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# Dead dogs 'horrifying' case

Bones, 45 emaciated hounds taken from property

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**MONCK'S CORNER** — The man accused of killing or letting more than 200 dogs die behind his home was trying his best to care for them but was hampered by bad health, his attorney told a judge Tuesday night.

Loney Garrett, 64, of Garrett Court, is facing 43 felony counts of ill treatment to animals. Each count carries a penalty of a fine of up to \$5,000 and up to five years in prison.

Bones of bones were hauled off the property near Goose Creek Monday, as well as 45 sick and emaciated hound dogs.

"He was trying very hard to com-

ph," Garrett's attorney, Melissa Gay, said in bond court. "Based on his diminishing health, he became overwhelmed."

One of the detectives who hauled off the bones and carcasses had a different story.

"This was the most horrifying thing I've ever seen in my career."

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Loney Garrett, charged with 43 counts of ill treatment of animals, appeared at a Berkeley County bond hearing Tuesday.

# Assertive Obama claims progress

President stresses jobs, growth in address



President Barack Obama, flanked by Vice President Joe Biden and House Speaker John Boehner, urged Congress on Tuesday to spend government money to create jobs and boost the middle class.

BY JULIE PAGE  
Associated Press

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since winning re-election, Obama conceded that economic revival is an "unfinished task," but he claimed clear progress and said he is prepared to build on it as he embarks on four more years in office.

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Yet with unemployment persistently high and consumer confidence falling, the

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# Tax hike for cops in schools approved

Riley leans on council for OK

BY SCHUYLER KROPP  
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Charleston Mayor Joe Riley got most of what he wanted for his emergency public safety tax hike, but had to give up adding eight new police officers for the downtown bar and entertainment district to get it.

And, instead of property taxes going up by \$40 annually on a house valued at \$250,000, they will go up \$35.

In one of the closer fought battles recently on council, Riley pulled out heavy lobbying Tuesday to prevent his package of 19 new police officers for elementary school guards —

plus two new fire stations — from being deferred. The measure passed either 7-6 or 8-5, depending on whom you ask. But in either case it includes Riley's vote.

He started by mentioning the assassinations of John E. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr. and the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings as examples where gun violence changed the country.

Sandy Hook "exploded a myth of serenity and peace" of children's safety in schools, he said.

After the vote went in his favor, Riley said a majority of council made the tough call by passing the ordinance on first reading. "It was the right decision, to make a community safer," he said.

Final consideration of the emergency measure will come in two weeks. If approved, taxes will suddenly go up for the year by \$3.48 million.

Councilman Gary Wilts spoke for the minority when said he was not against bringing added layers of protection to cover schools. Instead, he said the issue was more one of finding better alternatives without resorting to a tax increase. "It's how we fund them," he said.

Councilwoman Kathleen Wilson questioned whether the vote effectively locks the city into providing patrol officers free of charge in other situations, or when other schools go online. Some in the group wanted the effort deferred for more study.

Supporting Riley were council members James Lewis, Robert Mitchell, William Dudley Gergorie, Keith Waring, Dean Riegel and Bill Moody. It was Moody who suggested dropping the eight entertainment-district officers from the package. They would have been added to the King Street and



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Do you think expanded background checks will curb the nation's gun violence?

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Is the economy in better shape than it was 4 years ago?

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Of course we can. We can do anything if we do it together and quit making nothing but divisive comments.

Jennifer Kuder Mullen

No!!

Phil Whitaker

Setting us up for terrorism by weakening our military.

Sandi Hooper Watson

Bling them home!!! 100%

George Roughter Smith

It obviously won't hurt.

O.E. Williams

No... If the government can't keep track of 15 million "undocumented" persons how do they expect to keep track of 270 million "undocumented" Texans.

Bob Denny

As a small business owner and operator I say things are way worse prices are higher and my employees work longer hours for same rates and suffer higher taxes.

Travis Crosby

YES!!! Look at housing, employment, stock market! Understudy YES!

Carol B Privette

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### FIVE POINTS

## Bystander's arrest case heading to trial

By JOHN MONK  
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A federal case involving a controversial Five Points incident that may help define how a citizen bystander can interact with a police officer making an arrest will go to a jury trial, U.S. Judge Joe Anderson said Tuesday.



Scan this QR code with any smartphone to see a video of police making the arrest at [thestate.com](http://thestate.com)

Anderson made his statement at the end of a 70-minute hearing during which lawyers for Columbia and three city police officers argued against a lawyer for Jonathan McCoy over whether McCoy's 2009 arrest on a Five Points street outside the Red Hot Tomatoes bar was legal under the U.S. Constitution.

A friend of McCoy's was being arrested, and McCoy was asking

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### S.C. GOVERNMENT

## Haley: Cut rules that hurt businesses

Cabinet agencies to review regulations

By ANDREW SHAIN  
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Gov. Nikki Haley took steps Tuesday to fulfill her promise to identify and cut state regulations that she says hurt South Carolina's businesses.



Haley

The governor, who touts job creation as her top priority, signed an executive order Tuesday creating a task force, composed mostly of business leaders, to sug-

### STATE OF THE UNION

# Raise minimum wage, Obama tells Congress



Secretary of State John Kerry, right, greets Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., center, and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., before President Barack Obama's State of the Union address Tuesday.

1. SCOTT APPENHEIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By MARK LANDLER  
The New York Times

President Barack Obama

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama, seeking to put the prosperity and promise of the middle class at the heart of his second-term agenda, culled on Congress on Tuesday night to raise the federal minimum wage to \$9 an hour, saying that would lift millions out of poverty and energize the economy.

In a State of the Union address that fleshed out the populist themes of his inauguration speech last month, Obama declared it was "our generation's task" to "reignite the true engine of America's economic growth — a

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Valentine's Day looking sweet for retailers: Holiday should spur sales in the billions

By RODDIE BURRIS  
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Valentine's Day is Thursday and it looks like the whole house-

annual spending survey for the holiday. That's a modest \$5 increase over last year's average, thanks in part to rising taxes and gas prices.







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# POOR ROADS COST MILLIONS

DOT-paid claims range from car damage to lost lives

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**MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD**

COLUMBIA — On the evening of Oct. 17, 2003, 16-year-old Deonte Elmore left a high school football game in Allendale driving home.

According to his family, he was taking proper safety precautions on a rainy night. He drove below the posted highway speed limit and wore his seat belt.

But somewhere along the wet highway, Elmore lost control, drove into the

median and sat helpless as his car rolled over several times. He later died from his injuries.


His mother filed a suit against the state Department of Transportation, alleging the agency was negligent in failing to properly maintain the highway and its median, which she alleged was

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Holes like this one on Grove Road in Greenville are a costly problem.  
PATRICK COLLARD/STAFF

**WHAT TO DO**  
Amanda Taylor, a state Transportation Department attorney, explains how you file a claim with the DOT in a video at [GreenvilleOnline.com](http://GreenvilleOnline.com).



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REDUCTION

## Jobless agency pursues charges

Attorney general has opened 21 fraud cases, winning 12 convictions

By Tim Smith  
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COLUMBIA — State unemployment agency officials have referred an estimated 2,000 cases for fraud prosecution during the past two years, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Employment and Workforce told [GreenvilleOnline.com](http://GreenvilleOnline.com).

The agency in 2008 had stopped prosecuting jobless recipients for fraud but reversed course after lawmakers reforming the agency directed fraud prosecutions to resume.

Mark Powell, spokesman for state Attorney General Alan Wilson, said his office opened 21 cases of unemployment fraud last year and 12 resulted in convictions. The other nine cases, he said, are pending.

The state, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, made an estimated \$54 million in improper unemployment payments in 2012, including fraudulent payments.

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## Film festival opens tonight

Three days of movies will follow the invitation-only filmmaker reception that kicks off the seventh annual event.

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The seventh annual Beaufort International Film Festival gets under way today with an invitation-only filmmaker reception at Old Bay Marketplace, and organizers don't expect a forecast of rain to put a damper on the event — or the week.

"It's going to be happen, rain or shine we're going to have a film festival," said Ron Tucker, president of the Beaufort Film Society, which conducts the event.

Thousands are expected to attend the four-day event that includes movie screenings, receptions and workshops.

The University of South Carolina Beaufort's Center for the Arts will be home base for the festival, which is growing in popularity, measured by both attendance and the number of films submitted for possible screening. In its first year, the festival drew 500 people. Last year, attendance swelled to 2,000. In 2009, there were 100 entries. This year, more than 400 films were considered.

A local panel of film and television professionals chose the finalists for categories that include animation, documentary, shorts, student films, screenplays, best actor and best director.

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### IF YOU GO

The Seventh Annual Beaufort International Film Festival begins today. Events are at the University of South Carolina Beaufort's Center for the Arts, unless otherwise noted.

#### Today

• **Filmmakers Opening Night Reception:** 6-8 p.m., Old Bay Marketplace rooftop, 917 Bay St.

#### Thursday

• **Film screenings:** 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
 • **Screenwriters Workshop and Table Read with H. Haden Yelin, "How to Sell Your Screenplay":** 6:30 p.m.

### STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

## 'We can fix this — and we will'



President Barack Obama, flanked by Vice President Joe Biden and House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, gives the State of the Union address Tuesday in Washington.

By ANITA KUMAR and LESLEY CLARK • McClatchy Newspapers

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## GOP response warns Obama on spending

By KEN THOMAS  
 The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans warned Tuesday that President Barack Obama's second-term agenda would bring more tax increases and escalate deficit spending, casting the president's policies as impediments to middle-class families he championed during his re-election campaign.

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, in



Rubio

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### SEARCH FOR A SUPERINTENDENT

## LeRoy called 'quick study'

Lack of experience as superintendent concerns some

By TOM BARTON  
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Kathryn LeRoy has never been a superintendent, but her supporters tout her background in academics and curriculum reform.

And the man who hired LeRoy in the Duval County, Fla., district where she now works has no doubts she is ready for the job as Beaufort County School District superintendent.



LeRoy

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### LEARN MORE

The public forum for Kathryn LeRoy will be 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the district office, 2900 Mink Point Blvd., Beaufort. For details about the other forums, see 9A.

**On the Web:** To view Kathryn LeRoy's candidate file and the state grade report for the Duval County, Fla., school district, click on this story at [beaufortgazette.com](http://beaufortgazette.com).

## US condemns N. Korean nuke test; next move unclear

By TOM LASSETER  
 and HANNAH ALLAM  
 McClatchy Newspapers



warned that its northern neighbor might conduct another nuclear test and might repeat its December launch

North Korea official state news media described the device as "small and light," characteristics that seemed to



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IN A HURRY

5 Things to read today



## Two men charged

Two Spartanburg men have been charged in a shoplifting incident after one of them almost hit a Spartanburg police detective with a car Tuesday. One of the men was quickly taken into custody, but the other ran out of the store and got to his car, officials said. [PAGE C1](#)

## Hagel wins approval

A bitterly divided Senate panel on Tuesday approved President Barack Obama's nomination of Chuck Hagel to be the nation's defense secretary in a rancorous session. [PAGE A6](#)

## Top dog

Banana Joe didn't monkey around this time. The little affenpinscher with the bouncy step and shiny black coat walked off as America's top dog Tuesday night, winning best in show at the Westminster Kennel Club. [PAGE A7](#)

## Too many rules?

Gov. Nikki Haley directed her Cabinet agencies Tuesday to review their regulations, saying South Carolina needs to get rid of government rules that hamper businesses. [PAGE C1](#)

## Still unbeaten

Only hours after officially being named No. 1 in the latest NJCAA rankings, Spartanburg Methodist stayed undefeated (26-0) with a 65-63 overtime win Tuesday night against USC Salkehatchie. [PAGE B1](#)

## Weather



Cloudy, cooler, rain  
High 52  
Low 36

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# Wanted ex-cop believed dead in fire

Gunfight in Calif. ends when house goes up in flames

By TAMI ABDOLLAH

The Associated Press

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. — The manhunt for a former Los Angeles police officer suspected of going on a killing spree converged Tuesday on a mountain cabin where authorities think he barricaded himself inside, engaged in a shootout that killed a deputy and then never emerged as the home went up in flames.

A single gunshot was heard from within, and a law enforcement official said late Tuesday that officials had found a charred body.

If the body of Christopher Dorner is found inside, as authorities suspect, the search for the most wanted man in America over the past week would have ended the way he had expected — death, with the police pursuing him. He is believed to have killed at least four people.

Thousands of officers had been on the hunt for the former Navy reservist since police said he launched a campaign to exact revenge against the Los Angeles Police Department for his firing. They say he threatened to bring "warfare" to officers and their families, spreading fear and setting off a search for him across the Southwest and Mexico.

"Enough is enough. It's time for

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Law enforcement officers man a roadblock on Highway 38 in Mentone, Calif., and leading to Angeles Oaks, where a shootout with fugitive Christopher Dorner was in progress on Tuesday. IRFAN KHAN/MCT

## State of the Union



President Barack Obama, flanked by Vice President Joe Biden and House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, gestures as he gives his State of the Union address during a joint session of Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday evening. CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

# President lays out agenda for 2nd term

Obama presses divided Congress to back his plans for spending, job creation

By JULIE PACE

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Uncompromising and politically emboldened, President Barack Obama urged a deeply divided Congress on Tuesday night to embrace his plans to use government money to create jobs and strengthen the nation's middle class. He declared Republican ideas for reducing the deficit "even worse" than the unpalatable deals Washington had to stomach during his first term.

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"We have cleared away the rubble of crisis, and we can say with renewed confidence that the state of our union is strong," Obama said in an hour-long address to a joint session of Congress and a TV audience of millions.

With unemployment persistently high and consumer confidence falling, the economy remains a vulnerability for Obama and could disrupt his plans for pursuing a broader agenda, including immigration overhaul, stricter gun laws and climate change legislation.

Still, fresh off a convincing re-election win, Obama made clear in his remarks that he was determined to press his political advan-

vowed to act on some issues on his own if they do not.

Obama also announced new steps to reduce the U.S. military footprint abroad, with 34,000 American troops withdrawing from Afghanistan within a year. And he had a sharp rebuke for North Korea, which launched a nuclear test just hours before his remarks, saying, "Provocations of the sort we saw last night will only isolate them further."

In specific proposals for shoring up the economy in his second term, an assertive Obama called for increased federal spending to fix the nation's roads and bridges, the first increase in





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## Curtis files for Ware Shoals seat

Previous candidate files for Town Council position vacated after Don Patrick's death

By FRANK BUMB

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The race to fill the empty seat on Ware Shoals Town Council has its first candidate, Rick Curtis, 38, of Ware Shoals, successfully submitted all the paperwork to run in the special election for the seat

vacated by Don Patrick's death Jan. 22. Patrick suffered a stroke after serving on the Ware Shoals Town Council since Jan. 3, 2011. Curtis is the only candidate to have filed as of early Tuesday afternoon.

In the general election, Curtis received 141 of the 1,907 votes cast, for 7.39 percent the vote. That total put Curtis second

to last of the eight candidates who ran for three open council seats in the November 2012 election. That showing has not deterred Curtis.

"A lot of people didn't know who I was," Curtis said. "I think it was one of those things that people didn't know me. And I've tried to become fairly well known

in the community. I think I've met more people in the community, which I think will be advantageous."

Curtis, an Iowa transplant, said his hope is his financial background and ability to see Ware Shoals with "new eyes" will

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RIK CURTIS

## GREENWOOD ON NATIONAL TELEVISION



Heather Witt, 33, center, of Greenwood, and her daughter, Connor Witt, 13, left, and niece, Ryleigh Barton, 9, are all smiles as they hold up tickets to a Justin Bieber concert and a new camera given to them by Ellen DeGeneres and Shutterfly. The Witt household was visited Monday night and their story aired Tuesday afternoon on the Ellen DeGeneres Show.

## 'RICH WITH LOVE'

Family receives surprise visit from Ellen DeGeneres Show

By FRANK BUMB

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A typical day for 33-year-old Greenwood native Heather Witt begins at 5 a.m., as she prepares for her job. As a cook and waitress at a local restaurant, Witt works until 3 p.m. most days.

Between raising her daughter, Connor Witt, 13, and her niece, Ryleigh Barton, 9, her job and the struggles of paying bills, Witt lives a hectic life that

usually sees her able to relax "by 9 or 10 p.m."

Monday evening was not a typical night for Witt and her girls. Witt wrote into her favorite show, the Ellen DeGeneres Show, asking for help because Connor and Ryleigh wanted to go to a Justin Bieber concert this summer that would be far too expensive for Witt. Witt received a call Monday afternoon from someone at the Ellen DeGeneres Show telling her to be at her house in the evening. Witt had no idea what would happen next.

"I picked up the phone, and it was Ellen," Witt said excitedly. "You can hear me on the show, I was screaming, and if it wasn't me, it'd have been the girls (screaming)."

Witt's exuberance, shown on national television Tuesday afternoon, only increased when representatives of the show started knocking at her door.

"Ellen asked me about the phrase that I always say, and the girls told her, you know, 'We're not rich with money."

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### ■ SHOWING SPIRIT

## Ninety Six 'tumbles' forward

School board votes to add competitive cheerleading

By MICHELLE LAXER

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"I say, good luck, girls."

— Ninety Six superintendent Mark Petersen

NINETY SIX — Students and parents lobbying to bring a competitive cheerleading squad to Greenwood School District 52 have a lot to, well, cheer about after a board of trustees meeting Tuesday night.

In an administrative ruling from Superintendent Mark Petersen, the district will allow a competitive cheerleading team to start in the 2013-14 season, with parameters set by the athletic director and high school principal.

"I say, good luck, girls," Petersen said, which set off a burst of applause from the hopeful cheerleaders.

He requested a budget proposal for 2013-14 year for the team. There are limited funds, Petersen said, but the district can support the assistant coach supplement.

"It will take a significant amount of money to start up a program. The question that's still there is where is the money going to come from?" the superintendent said.

He said all fundraising efforts must comply with current activities through the athletic department.

Petersen said the district will post a vacancy for an assistant cheerleading coach today. Athletic director Matt Huntsberger and high school prin-

and screen candidates. The finalist will be recommended to the superintendent.

Once the new assistant coach is hired, that person will meet with Huntsberger, Ward and head coach Cathy Belcher to set parameters and guidelines for the competitive squad.

Petersen's announcement came after "one last plea" from Amy Hilley, a Ninety Six parent and designated spokeswoman for the effort.

"We have provided a written plan. We have addressed not only all of the above items that were requested of us, we have addressed numerous other issues, scenarios and ideas," Hilley said. "The students have shown you an interest and commitment. The parents have shown you an interest and commitment. The coaches have shown you an interest and commitment."

According to Hilley's timeline, the first rumblings of starting a competitive cheerleading squad started in 2010 when the middle school coach, Stephanie Lake, approached Huntsberger about the possibility.

It made serious strides in spring 2012 when parents approached Hilley about supporting the effort. Hilley was able to get meetings together with district administrators to



MARK PETERSEN





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## Obama outlines plans to 'reignite' economy

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President Barack Obama delivers his State of the Union address Tuesday.

The Associated Press

### SUPERINTENDENT FINALISTS

## LeRoy praised for drive

The Fla. educator's lack of experience in the top post worries some.

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**On the Web:** To view Kathryn LeRoy's candidate file and state grade report for the Duval County, Fla., school district, click on this story at [islandpacket.com](http://islandpacket.com).

## Developers win final approval to REMAKE THE MALL



Rendering provided by Wood • Partners

This rendering shows the Shelter Cove Towne Centre shops and cafes that will be part of the newly redeveloped Mall at Shelter Cove.



SARAH WELLIVER • Staff photo

Work continues Tuesday to demolish sections of the Mall at Shelter Cove on Hilton Head Island.

### ROAD CLOSURE

Beginning Thursday, Shelter Cove Lane between Newport Drive and Mall Boulevard will be closed for several months because of mall construction.

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Developers won final approval Tuesday to build a new outdoor mall to replace The Mall at Shelter Cove.

After examining drawings and brick samples from landscape architects Wood • Partners, the Town of Hilton Head Island's Design Review Board unanimously approved the plans with only minor stipulations.

Tuesday's endorsement allows the developers — Blanchard & Calhoun Commercial — to proceed with the Shelter Cove Towne Centre, a mixture of shops and cafes that will be a part of the revamped mall.

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## 'Reignite the engine'

Obama says nation stronger, GOP should back his plans to create jobs, strengthen middle class

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WASHINGTON — Uncompromising and politically emboldened, President Barack Obama urged a deeply divided Congress Tuesday night to embrace his plans to use government money to create jobs and strengthen the nation's middle class. He declared Republican ideas for reducing the deficit "even worse" than the unpalatable deals Washington had to stomach during his first term.

In his first State of the Union address since winning re-election, Obama conceded economic revival is an "unfinished task," but he claimed clear progress and said he prepared to build on it as he embarks on four more years in office.

"We have cleared away the rubble of crisis, and we can say with renewed confidence that the state of our union is strong," Obama said in an hour-long address to a joint session of Congress and a television audience of millions.

Yet with unemployment persistently high and consumer confidence falling, the economy remains a vulnerability for Obama and could disrupt his plans for pursuing a broader agenda, including immigration overhaul, stricter gun laws and climate change legislation.

Obama also announced new steps to reduce the U.S. military footprint abroad, with 34,000 American troops withdrawing from Afghanistan within a year. And he had a sharp rebuke for North Korea, which launched a nuclear test just hours before his remarks, saying, "Provocations of the sort we saw last night will only isolate them further."

In specific proposals for shoring up the economy in his second term, an asser-



President Barack Obama, flanked by Vice President John Biden and House Speaker John Boehner, smiles as he gives his State of the Union address during a joint session of Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday evening.

*"It is our generation's task, then, to reignite the true engine of America's economic growth — a rising, thriving middle class."*

— PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION SPEECH

tive Obama called for increased federal spending to fix the nation's roads and bridges, the first increase in the minimum wage in six years and expansion of early education to every American 4-year-old. Seeking to appeal for support from Republicans, he promised that none of his proposals would increase the deficit "by a single dime" although he didn't explain how he would pay for his programs or how much they would cost.

In the Republican response to Obama's address, rising GOP star Marco Rubio

of Florida came right back at the president, saying his solution "to virtually every problem we face is for Washington to tax more, borrow more and spend more."

Sen. Rubio, in prepared remarks, said presidents of both parties have recognized that the free enterprise system brings middle-class prosperity.

"But President Obama?" Rubio said. "He believes it's the cause of our problems."

Still, throughout the House chamber there were symbolic displays of bipartisanship. Rep. Timmy Duck-

worth, D-Ill., arrived early and sat with Sen. Mark Kirk, R-Ill., just returned in January nearly a year after suffering a debilitating stroke. As a captain in the National Guard, Duckworth lost both her legs while serving in Iraq in 2004.

A few aisles away, the top two tax writers in Congress, Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich., and Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., sat together.

But as a sign that divisions still remain, three of the most conservative Supreme Court justices skipped Obama's speech. Six of the nine at-

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tended. Missing were Justices Clarence Thomas, Antonin Scalia and Samuel Alito.

Jobs and growth dominated Obama's address. Many elements of his economic blueprint were repackaged proposals from his first term that failed to gain traction on Capitol Hill.

Standing in Obama's way now is a Congress that remains nearly as divided as it was during the final years of his first term, when Washington lurches from one crisis to another.

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## 87-17, Bruinettes



LARRY MARSH/STAFF  
Orangeburg-Wilkinson's Jasmine Moore drives past a Midland Valley defender on her way to the basket in the second half of Tuesday's playoff game in Orangeburg.

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## Gunshot death an accident, police say

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN  
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HOLLY HILL — Authorities have determined a 58-year-old Holly Hill woman found in her carport with a gunshot wound died when a revolver she was holding accidentally discharged.

Janice Dickson of Bennett Circle died as a result of a single gunshot wound to the head at around 7 a.m. on Jan. 30.

A neighbor called 911 immediately after hearing a gunshot ring out, Holly Hill Police Chief Robert Wunderlich said.

The man, who was outside with his dog at the time, looked toward Dickson's residence and saw her lying in her carport, Wunderlich said.

Authorities initially believed Dickson had committed suicide but later classified her death as "unexplained."

Questions persisted from her family and friends, who did not believe Dickson would have taken her own life. A multi-agency task force was formed to review the autopsy results, photographs and physical evidence.

Tuesday evening, task force members met with three members of Dickson's family to disclose the findings of their investigation, Wunderlich said. Meeting with the family in addition to Wunderlich were Orangeburg County Sheriff Leroy Ravenell, OCSO Chief Kerry Kinsey, OCSO Investigator Jared Kittrell, State Law Enforcement Division Special Agent Billy Etheredge and Orangeburg County Coroner Samuel Marshall.

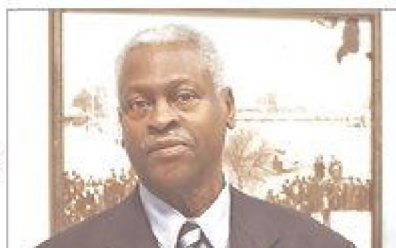
Following the meeting with the family, Wunderlich reported the findings to The Times and Democrat.

"Based on all of the physical evidence, autopsy results and photographs, ... it was an accidental dis-



Janice Dickson

Denmark  
mayor  
easily wins  
2<sup>nd</sup> term



Berkeley deputies find  
remains of 200+ dogs

GOOSE CREEK (AP) — Berkeley County sheriff's deputies have rescued dozens of dogs from a home in Goose Creek where they also

while.

But he said no one realized what was happening until officers arrived with a search warrant and walked



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