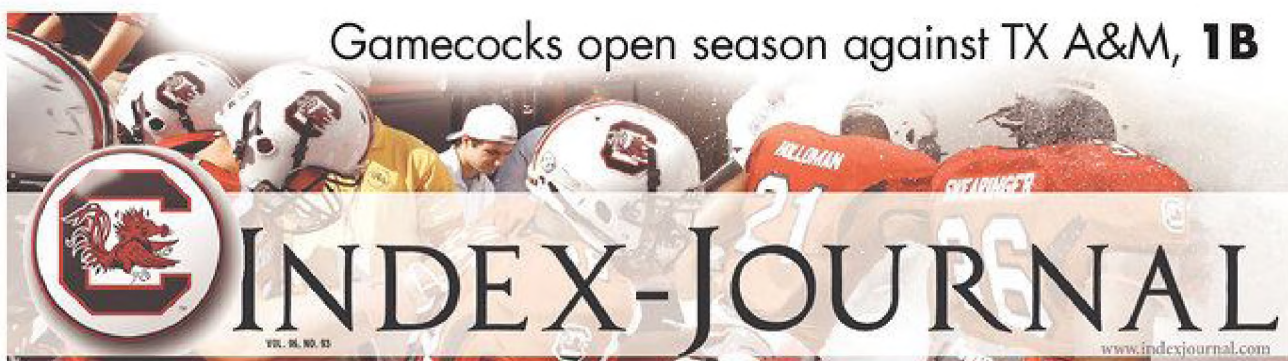
COLUMBIA — An electric atmosphere on Thursday night at a sold out Williams-Brice Stadium marked the beginning of the college football season

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commentators Brent Musburger and Jesse Palmer were on hand to watch the Aggies take a 52-28 victory to snap the Gamecocks'

were ready to go. (Texas A&M) took the opening kickoff (and) ran (it) back to about the 35, and we never got close to the 25 running our kickoffs back. It was a mismatch. Their talent against ours tonight, and their coaching against



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Erskine president addresses financial concerns

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For new Erskine College and Theological Seminary president Paul Kooistra, honesty and integrity are top priorities. A little more than three weeks into his presidency, Kooistra has already set a plan in motion addressing the institution's financial insecurity head on.

Originally from Duluth, Minnesota, Kooistra initially planned to go into business, intending to buy part of a company called Northern Photo Service.

When several friends went into the seminary, Kooistra decided to try his hand as well, attending Columbia Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, with the intention of going back into business afterward.

But, after three years at the seminary, Kooistra had a change of heart.

"At the end, I had a strong sense that God was calling me into the ministry," Kooistra said Tuesday afternoon.

So, after graduating from Columbia, Kooistra became the associate pastor at Pinelands Presbyterian Church in Miami, where he was in charge of youth and education.

Two years later he moved to Tampa, Florida, again working as an associate pastor and principal of a school affiliated with the church.

"Education, in the church, that was the thing I loved the most," said Kooistra, who conceded to being a workaholic, but who also enjoys spending most of his time with his wife, children and grandchildren, and reading mysteries.



PAUL KOOISTRA

After four years, Kooistra delved deeper into education, moving to Jackson, Mississippi, to teach Christian education at Belhaven College. He went on to teach Christian education and other subjects, like counsel-

ing and homiletics, at Reform Seminary, also in Jackson, for 10 years. It was during this time that Kooistra obtained a Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of Alabama.

Kooistra was then tapped to become president of Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, an institution Kooistra said was financially "in really bad shape." Under Kooistra's leadership, Covenant grew from a student population of 121 to 790.

For the past 20 years, before coming to Erskine, Kooistra has worked as the executive director of Mission to the World, an organization that belongs to the Presbyterian Church of America and works in 82 countries with approximately 650 career missionaries on staff and approximately 2500 national partners across

the world.

It was this ability to turn around Covenant and his work with Mission to the World that helped him obtain the president's position at Erskine. Kooistra was initially considered for the position of interim president in the early summer, but was instead offered the position as Erskine's 16th permanent president.

Initially, Kooistra was hesitant, and surprised upon learning of the board of trustee's decision.

"I wasn't sure if it was a good idea, to be honest with you. I'm 72 years old. I know why they did it. Covenant Seminary was about to go out of business when I went there, and Mission to the World was \$4 million in debt plus mortgage which brought

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HOLIDAY

1.5M from Carolinas traveling this Labor Day

By BRUCE SMITH

Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Fueled by lower gas prices, an estimated 1.5 million residents from the Carolinas will be traveling this Labor Day to enjoy the last weekend of the summer season, the highest number since the Great Recession.

AAA Carolinas says in a release almost 90 percent of those traveling more than 50 miles from home will be driving, with Charleston and Myrtle Beach on the South Carolina coast and Raleigh, Charlotte and Asheville in North Carolina the most popular destinations.

A look at how this year's farewell to summer shapes up:

Cheaper Gas

■ Prices are down almost a quarter a gallon in South Carolina and 22 cents in North Carolina since July Fourth. The average in South Carolina is \$3.14 a gallon - the cheapest in the nation. The North Carolina average is \$3.34 a gallon. The difference? South Carolina's lower state gasoline tax. "The continued downward trend in gas prices is good news for motorists and one of the big reasons travelers are heading out," said David Parsons, the motor club's president and CEO.

Weather

■ The forecast calls for typical late-summer weather in the Carolinas with highs in the mid-80s in the mountains

IN NEED OF DONATIONS



Salvation Army asking public for food

By MATT BRUCE

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Officials at The Salvation Army of Greenwood are asking residents to donate food to its local food pantry.

The red shield has had a foothold in Greenwood for 100 years, and instituted its chapter in the Emerald City more than 75 years ago. The Salvation Army's Greenwood Corps includes a family thrift store at 1805 Bypass 72 NE as well as a command center along Pressley Street.

The local chapter serves nearly 2,000 orders of groceries each year out of the command center to needy families and senior citizens in Greenwood and outlying counties throughout the Lakelands. Officials said Thursday the center is in need of food supplies to continue serving families for the next several months.

"There is a need right now," said Maj. Bill McClure, the commanding officer at the Greenwood Corps. "Everything that we had has run out little by little, and now we're in a situation where we need help."

According to staffers at the Pressley Street location, there currently are enough supplies on the pantry shelf to last a few days. August was a busy month for the food giveaway, as the Salvation Army distributed 208 grocery orders in Greenwood. The center cannot buy food in individual



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Housing market interest surges

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"The Realtors feel like they are busier than they have been in the last four years," Darlene Hebert, executive director of the Sumter Board of Realtors, said Thursday.

"Just talking to the Realtors, they are very busy showing properties and getting calls," she said. "The only complaint is the fact that getting a loan is a little more difficult, and getting people qualified, but that is not the fault of the banks — it's just that

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2 local reps will review abuse laws

Weeks, Ridgeway appointed to study domestic violence

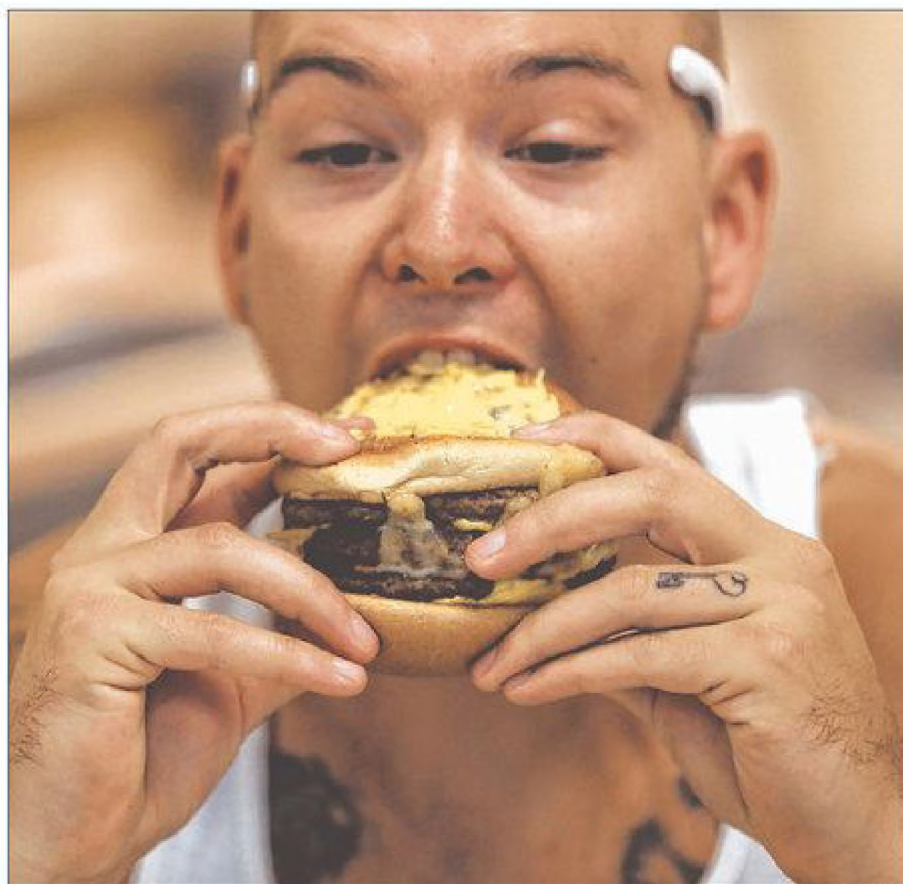
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More than four months before the General Assembly returns for next year's session, legislators are already looking for ways to improve the state's abysmal record on domestic violence.



Two members of the Sumter County delegation were named this

20 ounces of meat, 3 buns, 5 cheese slices Ant Attack burger challenge accepted



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Chris Thomas takes a bite during the Ant Attack Ultimate Burger Challenge at USC Sumter on Thursday. The burger has 20 ounces of meat, three buns and five pieces of cheese, two of which are a hot ghost pepper cheese. The contest was sponsored by the university's Student Life department and held at the Fire Ant Café on the campus.

1 walks away victorious after eating contest at USC Sumter café

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Thaddeus Stout, weighing in at about 248 pounds, showed USC Sumter's giant Ant Attack Ultimate Burger who's boss Thursday afternoon when the school's

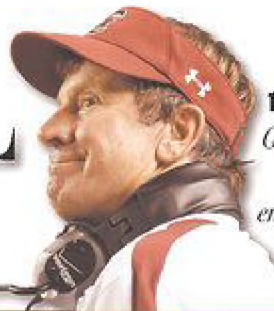
over matter."

Kris Weissmann, director of Student Life, explained that the challenge was to complete the full burger and fries in seven minutes. Student Life purchased the meals for the first 10 people willing to participate.

One of Stout's four other challengers, Marquis Washington, had a simi-

faculty and staff rooting them all on, half of Stout's burger was almost gone.

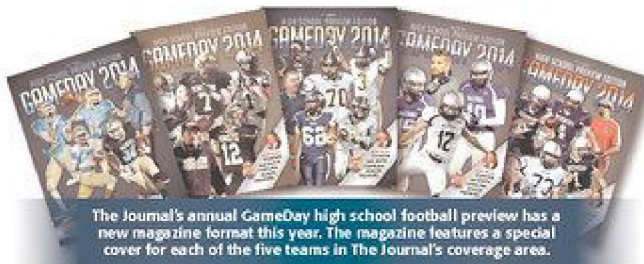
And with about 10 seconds left on the clock, Stout ate and swallowed the last of his free meal with USC Sumter Dean Michael Sonntag, the crowd of students and even his competitors watching and cheering him on.



18 AND OVER
Gamecocks' home winning streak ends with blowout loss in season opener. **C1**

GROCERY DIVA: Colorful personal shopper offers services to Oconee County. **B1**
ISLAMIC MASSACRE: Jihadists kill dozens of captured Syrian soldiers. **D1**

Journal unveils new look for high school football preview



The Journal's annual GameDay high school football preview has a new magazine format this year. The magazine features a special cover for each of the five teams in The Journal's coverage area.

THE JOURNAL STAFF

Today's edition of The Journal contains our annual high school football preview, complete with a very different look — a magazine format. There are five different covers for the magazine, one for each of the five high school teams. The cover you received should correspond with the school closest to the

place where your newspaper is delivered, or the newspaper rack or store in which you purchased it.

All magazines, regardless of the covers, include the same information about all five high schools and two universities.

"This is a production I'm extremely proud of, and a truly great team of people helped make this

idea come to life," Journal sports editor Eric Sprott said. "I've been involved with high school sports coverage with The Journal since 2006, and this is by far the most exciting project I've ever been a part of. It's a type of football preview people in this area have never seen before."

The 2014 GameDay pre-

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Oconee board approves \$29K in ATAX grants

PRT commission OKs full funding to promote tourism

BY STEVEN BRADLEY
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — For the first time, Oconee County's tourism committee approved in full all of the eligible bids it received for grants from the county's accommodations tax.

The county's Parks, Recreation and Tourism Com-

mission voted unanimously in favor of nine grants worth a total of \$29,355 to promote tourism in the county at a scheduled meeting Thursday at the Oconee Heritage Center. The PRT commission is an advisory board, so its recommendation on

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TERRIBLE TRIP



From left, Tommy Lee Price, Sheila Diane Pinion and Charles Logan Hayes display the ankle monitoring bracelets they will be wearing back to North Carolina after being arrested on drug charges in Oconee County.

CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE / THE JOURNAL

Officials preparing for Clemson watch party

BY GREG OLIVER
THE JOURNAL

CLEMSON — Clemson will kick off the 2014 college football season Saturday on the road against the Georgia Bulldogs, and Clemson University and law enforcement officials say they are prepared.

You read that right. Although the Tigers will be away in their season opener, law enforcement and university officials will

still be busy, as Clemson's Memorial Stadium will be open for fans to watch the



Dixon

game free of charge on the large video boards. Clemson police chief Jimmy Dixon said law enforcement officials plan to conduct a small-scale

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Family on way to Westminster funeral ends up in jail

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — A family that drove in this week from Buncombe County, N.C., to attend a funeral is returning home after an overnight stay at the Oconee County Detention Center wearing expensive ankle brace-

lets that will allow authorities to monitor them electronically until they come back to face drug charges.

Tommy Lee Price, 56, Sheila Diane Pinion, 47, and her son, Charles Logan Hayes, 21, said they arrived in Westminster late Monday afternoon to attend the funeral service of

Pinion's aunt the next day.

However, instead of spending time with family members, the trio ended up spending a night in jail after a routine traffic violation stop executed by a Westminster Police Department officer es-

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'The conditions in (the Oconee County Detention Center) are really bad.'

Charles Hayes
North Carolina man arrested in Oconee County

Business owners, officials discuss Pendleton enhancements

BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND
THE JOURNAL

Business Association (PABA) meeting. Amidst the group's discussion

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"It's a rather large grant, and we passed the preapplication," he said. "So we're going to go

70 and decorative street signs downtown, which would replace current stop signs and posts.



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Plaintiffs pull appeal against county

Schofield, Lowe meet about status of unified West Florence Fire District

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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FLORENCE — One legal battle down, possibly another to go after an appeal involving the county's newly created unified fire protection district was dismissed Thursday by the plaintiffs.

Two weeks after the county created its unified fire district in May, residents John C. Floyd and

Rebecca Crawford filed an appeal and temporary restraining order against the county, saying one of its ordinances cited the wrong state statute to dissolve the fire tax districts.

Their attorney, Jay Jordan, said he pulled the appeal that was filed May 30 since the judge in the Aug. 14 hearing pushed a decision to a later date, Sept. 22, therefore jeopardizing county notifications.

"Both parties, the county and

my clients, agree to dismiss this under the rules and reason that it is simply timing," Jordan said. "As of yesterday, the only legal matter was this appeal, given the Supreme Court declined to take the county's request to fast-track their case and because of this process taking longer than we thought the appeal process



Schofield

would. We were creeping into tax-notice time, and it could potentially have unintended consequences."

Florence County Council Chairman James Schofield said the appeal was a waste of taxpayer dollars used to cloud perception on the county's lawsuit and injunction against the West Florence Fire special-purpose district, which the state Supreme Court declined to hear earlier this month.

"It was an exercise in two things: delaying until they could have their election, which will happen Tuesday, and putting a cloud on the issue in front of the Supreme Court, all of which it did," Schofield said of the appeal. "The other respondents when we filed at the Supreme Court argued that there's another legal matter going, and we don't think the Supreme Court should

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TEXAS TWO-STOMP



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTOS

South Carolina wide receiver Pharoah Cooper drops a pass as Texas A&M defensive back Armani Watts defends during the first half of an NCAA college football game Thursday in Columbia. Texas A&M won 52-28. For game coverage, see Page 1D or visit scnw.com.



South Carolina wide receiver Shaq Roland looks on from the sideline during the second half of the game.

Ex-SC Rep. Viers awaits federal trial

BY TRACI BRIDGES
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FLORENCE — Former state Rep. Thad Viers pleaded not guilty Thursday to charges he helped a businessman hide assets from an insurance company, then lied to the IRS about it.

The government alleges 36-year-old Viers helped Marlon Weaver hide assets after Weaver defaulted on a \$6 million paying contract for a portion of Interstate 95.

The Weaver Company defaulted on the I-95 contract, causing SafeCo Insurance to pay about \$6 million on behalf of Weaver.

According to the indictment against Viers, "when SafeCo attempted to collect from Weaver, he backdated documents to make it appear he had transferred his interests" in a marina and a gold-and-silver business to his daughters before his company's default.

Viers was Weaver's attorney. The indictment alleges Viers helped Weaver hide the assets and then falsely told the IRS that he didn't know Weaver had tried to hide anything.

Weaver pleaded guilty last year to money laundering charges, but Viers' attorney Pete Strom said he doesn't think the government has a legitimate money-laundering case against his client.

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Willis gives updates on city's Dargan St. plan

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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FLORENCE — Florence City Councilman Glynn Willis gave a crowd of nearly 30 people, mostly senior citizens, an update on city developments and even unveiled details of new proj-



"The city will be doing repair work for sidewalks, curbs, moving the utilities behind existing buildings or underground," Willis said. "As the project moves forward, additional work may be required, such as storm-drain repairs.

Carolinian is in the last one-tenth of a mile of the road, noting that the project, funded by the second penny sales tax, will be costly.

"If you look at North Dargan (Street) and Lucas (Street), that's where blight is," Willis said. "And I would say we haven't addressed significantly and properly over the years and over the





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'For the greater good'



Orangeburg Mayor Michael Butler hands out copies of a proclamation celebrating the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Orangeburg schools to the former students who first integrated the schools at a luncheon on Thursday at the Clyburn Center at Nix Learning Center on Stilton Road. **Find a related video with this story at TheTandD.com.**

OCSD 5 honors pioneers 50 years after desegregation

By DIONNE GLEATON
T&D Staff Writer

Tyrone Dash recalls a punch to the side of his head, spitballs and name-calling with much clarity. It was part of what he considered his "horrible experience" as one of the first 19 African-American students to integrate schools in the former Orangeburg School District 5 half a century ago.

The 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education decision which forced the desegregation of public schools had already been handed down 10 years before Orangeburg School District 5 opened its doors to black students in 1964. A federal court order by U.S. District Judge Charles E. Simons Jr. set in motion the series of events that eventually led to the desegregation of local public schools.

Dash was the featured speaker at a luncheon which Orangeburg Consolidated School District 5 held

The students

The black students who integrated their respective schools in the former Orangeburg School District Five 50 years ago included:

Andre Moss, first grade; Brenda Adams, now Brenda Adams Collins, fourth grade; Rudolph Adams, fifth grade; and Thomasina Moss, fifth grade, at Mellichamp Elementary School; Arthur Rose Jr., sixth grade, at Ellis Avenue Elementary; Patricia Rose, eighth grade; Thackston Junior High School; and Theodore Adams Jr. and Tyrone Robinson, ninth grade; Tyrone Dash, Jacqueline Leona Ferguson, now Jacqueline Leona Securus Romano, June Manning, 10th grade; Evelyn Dash, now Evelyn Cunningham, Barbara Fields, Rosetta Gooden, Heidi Williams, 11th grade; and Alice Smith, now Alice Smith Zimmerman, Jacqueline Dash, now Jacqueline Dash Zeigler, Brenda Smiley and Ann Marie Thomas, now Ann Marie Thomas Brown, 12th grade, at Orangeburg High School.

Center to celebrate the 50th anniversary of desegregation in Orangeburg schools.

"It took God to protect us," said Dash, who desegregated the all-white Orangeburg High School in 1964.

at The Citadel in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

He touted the courage of the parents of the 19 children, a boldness which he said stemmed from

all children — regardless of race or economic background — deserved a good education.

"They were willing to risk their children's lives," Dash said.

He remembered having a difficult first year at Orangeburg High School, including watching for bricks and rocks that could be hurled at his head at any time upon exiting buildings. He said his arm still bears the scars from an attack by four white people as he exited the school gymnasium.

The experience was painful, but "we were committed to the cause, so we went anyway," Dash said.

While he said he felt like "a rock star" at a recent class reunion, he said the emotional scars of being treated so cruelly while in school still lingered.

"That experience had a powerful impact on our lives. We really are still hurting," he said, noting that

Man gets 9 years in fatal shooting

By RICHARD WALKER
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A Norway man is in prison after admitting he shot and killed a man during a September 2013 confrontation.

Cedric Pertilla, 25, pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter and first-degree assault and battery during court Wednesday.

Circuit Court Judge Ed Dickson sentenced Pertilla to 20 years, suspended to nine years in prison and five years of probation on the manslaughter charge, and a concurrent nine years for the assault.

Authorities said Pertilla turned himself in after contacting law enforcement the morning after the fatal Sept. 7, 2013 shooting.

The Carla Lane man was originally charged with murder in the shooting death of 23-year-old Thomas Glover and the wounding of two others during a confrontation in Norway. An autopsy determined Glover died of a single gunshot wound to the chest.

The confrontation happened as Pertilla attempted to drive through a party crowd on Winchester Avenue in Norway.

Witnesses told investigators that around 11:30 p.m., an argument broke out between Pertilla, Glover and at least one other man. They said Pertilla was driving his car when Glover and the other man were walking across the street. Glover and the other man accused Pertilla of attempting to hit them with his vehicle.

Those witnesses said Pertilla then got out of his car and began "shooting toward everyone."

One witness said he initially heard one shot, then there was a pause before multiple gunshots rang out.

Deputy Solicitor Tommy Scott told the court there was clear evidence that both Pertilla and Glover had firearms. But he said it was less clear if Glover fired his.

At least two partygoers were struck by gunfire during the shooting. Law enforcement officers arriving at the scene had to break up several individual fights in the crowd estimated to number about 100. Only after some semblance of order was restored were emergency personnel



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