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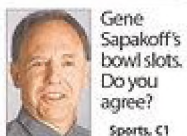
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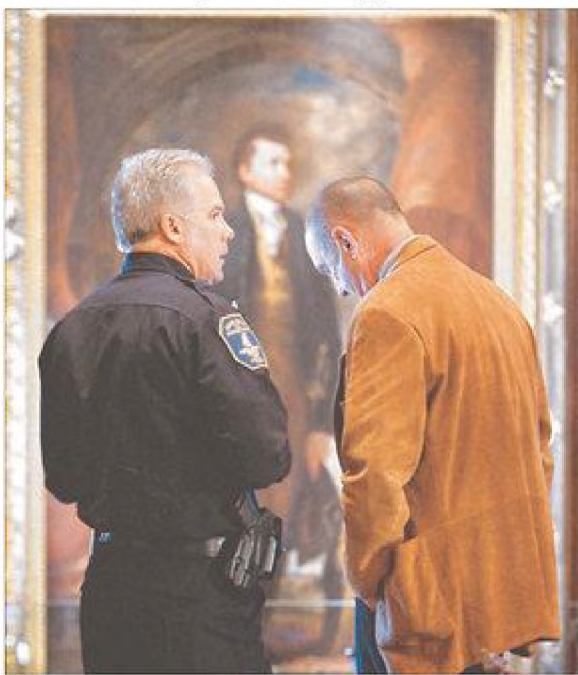
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Tip leads to arson suspect

Undercover operation began in October



Charleston Police Chief Greg Mullen (left) and Sheriff Al Cannon talk before a press conference Monday at City Hall about the arson task force's work.

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Two men were in a car in the early morning hours Friday, heading to Hollywood to burn a house. Pour gas through the window and light it with a napkin, one man reportedly said. "When I light it, it will make a hell of a whooping noise." That particular fire never happened. According to arrest affidavits, police and Charleston County sheriff's deputies stopped the car and arrested the driver on arson charges. A plastic milk jug filled

Kenneth Boone was arrested and charged with three counts of third-degree arson.

Inside

Brian Hicks: Reading between the lines of Monday's press conference. A6

with gasoline was found behind the driver's seat. The arrest was the culmination

of a complex undercover operation that began in October with a tip to the city's arson hotline, which in turn fueled new life into the hunt for a serial arsonist that torched downtown homes over the past decade.

The focus of the investigation was Kenneth Boone, a 55-year-old construction worker who lives in the Hampton Terrace neighborhood with his aging parents. Boone was charged Saturday with two counts of third-degree arson in connection with fires at a house in Hollywood, one count of third-degree arson involving a house at 48 Montagu St. in

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DSS audit to focus on child safety

Rep. Horne leads call for inquiry

BY PRENTISS FINDLAY
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Reports of children starved to death, sexually abused for months and dying of treatable illness prompted a local legislator Monday to call for an audit of the state Department of Social Services.

"I represent all the children of this state. It's a systemic problem that needs to be addressed," said state Rep. Jenny Horne, R-Summerville.

Horne called on the Legislative Audit Council to take a closer look at how DSS manages cases involving at-risk children. On Monday, the council agreed in a unanimous vote during a meeting in Charleston. Although the audit will look at a number of concerns at DSS, the request for it focuses extensively on child safety.

"This is really more of a look at Child Protective Services," Horne said. Her concerns are based on constituent complaints about how cases involving children in harmful situations have been managed.

"We've had way too many dead children lately," she said. "Children of this state are being placed at great risk."

Horne said she discussed her concerns with DSS leaders, and they have shown a willingness to work with her to address her worries. The last audit of the agency was in 2006, she said. "I think they (DSS) need another look," she said. "Where there is smoke there is fire."

More than 30 members of the state House Republican Caucus, including Horne, expressed concerns about child protection in South Carolina in a three-page letter to the council.

The letter asks whether federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to child protective services are being followed by county DSS offices. It seeks information on children who died from abuse and/or neglect during a DSS investigation. It also asks for a review of cases initially deemed unfounded by DSS but later found to involve child abuse and/or neglect.

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Evaluation system worries local teachers

BY ROBERT BEHRE
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About 200 Lowcountry public school teachers packed a high school and forum Monday to learn more about what they need to do to make the grade.

S.C. Superintendent of Education Mick Zais called the meeting at Stall High School as part of the state's seeking a new system for evaluating public education under the federal No Child Left Behind law. Zais did relatively little speaking

Monday, mostly turning the floor over to his deputies to explain the bureaucratic details.

Part of the new plan involves a new method of evaluating public school teachers, and a similar meeting in Greenville three weeks ago drew a crowd of 500 people and a bevy of shouts and jeers on that topic.

Patrick Hayes, Director of EdFirmSC, was one of several education advocates who showed up Monday to protest the proposed changes. Hayes said many teachers were upset



Zais

initially at plans to give them A-F letter grades, but the state has backed away from that, at least for now.

"The bigger concern has always been the use of schoolwide test scores to evaluate teachers," he said. "It's incomprehensible that teachers would be judged on the performance of an entire building."

The unfairness to teachers is obvious, but the unfairness to kids is another concern," because good teachers will be less likely to seek jobs in struggling schools.

Kathy Meeks, director of the Office of Teacher Evaluation, confirmed no letter grades would be issued based on a system that has not been validated. The state's evaluation system is currently being tested.

"The operative word is 'proposed,'" Please see EVALUATION, Page A7

WHERE'S YOUR TEAM GOING?

USC: Will it be Northwestern in the Outback or Wisconsin in the Gator?

Clemson: Will the Tigers face Georgia or LSU in the Chick-fil-A? **B1**

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RICHLAND'S ELECTION MESS

McBride casts blame on others for 'the mistakes that were made'

McBride's long-awaited explanation leaves hard questions unanswered

By CLIF LeBLANC
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Richland County's embattled elections director, after three weeks of public silence, had no answers Monday to many of the hard questions surrounding the Nov. 6 botched election.

Instead, Lillian McBride relied on a prepared written statement that referred to "unique difficulties," referred key questions to others, disclosed a mystery person who she said misinterpreted her instructions or repeatedly said she did

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Richland County elections director Lillian McBride addresses the Richland County legislative delegation Monday.

Elections chief offers few new facts to explain Nov. 6 debacle

By JOHN MONK
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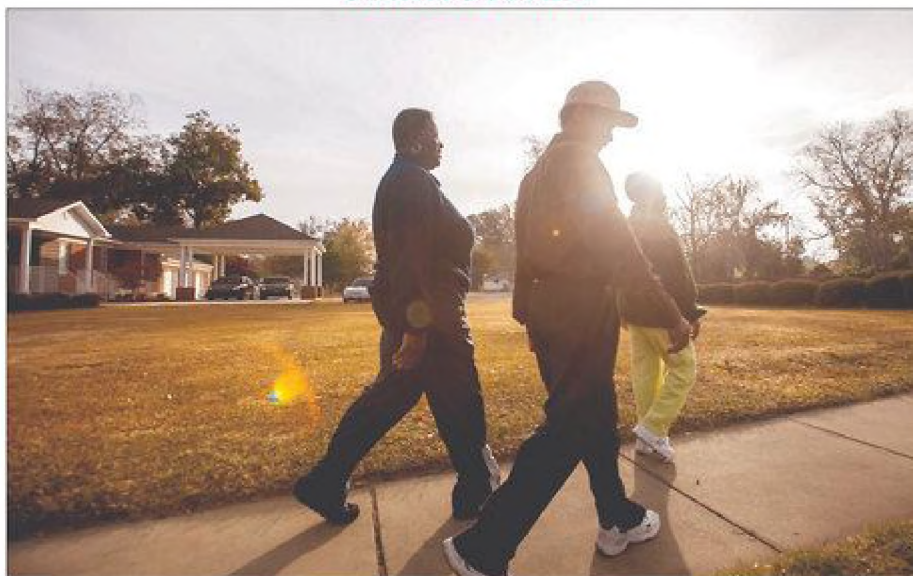
An unidentified elections office staffer misread numbers on a spreadsheet, an error that resulted in a shortage of machines and vote-tallying devices in many of Richland County's 124 precincts, elections director Lillian McBride said Monday.

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ONLINE

Nearly 700 people have voted about what should be done now in the Richland County election debacle. Cast your vote at thestate.com. Plus, view the spreadsheet used to determine the number of machines allocated, along with previously published stories.

FIGHTING OBESITY



Jacqueline Wright, Otis Butler and Josephine Young enjoy their morning walk in downtown Sumter. Hundreds of Sumter residents have become avid walkers.

Safe, sociable program got folks in Sumter walking

LAST IN A SERIES

To read previous stories, go to thestate.com.

SUMTER — Even though Otis Butler was in relatively good shape for a man in his 60s, his health seemed to be dragging.

He didn't have the energy

vitamins or something when she went to the doctor.

But before his wife's next doctor's appointment back in 2007, Butler joined many of his fellow church members in

Public has power in SCE&G hike

AARP, others drove down request; now it's your turn

By RODDIE BURRIS
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Public pressure played a role in persuading South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. to moderate its pending price hike for electricity.

A couple of technology-driven teletown halls reached roughly 35,000 people in the weeks preceding public hearings on the rate increase case.

And a billboard and media advertising campaign combined with robocalls and a social media campaign that organizers say registered 3 million imprints on Facebook appears to have made the difference.

SCE&G officials began making their case Monday for an electric rate increase

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IN THE NEWS

Bye-bye Black Friday.
So long Small Business Saturday.
Now, it's Cyber Monday's turn. **B6**



CLEMSON FOOTBALL ACC PICKS TELL TALE



LIFESTYLE Overnight workers face risks

The Greenville News

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Upstate leadership conference will address diversity issues, 5A

FINAL EDITION

'Cliff' threat may curtail sales

Economists: Uncertainty of tax hike hurts confidence during holiday shopping season

By Jim Kuhnhehn
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White House economists warned Monday that the uncertainty of a potential hike in taxes next year for middle class taxpayers under the looming "fiscal cliff" could hurt consumer confidence during the crucial holiday shopping season.

In a new report that coin-

cides with Congress' return after the Thanksgiving holiday, the White House says that if lawmakers don't halt the automatic increase in taxes for households earning less than \$250,000, consumers might even curtail their shopping during the current holiday season.

"As we approach the holiday season, which accounts for close to one-fifth of industry sales, retailers can't afford the

threat of tax increases on middle-class families," the report says.

The study by President Barack Obama's National Economic Council and his Council of Economic Advisers also says a sudden increase in taxes for middle-income taxpayers would reduce consumer spending in 2013 by nearly \$200 billion, significantly slowing the economic recovery.

The figures echo estimates by private forecasters and by the Congressional Budget Office.

Congress and Obama have until the end of the year to avoid across the board tax increases that would do away with rates set during the administration of President George W. Bush and restore higher tax rates in place during President Bill Clinton's administration when the economy was robust and the federal government had a budget surplus.

Many middle income taxpayers also would be exposed to automatic tax increases under

"If we don't do anything, on Jan. 1, 2013, there's a lot more people paying a lot more."

ERIC CANTOR,
House majority leader

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Oil, gas boom boosts incomes

Small towns outpace cities and suburbs

By Dennis Cauchon
and Paul Overberg
USA Today

The nation's oil and gas boom is driving up income so fast in a few hundred small towns and rural areas that the entire country is floating upward because of it, a USA Today analysis of new government data shows.

The 261 million people who live in cities and suburbs still haven't recovered earning power lost in the economic downturn. Average income per person fell 3.5 percent in metropolitan areas between 2007 and 2011 after adjusting for inflation, according to data released Monday by the federal Bureau of Economic Analysis.

By contrast, small-town America is better off than before: Inflation-adjusted income is up 3.8 percent per person since 2007 for the 51 million in small cities, towns and rural areas.

The oil and gas boom has reversed, at least temporarily, a

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INSIDE



The body of U.S. Army Sgt. Channing "Bo" Hicks, who was killed in action during missions in Afghanistan on Nov. 16, was returned home to Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport on Monday. PATRICK COLLARD/STAFF

Greer welcomes home soldier who

GAVE HIS ALL

By Ron Barnett
Staff writer

The streets of Greer were lined with flag-waving well-wishers for the second time in less than four months Monday, with hun-



MOVING ON

County's trails get brainstorming session.
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NEWTON SUPER AGAIN

Panthers' QB accounts for 4 touchdowns in Monday night triumph over Eagles. PAGE B1

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Swept to sea

A family of three was swept to sea one by one as they first tried to save their pet dog, then each other from the notorious "sneaker waves" on the rough Northern California coastline. The bodies of the mother and father have been recovered; their 16-year-old son is still missing. PAGE A3

Beauty queen killed

A 20-year-old beauty queen in Mexico dies in a gun battle between soldiers and the alleged gang of drug traffickers she was traveling with. Police say ties between narco and beautiful pageant contestants are not uncommon. PAGE A3

Factory fire

Wal-Mart announces that the garment factory in Bangladesh where a weekend fire killed at least 112 people was not authorized to produce its merchandise. The retailer has terminated its relationship with the supplier; the blaze highlighted how the country's garment factories often ignore safety. PAGE A4

Wofford ready

After its first break in two months, Wofford is rested and ready for the postseason. The Terriers will play New Hampshire this Saturday at Gibbs Stadium. PAGE B1

Haley in Chicago

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley planned to leave Monday for Chicago, where she will be the featured speaker at a Heritage Foundation luncheon. PAGE C3

Weather

Mitchell pleads guilty, will keep House seat

Receives probation on 2 misdemeanor tax charges in case

By KIM KIMZEY
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State Rep. Harold Mitchell pleaded guilty Monday to two misdemeanor tax charges, though he will be allowed to keep his seat in the General Assembly.

Mitchell, 47, originally was charged with four counts of felony tax evasion. Had he been convicted, Mitchell faced up to 20 years in prison, a fine of \$40,000 and the loss of his seat.

The S.C. Attorney General's

Office dismissed two of those charges, and Mitchell pleaded guilty to two lesser charges of failure to pay taxes or file a return or keep records.

Circuit Judge Lee S. Alford sentenced Mitchell to a year, suspended to three years' probation, which can be reduced to six months if Mitchell pays \$5,989.30 in back taxes. The charges carried a maximum sentence of a year in prison and a \$10,000 fine for each count.

Heather Savitz Weiss with the S.C. Attorney General's Office also asked that Mitchell pay the cost of prosecuting the case — an amount that will be deter-

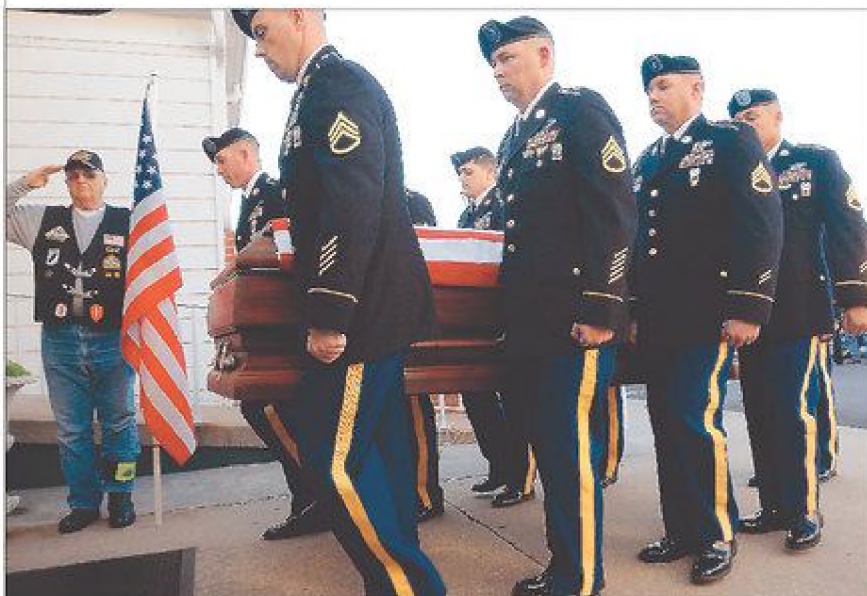
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TIM KIMZEY/TIM.KIMZEY@SHJU.COM
State Rep. Harold Mitchell embraces family and supporters after Monday's hearing in Spartanburg.

SOLDIER'S BODY FLOWN BACK HOME

'He wanted to be a soldier ...
HE WAS A HERO.'



ALEX C. HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHJU.COM
A casket containing the body of U.S. Army Sgt. Channing "Bo" Hicks is led into Wood Mortuary in Greer on Monday. A crowd that included about 110 motorcyclists from the Patriot Guard turned out to show support and respect for Hicks, whose body was flown to the Upstate on Monday afternoon. Hicks was killed in Afghanistan on Nov. 16.

Patriot Guard, hundreds in Greer community pay respects to trooper and mourn with family

SANDY'S LEGACY

Big Apple focusing on flood controls

NYC could draw on experiences of other cities to limit damage

By ADAM GELLER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Inside tunnels threading under a Houston medical campus, 100 submarine doors stand ready to block invading floodwaters. Before commuters in Bangkok can head down into the city's subways, they must first climb three feet of stairs to raised entrances, equipped with flood gates. In Washington, D.C., managers of a retail and apartment complex need just two hours to activate steel walls designed to hold back as much as a 17-foot rise in the Potomac River.

If metropolitan New York is going to defend itself from surges like the one that overwhelmed the region during Superstorm Sandy, decision makers can start by studying how others have fought the threat of fast-rising water. And they must accept an unsettling reality: Limiting the damage caused by flooding will likely demand numerous changes, large and small, and yet even substantial protections will be far from absolute.

Sandy's toll is overwhelming. But finding the money and political will to build a proposed system of giant storm barriers at the mouth of New York Harbor will likely be very difficult. Even at a cost of up to \$27 billion, such barriers would leave large parts of the region unprotected.

So government, businesses and property owners will need to consider taking smaller steps — on land — to minimize the impact of flooding, with or without sea barriers.

The good news is that many cities already have learned much about how to limit the damage from floods. Researchers are working on still other strategies, such as 16-foot-wide inflatable plugs being developed at West Virginia University to seal off subways and tunnels from water.

But there's no single cure-all. "You really have to go with a series of levels of protection. You can't just buy into one engineer's dream of building" a 5-mile-long barrier for New York Harbor, said Phil Bedient, a flood expert at Houston's Rice University whose research was key to shoring up



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Plan to explore revenue opportunities



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Calhoun Falls Town Council gives go ahead to begin work on initiative

By MICHELLE LAXER
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CALHOUN FALLS — The new year is still weeks away, but 2013 already has potential to be transformational for Calhoun Falls. During its meeting Monday night,

Town Council approved a community-oriented process to build an economic strategic plan that will explore new revenue opportunities for the struggling mill town. It passed by a 4-1 vote, and Councilman Charlie Tillman opposed. The process for creating an eco-

nomie strategic plan is the work of Paul Gilbert, the town's newly hired part-time economic developer and one-third of the economic development team.

His strategic planning process would start by bringing together a diverse group of community stake-

holders, Gilbert explained Monday.

"That group of stakeholders would continue to expand and grow as we went through the strategic planning process," he said.

From there, they would work

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CHARLIE
TILLMAN

"Marion, in my opinion, was the epitome of a public servant."

— Judge James Moore



Palbearers carry the casket of former longtime S.C. Rep. Marion Carnell on Monday during Carnell's funeral at First Baptist Church of Ware Shoals. Carnell died Thursday. He was 84.

Goodbye to a legend

Hundreds gather
for funeral of
Marion Carnell

By CHRIS TRAINOR
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Funeral services for former longtime S.C. Rep. Marion Carnell were Monday at First Baptist Church of Ware Shoals. Friends and numerous

■ LAURENS COUNTY

Man found in field ID'd

Autopsy performed
Monday morning

From staff reports

Laurens County authorities on Monday identified a man found burned in a wooded field in Waterloo during the weekend.

Laurens County Coroner Nick Nickles confirmed the victim was Eddie A. Medlin, 49, of 771 Flynn Smith Road, Waterloo.

Medlin was found lying on his back amid flames Saturday afternoon in a brush fire behind his camper on the property. Three neighbors

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■ STATE

Haley leaves for trip

Governor goes out
of state for 1st time
since DOR hacking

Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is heading out of state for the first time since announcing a computer hacker stole Social Security numbers and other private data from millions of





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TODAY'S WEATHER

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THE CITY CENTER BUILDING
The City Center building at 324 W. Evans Street in Florence is the new location for the city's offices.

City move approved; architect will be local

Council approves deal to move to City Center building by July

BY JOHN SWEENEY
Morning News
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FLORENCE — The "i's" have been dotted, the "t's" crossed, and the City of Florence is on its way to a new home, beginning next month.

Florence city Council met for a special session Monday afternoon and unanimously passed a motion to close the deal that will move all city offices to the City Center building at 324 W. Evans Street by July 1, 2013.

The city will pay the Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation \$217,438.35 in advance at the building's closing on Dec. 10, covering the city until it moves into the new facilities and begins making annual payments on July 1, 2013.

Monday's final motion did see some slight increases in both the annual payment and

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Dana funeral service set for Wednesday

From staff reports

DARLINGTON — The deaths of Morning News columnist Dwight Dana and his son, Radisson, and have been ruled accidental caused by smoke inhalation, Darlington County Coroner J. Todd Hardee said Monday.



Funeral arrangements have also been set. The family will receive visitors Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Belk Funeral Home in Darlington.

Moore's the merrier in school name hunt

District committee considering name for new FSD1 middle school has 24 members

BY ELLEN MEDER
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FLORENCE — The search for a perfect name for Florence School District 1's new middle school begins Tuesday night, and the district has lined up an (almost) perfectly

balanced committee to help it make the choice.

A 24-person naming committee, selected to balance out racial and geographic considerations, will hold its first meeting Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the district's board room. Any member of the public who'd like to make the group more perfect still, or who

wants to offer some input or suggestions, is invited to attend.

The new middle school, under construction behind the new Lucy T. Davis Elementary School, off of Cashua Road in northwest Florence, will replace the aging Moore Middle, which is set to go offline when the new school is ready.

The naming procedure will follow the same procedures that were

See **MOORE**, Page 10A

Want to go?

» **What:** New Middle School Naming Committee

» **When:** Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 6 p.m.

» **Where:** Sullivan Board Room, Florence 1 Administration Building, 319 S. Dargan St.

» **Open to the public**

HAPPY 125TH!



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Children gather around Santa Claus during a toy distribution event sponsored by the Salvation Army of Florence in the 1960s.

Florence Army marching on

Salvation Army's Florence command celebrates 125 years, enters critical season for assistance for needy

BY CHRISTOPHER MCKAGEN
Morning News
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FLORENCE — The Salvation Army forays into mission work and soul saving have been observed in communities around the world for more than a century.

As Christmas season gets underway, the Florence Salvation Army is working hard to continue that tradition locally with perhaps its most famous campaign, the annual Empty Stocking Fund toy drive. It's a fitting way to mark the organization's 125th year of operation in Florence. The organization is actually a year older than the city itself, which was officially chartered in 1888.

Through the years, the Florence Command has provided social, physical and

Fill up the stocking!

For more than 50 years the Salvation Army, the Morning News and the people of the Pee Dee have teamed up to bring some Christmas cheer to those in need through the Army's Empty Stocking Fund. Donations to the fund provide toys and other Christmas help for families with demonstrated need. The Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation once again will match gifts to the fund, after campaign gifts exceed \$10,000. Tax deductible donations to the ESF can be dropped off at any BB&T bank, at the Morning News at 310 S. Dargan Street, or at the Salvation Army offices at 2210 Hoffmeyer Road. Call the Army at 843-662-4461.



**2012 AIDS Walk**Education, awareness
goals of Saturday event

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**BOWLING**Where does win land Carolina?
What about Clemson vs. Georgia?

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**Fire destroys home
where body found**By **RICHARD WALKER**
T&D Staff Writer

A home in the New Brookland area where the body of a slain Goose Creek woman was found has been destroyed by fire.

The single-story residence at 445 Alva St. was gutted late Sunday by fire that officials say appears suspicious.

"It was unoccupied, there was no power to the building," said Capt. Mike Adams of the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety. "When officers arrived, it was fully involved."

In September, the body of 28-year-old Ebony

Rene Bryant was found under a pile of trash in the home's backyard.

Her boyfriend was arrested after he initially told investigators he had not seen the woman. He later admitted to an argument that led to her death in May, authorities said.

Carlos Kemp, 26, faces a charge of murder. Authorities have not said whether the fire is connected to that case or the suspicious fires that have destroyed homes in the area.

Over the past four years, firefighters have

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CHRISTOPHER HUFF/T&D

Fire destroyed an Alva Street residence on Sunday. In September, the body of a Goose Creek woman was discovered in the backyard of the same home. While officials are calling the blaze suspicious, they are not saying the events are related.



LARRY HARRIS/T&D

Gov. Nikki Haley, center, meets with Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce Interim President Dede Blower, right, and other members of the community following Monday's announcement.

**Ready
for
work**Haley announces
new effort to ensure
workers qualifiedBy **GENE ZALESKI**
T&D Staff Writer

Cox Industries CEO Michael Johnson knows the value of a good employee.

"Sometimes it can take us months to hire a simple position and it shouldn't be that way," Johnson said.

On Monday, he joined other manufacturing leaders for Gov. Nikki Haley's rollout of the South Carolina Certified Work Ready Community Initiative during a press conference at Orangeburg's Zeus Industrial Products Inc.

"This is ready made for manufacturers. This won't be a come-out-of-Columbia and do something. This will start in Orangeburg, start in Ram-

See **WORK**, A6**Governor makes 1st post-hacking trip out of state***The Associated Press*

COLUMBIA — South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is heading out of state for the first time since announcing that a computer hacker stole Social Security numbers and other private data from millions of taxpayers.

The Republican governor will leave Monday night for Chicago and spend Wednesday morning

in Washington, before returning to South Carolina, said Haley spokesman Rob Godfrey.

Haley is the featured speaker for a luncheon Tuesday hosted by the conservative Heritage Foundation. Her remarks will follow a panel discussion titled "The Road Ahead After the 2012 Election."

Haley will be the guest speaker at a Republican Governors Association breakfast in Washington.

Haley will also meet with the state's congressmen about issues she needs their help on, including computer security, Godfrey said.

She will not hold any fundraisers during the trip, said campaign adviser Tim Pearson.

Two weeks ago, Haley skipped the governor's association annual conference in Las Vegas, as well as a speaking event at a Goldwater Institute dinner in Phoenix,

saying she needed to focus on the Revenue Department's massive security breach.

Haley announced the hacking Oct. 26. It wasn't until last week that Haley could say with certainty how many taxpayers were affected. According to a company hired to investigate what happened, the hacker stole the filings of 3.8 million individuals and 700,000 businesses.

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