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Thanks, have a great weekend! Liz

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Last night was amazing!  
Please let me know if you need anything.  
Thanks,  
Katherine

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Will do!



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The Governor's children will be with her tonight so she has to get them home quickly after the game because it's a school night.  
Next time, though! Please make sure Coach knows we are all cheering for him tonight!  
Katherine

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I love it! Will you all come to the Spurrier Show taping after the game on Thursday? I may bring our CEO by your box to say hello during the game like I did last year, Ben Sutton. Thanks, Liz

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It's a Great Day in South Carolina!

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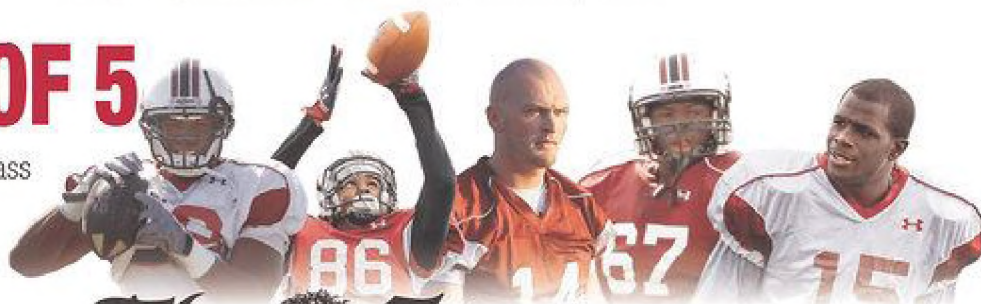
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# Plan for homeless defended, protested

Supporters say intent is to help homeless; opponents plan 'loitering-in' demonstration



#### ONLINE:

Scan this code to view a video from Monday's news conference

and demonstration on the homeless, or visit [thestate.com](http://thestate.com).

By CLIF LeBLANC  
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Supporters of Columbia's impending crackdown on the homeless rallied Monday, saying the plan is legal and is being distorted by its critics.

"We want to make sure there is

a balanced narrative on this," said attorney Eric Bland, who held a news conference at his law firm's Calhoun Street office, located in what Bland calls "ground zero" of a city center that many characterize as overrun with homeless people.

Protesters advocating for the

homeless showed up at Bland's office, confronted him and were directed to a public sidewalk by a Columbia police officer requested by Councilman Cameron Rynan, the prime author of the controversial plan.

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#### VIEWPOINTS

Supporters, critics argued their positions Monday on Columbia's plan for the homeless:

**Supporters:** City seeks to protect progress, public

**Critics:** Homeless people also have rights

## ELECTIONS 2014

# Haley: 'Wait until you see what we do next'

Republican governor formally announces re-election bid

By ANDREW SHAIN  
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**GREENVILLE** — In front of a tennis court-sized U.S. flag with Tom Petty's "American Girl" blaring on speakers, Gov. Nikki Haley strode onto the stage Monday outside the Bi-Lo Center to announce her 2014 re-election bid.

Accompanied by three other Republican governors and U.S. Sen.

Tim Scott of North Charleston, Haley touted her record of job creation, union fighting, moving welfare recipients to jobs and passing lawsuit reform before hundreds of supporters and a few dozen protesters.

"If you think what we did in the first 2½ years was great, wait until you see what we do next," the 41-year-old Lexington Republican said.

Haley, the nation's youngest governor, is expected to face Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen of Camden in a repeat of their 2010 race, which Haley won by 4.5 percentage points.

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Gov. Nikki Haley speaks Monday at Greenville's Bi-Lo Center, joined on stage by fellow Republicans, from left, U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal.

#### DEMOCRATS SAY

Now is time for competence, leadership, says Haley's expected opponent, state Sen. Vincent Sheheen. **Page A4**

#### HALEY SAYS

Outlines plans for second term, says ethics is her issue in an exclusive interview with The State. **Page A4**

#### WHAT DO YOU SAY?

If the 2014 governor's race — between Gov. Haley and state Sen. Sheheen — were held today, who would you vote for? Vote in the online survey at [thestate.com](http://thestate.com).







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## KERRY: SYRIA MUST FACE MUSIC

Sniper fire hits vehicle carrying UN inspectors

By Abdulrahman al-Masri,  
Victor Kotsev and Oren Dorell  
USA Today

AMMAN, JORDAN — Secretary of State John Kerry said Monday that it is clear Syria's Assad regime used chemical weapons last week and that President Barack Obama believes such action should lead to consequences.

"President Obama believes there must be accountability for those who would use chemical weapons," Kerry said. "Nothing today is more serious."

Kerry spoke a day after the White House released a statement saying it had determined that images, witness

reports and videos from the Damascus suburbs last week leave "little doubt" that chemical weapons were used, resulting in the deaths of hundreds of civilians. The president is considering military options, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel said Sunday.

"The indiscriminate slaughter of civilians, the killing of women and children and innocent bystanders by chemical weapons is a moral obscenity. By any standard, it is inexcusable and — despite the excuses and equivocations that some have manufactured — it is undeniable," Kerry said.

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In this image taken from amateur video posted online, a presumed U.N. staff member measures and photographs a canister near Damascus, Syria, on Monday.

### ISRAELIS PREPARE FOR WORST WITH GAS MASKS

• Israelis are streaming into distribution centers for gas masks to prepare for possible attacks from outside the country amid allegations that Syria used chemical weapons against rebels.  
• At the Hadar mall in southern Jerusalem, parents and children took time out from school-supply shopping to pick up government-issued gas protection: plastic tents for infants, astronaut-type masks for children, full-fledged gas masks for teens and adults.  
• The center said more people have been arriving in recent days to request the masks.

### ELECTION SEASON 2016

## HALEY, DEMOCRATS BEGIN CAMPAIGN FIGHT



Gov. Nikki Haley announced she will seek re-election during a rally at the Bi-Lo Center on Monday. Supporting her in the background are, from left, Sen. Tim Scott, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal. HEIDI HELBRUN/STAFF

### GOP governors back Haley with eye on White House

By Ron Barnett  
Staff writer

the press conference. Political pundits weren't buying the notion that the three out-of-town governors

They came to offer support

### Governor officially seeking second term

By Rudolph Bell  
Staff writer

Gov. Nikki Haley came to Greenville with three other governors Monday to kick off her re-election campaign in







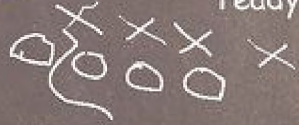


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## Off and running



South Carolina Republican Gov. Nikki Haley announced her candidacy for a second term at the B&LO Center Monday in Greenville. Supporting Haley were, left, U.S. Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, and governors Rick Perry of Texas, Scott Walker of Wisconsin and Bobby Jindal of Louisiana. **Watch video ads surrounding Haley's re-election bid at TheTandD.com**

## Haley launches re-election campaign with 3 other GOP governors at her side

By SEANNA ADCOX  
Associated Press

GREENVILLE — South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley boasted of her jobs record and for pushing back against the Obama administration as she opened her re-election bid Monday at a rally attended by three fellow Republican governors and hundreds of others.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker all blasted the federal government, saying South Carolina needs Haley, a Bangor native, to con-

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tinue the fight against the Democratic administration of President Barack Obama. The rally was followed by a private, high-dollar fundraiser with those potential presidential candidates in the ultra-conservative Upstate.

Haley's kickoff sets up a long-expected rematch between the incumbent and Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen of Camden. In 2010, Haley beat Sheheen by a margin of 51 percent to 47 percent of the ballot.

"Wait until you see what we do next," Haley said after the rally at

the B&LO Center, a Greenville arena. "We're going to continue to go forward until South Carolina is the best, strongest, most successful state in the country."

Democrats said the event with out-of-state governors shows Haley's focus is outside South Carolina. But Haley said she invited them because they are outspoken reformers in their own states.

"They're going to make up all kinds of excuses to distract from the fact that we have three awesome governors on stage with me in South Carolina supporting me," she said in an interview

before the rally. "There's no negative you can find in that."

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott introduced the four governors. Unions and the federal health care law known as Obamacare were favorite topics of the governors.

"When unions tried to bully us, my heels got taller. We started kicking harder," Haley said. "When it came to Obamacare, we didn't just say no, we said never. We're going to keep on fighting until we get people like Scott and everybody else in Congress to defend Obamacare."

See GOVERNOR, A3

## Jail settles pay lawsuit with workers

By GENE ZALESKI  
T&D Staff Writer

Jail employees have settled a class-action lawsuit claiming they weren't properly compensated for overtime work at what was then known as the Orangeburg-Calhoun Regional Detention Center.

The total settlement was \$125,000, with \$75,000 going toward almost 50 jail employees who sued and \$50,000 going toward attorney fees, according to court records.

Circuit Court Judge Ed Dickson ruled Aug. 20 that the settlement was fair and reasonable.

In the lawsuit filed April 2012, jail employees claimed they were not paid for all of the time they worked and were not given the overtime pay they deserved.

In answering the complaint, defense attorneys said the officers were paid in accordance with policy and no discrepancy existed.

When the lawsuit was filed, the jail was controlled by the Orangeburg-Calhoun Regional Law Enforcement Commission.

The commission has since been dissolved, with Orangeburg County taking over the jail's oversight. Calhoun County pays Orangeburg County to house its inmates.

"Part of our contract agreement with Orangeburg is that we have set up some contingencies to cover this potential liability," Calhoun County Administrator Lee Prickett said following Monday night's Calhoun County Council meeting. Prickett announced the settlement during the meeting.

"Orangeburg is the surviving agency that has those funds. It is part of our original budget. There will be no additional funds Calhoun County will have to issue as part of this settlement," he said.

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## St. George chief resigns job amid probe by SLED

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN  
T&D Correspondent

St. George Police Chief Anthony Britt, a veteran law enforcement officer, abruptly resigned from his post in a one-sentence resignation notice.







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3 other GOP governors help Haley launch campaign

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Associated Press

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saying South Carolina needs Haley to continue the fight against the Democratic administration of President Barack Obama. The rally was followed by a private, high-dollar fundraiser

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### ■ MCCORMICK SCHOOLS

## Proud of the growth

Administrators say targeted instruction made difference in better ESEA grades

By MICHELLE LAXER  
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MCCORMICK — While McCormick High School principal Mark Dean was pleased to see his district's accountability grades spike in a recent report, he wasn't too surprised by it.



WILLIAM WRIGHT

"We had put some things in place, and I knew from our numbers, from our preliminary analysis, we were going to go up," he said.

The McCormick County school district pulled its "D" grade up to a "C" in this year's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) federal accountability reports released earlier this month.

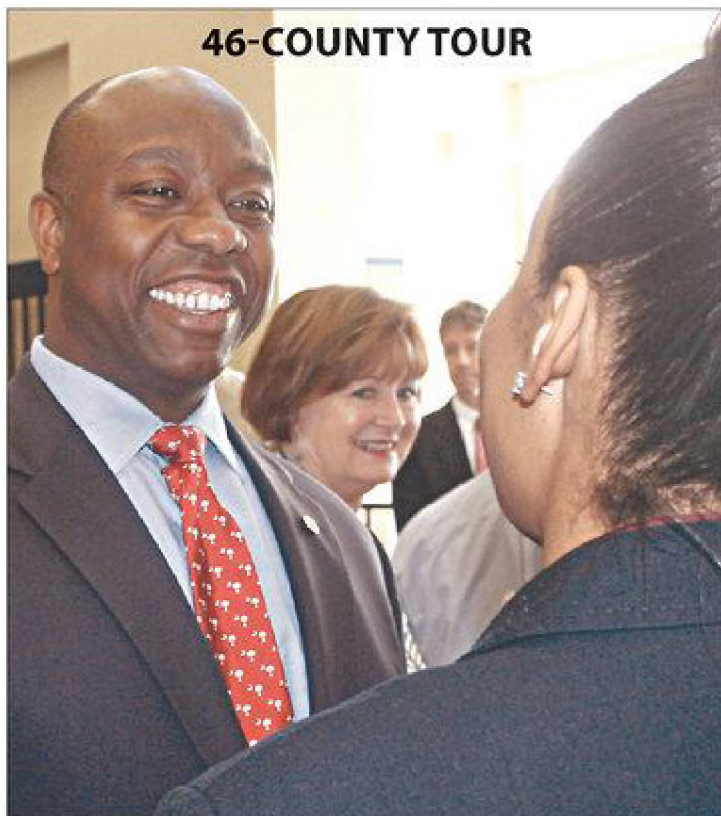
McCormick's middle and high schools posted impressive gains on the 2013 report cards. The middle school jumped from an "F" to a "B," and the high school went from an "F" to a "C." The elementary school, however, tumbled from an "A" to a "D."

Still, district officials said they're happy with what students and teachers accomplished.

"We're very proud of the growth of the district as whole," director of secondary education Kelly Cox said.

Administrators attributed individualized learning to the better grades. Last year, students in the middle and elementary schools were pulled

### 46-COUNTY TOUR



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U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, left, greets well-wishers Monday afternoon prior to the Greenwood Chamber's Hill Talk luncheon.

## SCOTT STOPS IN LAKELANDS

Senator visits constituents in Abbeville, McCormick, addresses Greenwood Chamber

By CHRIS TRAINOR  
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### ■ POLITICS

## Paul back in SC

US senator attends annual fundraiser for US Rep. Duncan

By MEG KINNARD  
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — U.S. Sen. Rand Paul returned to South Carolina on Monday, making his second trip in as many months to the state that hosts the first presidential primary voting in the South.

Paul, a darling of tea party and other conservative Republicans, came back to South Carolina to take part in an annual fundraiser for Third District U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan, a friend from the GOP congressional baseball team.

"Jeff Duncan is probably one of the most conservative members of the House," Paul told the Associated Press a few days before his visit to the fundraiser being hosted in Anderson. "I struck up a friendship with him, and he mentioned he was having this barbecue in the summer."

South Carolina primary voters won't cast their ballots for more than two years. But in the state, like others with early primaries and caucuses, Paul's name is frequently mentioned as a possible 2016 presidential contender.

He's also made recent trips



RAND PAUL



JEFF DUNCAN





# Player of the Week

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# Suspects sought in armed robberies

BY TEDDY KULMALA  
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The Aiken County Sheriff's Office is investigating an armed robbery that happened late Sunday night at a home in Salley.

The incident happened at approximately 11:40 p.m. at a home on Poole Road, according to a re-

port. The 58-year-old victim said that at about 10 p.m. a woman named Toshia came to his home and woke him by knocking on his back door. The victim said he has known the woman for about three weeks, and that she has been to his home three or four times with her female roommate.

The victim said he let Toshia into his home, and she asked him for a beer, according to the report.

He said she could get one and went back to his room. Toshia later entered the room with a beer in her hand, and two men with shotguns held the victim at gunpoint, according to the report. Both gunmen were wearing bandanas over their faces and dark clothes.

The gunmen rolled the victim onto his stomach, duct taped his hands and feet together and put tape

over his eyes, according to the report. The men then went through his pants pockets and wallet where they found his bank card. After getting the victim's PIN, one man went to the bank in Wagener to withdraw money while the other held a shotgun to the victim's head, according to the report.

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Shera Vance of Durham, N.C., and Lynn Durant of Aiken checked out the children's knits at Judith Dam's booth at last year's Aiken's Makin'. This year's event will be held on Friday, Sept. 6.

## Vendors, locals prep for fun of Aiken's Makin'

BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER  
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Those in the mood for handmade crafts and local foods will have an opportunity to purchase and chow-down during the 37th annual Aiken's Makin' in two weeks.

The two-day arts and crafts festival on Park Avenue in historic downtown Aiken will begin on Friday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and end Saturday, Sept. 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will feature local foods, art exhibits and family entertainment for all ages.

"Well, it looks like the weather will be better," said John McMichael, co-chair of Aiken's Makin' for the fourth year. "Every year gets a little bit better because we always take into consideration comments from community members and vendors."

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John McMichael  
Aiken's Makin' Co-chair

## Adult education programs offer students passion, pride



Porsha Adams, center, is joined by her son, Karor, and mother, Carla Adams, as they talk with the SC Works Center's lead teacher, Annette Loffin, about adult education opportunities.

BY ROB NOVIT  
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Cindy Lewis finished the 11th grade in 1976 and never returned to school until last year.

With nearly 30 other adult education students, she arrived at the SC Works Center on York Street on Monday to register and resume her efforts to earn a General Educational Development certificate, best known as a GED.

"I've taken the test three times," Lewis said. "I'm only taking the math test this time. Everything else is done, and hopefully I'll get the math this time."

Scores of people registered at sites through-

The Aiken County School District coordinates the adult education department. During the next school term, about 1,100 people will participate.

out the county, and more will do so today. Many will seek the GED, and those with enough credits can pursue high school diplomas.

Others will take English as Second Language classes to help them move further in their educational opportunities. Those who may not be ready to pursue a GED can start with basic education.

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nates the adult education department. During the next school term, about 1,100 people will participate. For the first time, new state and federal funds will allow the Aiken district and others throughout the state to eliminate the \$35 fee per semester — a policy expected to continue for years to come.

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### AREA DEATHS

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## Chief leaves St. George force 2nd time

SLED looking into spending; Britt was target of previous investigation

BY ANDREW KNAAPP  
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For the second time in his career with the St. George Police Department, Chief Anthony Britt left the force as investigators look into allegations of wrongdoing against him.

Targeted in a State Law Enforcement Division probe into

the spending of town money, Britt handed in his resignation Thursday.

The town hired him as a sergeant in October 2008. He assumed the top spot's responsibilities in April 2009 after the previous chief retired, and he was confirmed as the town's highest lawman four months later.

His most recent stint with St.

### Poll

Should St. George Police Chief Anthony Britt have spent the money from a drug seizure? Go to [postandcourier.com](http://postandcourier.com) to vote.

George came after a nine-year hiatus from the town's police force. Britt worked for the department

in the 1990s, but he was suspended from his job as a sergeant in 1999 "pending the outcome of an investigation," town clerk and treasurer Annette Moore said Monday.

What came of the probe more than a decade ago wasn't something Moore could discuss, she said. Britt was not reinstated after the investigation, she said.

The most recent controversy

involving Britt came after Mayor Anne Johnston reported to SLED in early May the possible mispending of a check that she said was not properly deposited into a town bank account.

She declined to discuss what kind of funds were under scrutiny, but Solicitor David Pascoe

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Former Chief Anthony Britt of the St. George Police Dept.

## Hurricane of 1893 a deadly reminder

Storm struck S.C. island communities with a vengeance on this day



The Battery in Charleston after the hurricane of 1893.

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BY BO PETERSEN  
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The warnings began coming when the storm off Florida turned to head northwest. But the telegraph was new technology then; hurricane alerts were little more than a heads-up in 1893, and nobody on the sea islands south of Charleston was anywhere near a line to hear one.

On Aug. 27 of that year, exactly 120 years ago Tuesday, the winds started screaming, the seas climbing. The storm struck near Savannah, with the 120 mph winds tearing apart houses and storm waves guaged to be 16 feet high putting the islands off Beaufort under water.

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The bark on the left is the Agnes, of Barth, Germany. On the right is the brig Cesarina, and lying across her stern can be seen the foremast of the bark Maria, both from Gigenti, Sicily, which were wrecked the night of Aug. 27, 1893.

## Mt. P. magnet school in works

Home would be old Whitesides campus

BY DIETTE COURREGE CASEY  
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MOUNT PLEASANT — A new magnet school that would serve only East Cooper students could open as soon as fall 2014 and give some relief to the community's overcrowded, high-achieving schools.

The Charleston County School Board signed off Monday night on a plan to establish a task force that will develop a theme for the magnet school.

The new school would occupy the former Whitesides Elementary School campus on Rifle Range Road. That building has undergone a more than \$2 million renovation and is being used this year by Sullivan's Island Elementary, which will vacate the school by next fall when its new building is finished.

"This would be part of our short-term solution to bring more seats into the District 2 (East Cooper) community without addressing boundary changes," said Superintendent Nancy McGinley.

The new magnet school is one of a handful of ways district leaders are looking to provide relief to the community's rapidly growing schools as quickly as possible.

The board likely will expand the capacity of the new Jennie Moore Elementary and Loring Middle school buildings by 300 students each. Those schools would open in August 2015. At that same time, new attendance lines approved by the District 2 constituent school board also would go into effect, and the changes are intended to better balance students among schools.

Other building projects that will have enrollment implications include opening the new Center for Advanced Studies at Wando High, which will be a roughly \$50-million high-tech career center finished by August 2014, and securing land for a new elementary school in the Carolina Park development. That school isn't funded yet but

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#### POLL

Does Mount Pleasant need a magnet school? Go to [postandcourier.com](http://postandcourier.com) to vote.

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## Charges pile up

A Chesnee man jailed Sunday on numerous charges following a burglary, attempted carjacking and high speed, multi-county chase in northern Spartanburg County is facing additional charges.

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## Kerry slams Syria

Secretary of State John Kerry on Monday outlined the clearest justification yet for U.S. military action in Syria, saying there was "undeniable" evidence of a large-scale chemical weapons attack.

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## Wofford prepares for tough opener

This game against a big-time opponent from the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision is a little different. Wofford will open the season Saturday night at Baylor.

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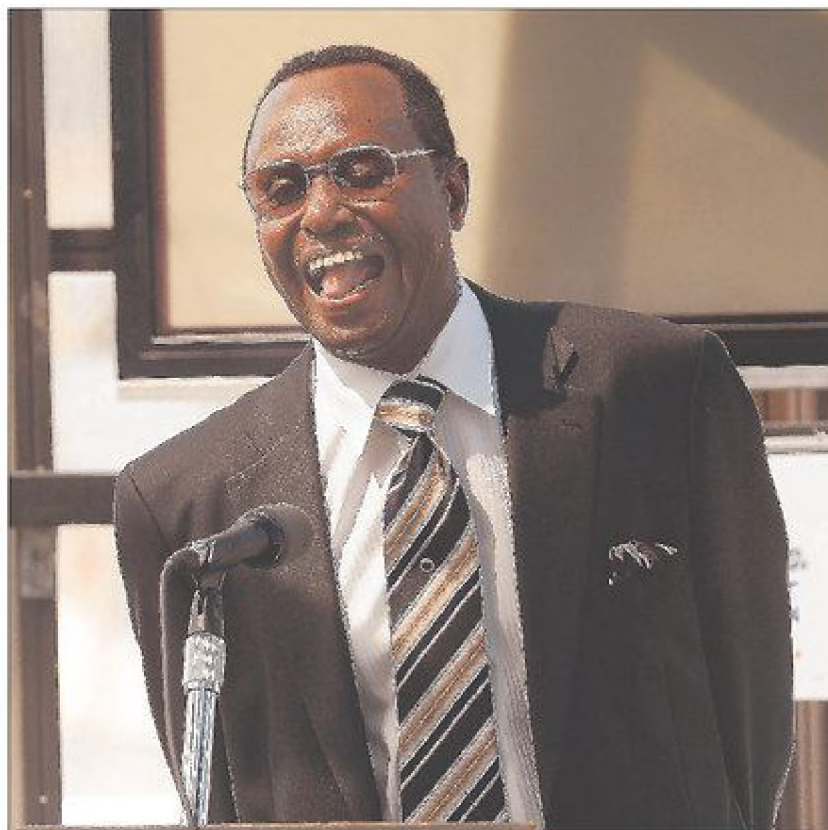
## Converse gets top marks in rankings

For the second year, Converse College is the top-ranked school in the state in Washington Monthly magazine's annual college guide.

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Weather

# Famed Beacon caller dies



ALEX HICKS JR./ALEX HICKS@SHJ.COM

J.C. Strobe laughs during a ceremony honoring him in August 2011 after the J.C. Strobe Boulevard sign was unveiled. Strobe, the famous caller at the Beacon Drive-In, died Monday night. Below is Strobe at The Beacon in 1988.

## J.C. Strobe remembered fondly by family, friends

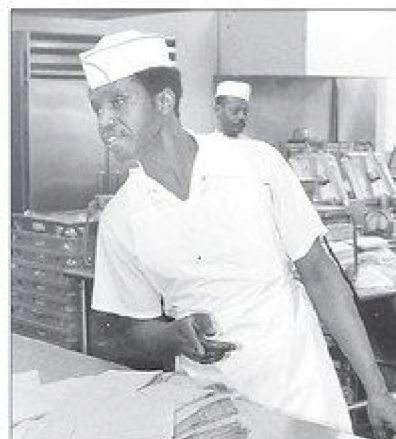
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Long-time Beacon Drive-In icon John Cecil "J.C." Strobe is being remembered as a person who treated everyone like his next-door neighbor.

Strobe, who greeted customers at the restaurant counter and called out their orders to the cooks, died Monday at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. He was 71.

Earlier this month, Strobe was found unresponsive after a fall at his home and was taken to the hospital, according to family. He received a serious head injury from the fall and was on life support for several days before being removed from it.

Over the past two weeks, well wishers followed his progress on CaringBridge.org. They also wanted to send out prayers to their beloved "caller" and



## Sewer systems seek PC source

EPA investigation authorities suspect site of grease trap

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Sewer treatment administrators are taking special precaution response to the contamination three Upstate systems with arduous chemicals through dumping.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control announced last week that polychlorinated biphenyls, cancer-causing chemicals banned in 1979, were in wastewater treatment facilities in Lyman, Spartanburg and Greer Sewer District and the Greenville-based district Renewable Resources. The source of the chemicals is unknown.

At SSSD, the Lower North treatment facility had the contamination within the Rebecca West, technical services director for SSSD, said crews are testing for PCBs at each pumping station in the city's treatment area when it cleaned. The screening kit: positive or negative result one came up positive, there be additional tests to determine level, she said.

Generally serving the near Reidville, the Lower Tyger basin has more than manholes alone, along with other possible entry points of contamination, West said. of the pump stations tests it would help narrow the search for the potential source of the dumping.

Renewable Water Resources (Re-Wa) and Lyman are notoring pumping stations but they have already identified source of the contamination grease traps.

"We feel fairly certain the source was coming in," Public Works Director Alan said.

Grease traps are large tanks for fats and oils associated with cooking food. They are found at restaurants. The stays there until it is pumped for treatment.

Johnson and Re-Wa Executives







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Lee County Council Chairman Travis Windham, right, presents Butters Field Airport Manager Ray Butters and airport commission member Linda Butters with the plaque recognizing the individuals and organizations responsible for the new terminal at a special dedication ceremony held Friday.

## Lee gets new air terminal

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BISHOPVILLE — Seven years after unveiling Lee County's renovated airport with an inaugural landing on the paved runway, county officials gathered recently for the grand opening of the airport's new terminal.

Among those returning for the festivities Friday was retired state Sen. Phil Leventis, the

pilot of the June 2006 inaugural landing. He reprised the ceremonial flight for the terminal opening.

"This is a great day for Lee County," he said. "I'm really happy to once again land at Butters Field."

More than 50 people packed the 2,000-square-foot facility to take a look at the modern facility, which features a lobby, conference room, break room and restroom facilities.

At Friday's ceremony, officials gave credit to the individuals and organizations responsible for the airport's continued growth.

In October 2011, SAFE Federal Credit Union donated a modular unit, formerly the site of the Bishopville branch, to Lee County. County Recreation Director Thaddeus Dickey, who was then serving as the county's

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## Local firefighters assist with blaze at Florence plant

FLORENCE (AP) — Every fire department in Florence County is fighting a fire at a plastics plant now used as a warehouse near the Great Pee Dee River, and it's still not enough.

A call for assistance went out Monday morning, and Sumter County Fire Department responded with six men and plans to send in two four-man crews Monday night.

A security guard noticed the blaze at the old DuPont plant about 11 p.m. Sunday. Firefighters were able to contain the fire Monday morning, but the plant was still burning, authorities said.

"We're going to be here a while," Windy Hill Fire Chief John Delung said.

**'(This is) the only fire I can remember where we had every department in the county on a scene.'**

*John Delung  
Windy Hill fire chief*

No injuries have been reported. The Department of Health and Environmental Control is monitoring air quality but hasn't reported any problems.

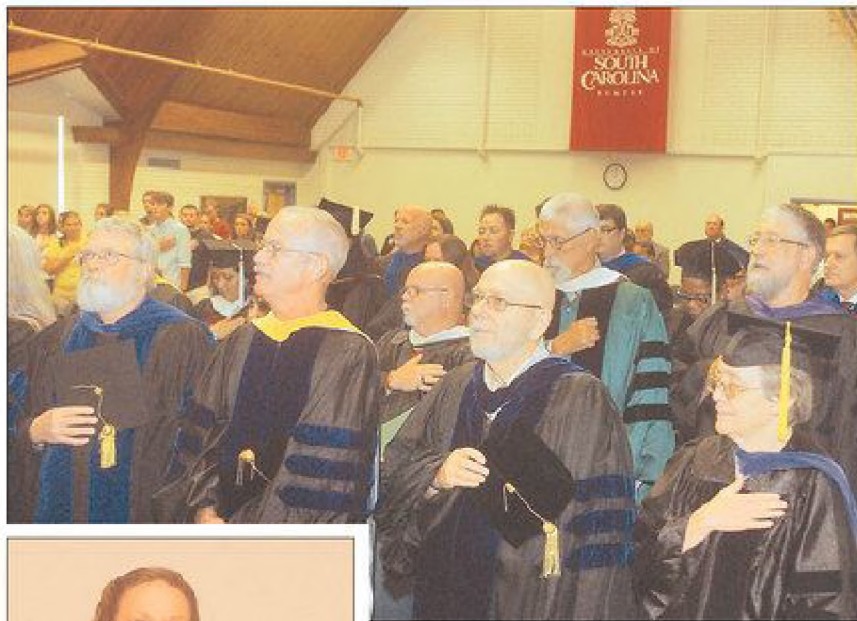
DuPont closed the plant several years ago and sold it to a Wisconsin plastic recycling firm in 2011 to use as a warehouse.

Firefighters are struggling to get water to the blaze because the sprinkler system in the building has been turned off and the nearest hydrants are at least a half-mile away.

Delung said firefighters have no idea

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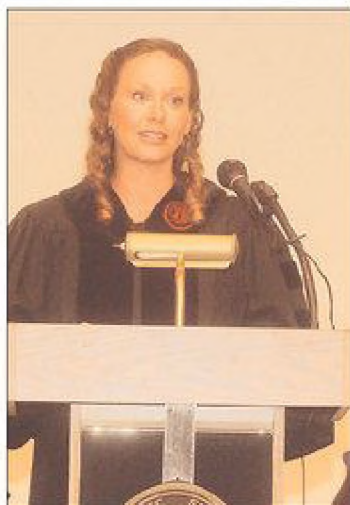
## USC SUMTER CONVOCATION



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ABOVE: USC Sumter professors cover their hearts as the national anthem is performed during the school's opening convocation on Monday.

BELOW: Jared Buniel, Student Government Association president, rings a bell to signify the start of the academic year during the ceremony.



ABOVE: Bronwyn McElveen, assistant solicitor for Sumter County, delivers the convocation address to start USC Sumter's school year.



## Literacy program partners health care providers, families

### BY THE NUMBERS

**2** — number of books provided to children per year

**4** — number of certified medical clinics

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For about 15 years, a medically based early literacy program has

dren in the first five years of life, and this is really the most important time for brain development," said Callee Boulware, executive di-

four medical practices — Sumter County Health Department, Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter Family Health Center and Sumter Pe-

appropriate time? Can the child identify colors? Or letters in the name? Can the child talk to me about what is happening in the story?"







## Fire leaves smoldering mess

Teams from Pee Dee and across state control warehouse fire, monitor air, water quality

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FLORENCE — Environmental crews were on scene to monitor air quality and water runoff Monday as firefighters continued to battle a massive blaze at the former DuPont plant off U.S. 76 in Florence which began shortly before 11 p.m. Sunday.

S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control spokesman Jim Beasley said his agency dispatched a crew early Monday morning and later sent additional crews to the site.

So far, he said, air quality is good, but officials are worried some contaminated runoff might have escaped to the Great Pee Dee River.

"The fire continues to emit a bit of white smoke," Beasley said. "We've worked with the fire departments to build a containment dam for runoff water, but it's believed that some may have escaped to the Great Pee Dee River. DHEC's regional staff have developed a water sampling plan in response."

Air levels, on the other hand, are showing no signs of toxicity despite the large amount of smoke, Beasley said.

"At approximately 9 a.m. (Monday) morning, we dispatched another team from Columbia to provide additional air monitoring equipment to the nearby area, particularly Francis Marion University," Beasley said. "So far, our air monitoring efforts have detected no hazardous levels. But the plume has been quite large at times, and we will continue to monitor air quality in that area to ensure that it does not pose any danger to the nearby communities."

Meanwhile, firefighters from across the county, region and state worked Monday to extinguish the fire at the 146,000-square-foot facility.

Local firefighters from all of Florence County's 11 fire departments were on scene throughout Sunday night and into Monday. The State Mobilization Unit under the fire marshal's office sent assistance Monday morning to help provide some relief at the site and to cover the Windy Hill



A firefighter works his way down from a ladder truck at the scene of a fire at the old DuPont plant on Monday. Every fire department in Florence County responded to the scene including units from Darlington to fight the fire.



Fire crews from 11 departments try to knock down flames at the scene of a fire at the old DuPont Plant on Sunday evening.

fire district, according to Florence County Fire Services/Rescue Coordinator Sam Brockington Jr.

The fire was controlled by mid-afternoon.

"The plan now is just surround and drown," Brockington said.

Security guards on the site reported the fire just before 11 p.m. Sunday. Windy Hill Fire Chief John DeLung, the first on the scene late Sunday night, said

flames were showing through the roof of the building when he arrived. The front wall collapsed shortly after.

The facility, now owned by Niagara Worldwide, housed plastic chips from ground down plastic bottles and other recyclables. No one was in the building at the time of the fire and there were no injuries.

At the height of the blaze, fire-



Firefighters gather at the scene of a fire at the old DuPont plant.

fighters and equipment from 11 departments were on the scene.

"(This is) the only fire I can remember where we had every department in the county on a scene," DeLung said at a 1 a.m. Monday news briefing.

Most of the mutual aid was for tankers to shuttle water onto the fire ground. The water supply to the plant was disconnected during the demolition process when DuPont shut down, DeLung said.

By 6 a.m., Brockington said crews had used hundreds of

thousands of gallons of water in an effort to keep the fire contained. Officials said one of their greatest concerns has been maintaining the water supply for two aerial devices that have been crucial. Between 10 and 12 tankers from various departments were assisting by 3 a.m. Monday.

Several walls could be seen Monday morning that appeared on the verge of collapse. One-third of the building was a total

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» To see video of the fire and firefighters'

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