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Damani Staley among nine from Midlands picked for the Shrine Bowl, **1B**



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NUCLEAR DISPOSAL

Plan surfaces for new SC site

■ Group's proposal would allow spent fuel to be moved from the state's four nuclear power plant sites to be stored at the new facility.

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A plan has surfaced to establish another nuclear waste disposal ground in South Carolina, a state with a history of taking atomic refuse from across the country.

An organization called the Spent Fuel Reprocessing Group wants federal approval to open a disposal area near Barnwell and the Savannah River Site nuclear weapons complex. Spent fuel, a type of highly radioactive waste, would be moved from the state's four nuclear power plant sites and stored indefinitely at the new facility, records show.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in July received notice of the plan. The proposal is a long way from becoming reality, but if eventually approved by the federal government, it would create a place for nuclear waste disposal that is likely to draw opposition.

Several environmental groups said this week they are preparing to fight any effort to create what they called an atomic waste dumping ground. Politicians, including Gov. Nikki Haley, also expressed reservations Monday.

The subject of nuclear waste disposal is a touchy one in South Carolina because many people say the state has shouldered more than its share of the nuclear waste burden.

South Carolina already stores highly radioactive material from around the country and world at the Savannah River Site. It also has a low-level waste dump in Barnwell County that was used for decades to bury nuclear garbage from power plants across the country. That site has leaked radioactive tritium into groundwater.

Now, the government is being asked to allow a disposal site for high-level nuclear waste from power plants in South Carolina. The site would be near the Barnwell

SEE NUCLEAR, 2A

**ELECTIONS 2016: FIRST PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE**

DAMON WINTER / New York Times

Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton talk during the first presidential debate, at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., on Monday.

Clinton, Trump spar over plans

Opening debate features ferocious moments over candidates' pasts

BY MARK Z. BARABAK,
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Tribune Washington Bureau

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump launched into a spirited brawl Monday night as they met on stage for the first time, each jockeying for a breakout moment in their tightening race during a highly anticipated debate that often veered into sharply personal attacks.

The candidates repeatedly shouted over each other as they argued about their histories, their plans and the comments each of them has made during the presidential race.

Clinton pointed to Trump calling climate change a hoax, diminished his accomplishments in business and attacked his championing of a



DAMON WINTER / New York Times

Melania Trump and former president Bill Clinton shake hands before their respective spouses take the stage.

tax system as custom-made to help wealthy business owners like himself. She called it "Trumped-up trickle-down economics."

Her efforts to needle Trump were successful in drawing an

angry response from the temperamental GOP nominee, but he also repeatedly put Clinton on the defensive. He painted her as a hopeless bureaucrat

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Who do the local experts think won Monday night's debate? **7A**

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● Who do you think won the debate? Register your opinion online.

● Trump is still Trump, and Clinton doesn't take the bait. See the takeaways from Monday night's event.

● From Iraq to Trump's tax returns and audit, we check the facts on what was said.

● League of Women Voters to push voter registrations Tuesday.



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Republican nominee Donald Trump made his points during the first presidential debate Monday night. "I can bring back jobs," he told Hillary Clinton. "You can't bring back jobs."



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Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton told Trump, "Donald, I know you live in your own reality," saying the New York businessman constantly tells untruths.

GLOVES COME OFF IN FIRST DEBATE

Economic discussion veers far and wide
in spirited Trump-Clinton faceoff

Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton engaged in a spirited debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York, on Monday night, disagreeing early and often on how to make Americans' lives better.

Clinton frequently urged "fact-checkers" to evaluate Trump's claims. The candidates also sparred about his refusal to release his income taxes, how to deal with the Islamic State, crime in urban areas and many other issues.

The topics announced prior to the debate were

America's Direction, Achieving Prosperity and Securing America.

The debate ran about eight minutes past the 10:30 p.m. EDT stopping time as the candidates continued to argue.



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Report: Social issues impact county's health

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Socio-economic issues like affordable housing and fair wages are among the issues that most affect the health of Greenville County, a new community health assessment

nity, including the professional world, nonprofits and low-income neighborhoods, said Deb Long, director of the hospital's health community initiatives.

It identified nine top issues of concern: health care access for low-income people, community safety, education,

care, obesity and wellness, and housing/social environment, Long said. And a three-year plan to address those concerns was devised.

"As a health care system, our role is to respond to the needs of the community," said Alex Garvey, senior vice presi-

Hospitals, EMS target dangerous sepsis cases

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Sepsis is a dangerous and fast-moving medical condition that can take a life in a matter of hours.

Mary Lynn Bushong was one of its lucky victims.

She only lost a leg.

into a bone infection, which went into sepsis from there."

As the condition progressed, Bushong developed a fever. She couldn't eat or drink for days. And she was sleeping round the clock.

Her husband, Larry, was advised to get her to the hospital ASAP. And before long, doctors were amputating her



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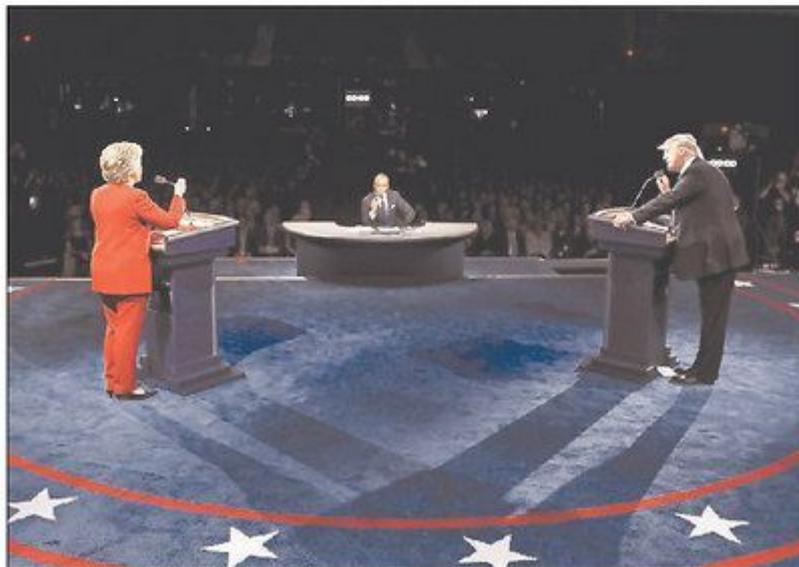
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PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE NO. 1

The gloves come off



Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton and Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump spar during the presidential debate at Hofstra University Monday in Hempstead, N.Y. JOE RAEDLE/POOL VIA AP

Clinton, Trump have fierce debate over taxes, race, terror

By Julie Pace and Jill Colvin
The Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — In a combative opening debate, Hillary Clinton emphatically denounced Donald Trump Monday night for keeping his personal tax returns and business dealings secret from voters and peddling a “racist lie” about President Barack Obama. Businessman Trump repeatedly cast Clinton as a “typical politician” as he sought to capitalize on Americans’ frustration with Washington.

Locked in an exceedingly close White House race, the presidential rivals tangled for 90 minutes over their vastly different visions for the nation’s future. Clinton called for lowering taxes for the middle class, while Trump focused more on renegotiating trade deals that he said



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, left, shakes hands with Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton before the first presidential debate on Monday. EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

have caused companies to move jobs out of the U.S. The Republican backed the controversial “stop-and-frisk policing” tactic as a way to bring down crime, while the Democrat said the policy was unconstitutional and ineffective.

The debate was heated from the start, with Trump frequently trying to interrupt Clinton and speaking over her answers. Clinton was more

measured and restrained, but also needed the sometimes-thin-skinned Trump over his business record and wealth.

“There’s something he’s hiding,” she declared, scoffing at his repeated contention that he won’t release his tax returns because he is being audited.

Trump aggressively tried to turn the transparency

CHARLESTON CHURCH MASSACRE

Hundreds of jurors report to court

Roof could face death penalty in federal trial

By BRUCE SMITH
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Dylann Roof, the man charged with massacring nine black parishioners at a Charleston church, mostly avoided eye contact Monday with the potential jurors who could give him a death sentence if they convict him of federal charges.

About 320 potential jurors reported to the courthouse in the city’s historic district on the first day of jury screening for Roof’s trial on charges of hate crimes resulting in death, obstruction of religion and other offenses in the June 2015 slaying at Emanuel AME Church.

He faces 33 federal counts altogether. Prosecutors allege he had talked of starting a race war before the killings and posed for online photos with the Confederate battle flag.

About 3,000 potential jurors were summoned — a pool that’s about 73 percent white and 23 percent black. The South Carolina population as a whole is 69 percent white and 28 percent black. The jurors are being brought into court during the coming days in groups of 80 for initial screening.

When the first group arrived, Roof, 22, was wearing a striped prison jumpsuit. Later he appeared in a blue cable-knit sweater and gray slacks, sitting between his attorneys at a table facing the jury pool.

Courthouse security was tight. About a dozen Department of Homeland Security personnel were at the entrances, while two of the agency’s vans were parked on the street. A court spokesman said some of the potential jurors were brought to the courthouse by

UPSTATE



Family of teen seeking answers

The family of 17-year-old Anna Marie Goode is urging authorities to provide answers in how their loved one was fatally shot inside a Spartanburg apartment. C1

Michelin announces distribution center plans

Michelin North America announced plans Monday to break ground later this year on a new \$270 million, 3.3 million-square-foot distribution center in Spartanburg County that will create 350 new jobs. C1

Two new restaurants in the works

A local restaurateur is planning to introduce a fusion of Hawaiian and Japanese cuisine to downtown Spartanburg. Also, three business partners are planning to open a Shane’s Rib Shack restaurant on Spartanburg’s west side. C4

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Disgruntled lawyer

A disgruntled lawyer had two weapons and more than 2,500 rounds of live ammunition when he randomly shot at drivers in a Houston neighborhood Monday morning, hitting

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RICK WILKING/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton debates Republican Donald Trump on Monday during the first presidential debate at Hofstra University.

CLINTON, TRUMP PLAY ROUGH IN 1ST DEBATE

DAVID JACKSON
USA TODAY

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. - Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump went after each other early and often during Monday's opening debate, arguing over race, trade, taxes, regulation, and whose economic approach would best generate growth and job creation.

"Donald, I know you live in your own reality," Clinton said during the highly anticipated showdown at Hofstra University, saying the New York businessman constantly tells untruths, promotes "trickle down" economics that benefits the wealthy, and has dabbled in racism.

Republican Trump said the former secretary of state, U.S. senator and first

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lady is a "typical politician" who has pushed bad policies for 30 years, particularly in trade, and wants to increase taxes and regulations on businesses that are already struggling to survive.

"I can bring back jobs," Trump told Clinton at one point. "You can't bring back jobs."

Issues of race drew some of the sharpest exchanges of the night.

Trump avoided answering why he suddenly announced he now believes President Barack Obama was born in Hawaii, after years of suggesting otherwise. He again accused Clinton partisans of spreading "birtherism" during the 2008 Democratic primaries, though no evidence ties it directly to her campaign.

Clinton said Trump built his political career by promoting the "racist lie" that Obama was not an American citizen. Noting that a Trump company was sued for housing discrimination back in the 1970s, Clinton said "he has a long history of engaging in racist behavior."

Asked about a spate of police shootings and racial unrest, Clinton said, "we

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Mackey family seeks mayor's support

Sheriff's investigators contend that property dispute led to shooting

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The family of Pat Charles Mackey met with Anderson Mayor Terence Roberts late Monday to ask him for help in getting information about Mackey's fatal shooting.

Mackey, 57, was shot July 27 in Iva during a dispute with his neighbor, according to the Anderson County Sheriff's Office. Mackey's neighbor has not been charged, and investigators have refused to disclose his identity. Sheriff's investigators say they believe Mackey died because of a property dispute.

But Mackey's family believes that his death is linked to "racism and adultery," said Greenville activist Traci Fant. The family says that Mackey, a black man, had been bothered by his white neighbor multiple times over the years before Mackey was killed. Mackey's sister, Mary Mackey-Simpson, also said that her brother was having an affair with a white woman before he died.

"There are two sets of laws for two sets of people," said Mackey-Simpson. "I believe if my brother had shot and killed his neighbor instead of the other way around, my brother would be in jail."

She and about a dozen supporters sat in the Anderson City Council meeting and met with Roberts immediately after it ended. The group

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In other business

» A petition to revise plans for The Village at Glenwood was referred to the planning commission. The residential development would encompass 18.5 acres at Glenwood Avenue and Bleckley Street.

» The City Council appointed Councilman Matt Harbin to the Innovate Anderson Board of Directors.

» The council approved spending more than \$150,000 to replace old or failing equipment at the Generostee Creek and Rocky River wastewater treatment plants.

Truck driver charged in church bus wreck on I-85

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Trooper Joe Hovis.

The pickup truck, driven by 30-year-old Christopher Mezzanese of Charlotte



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'He was real adventurous and fun'

Gray Court man who drowned is remembered for exuberant personality

By **ADAM BENSON**
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After Carlos "Chip" Childs Jr. decided to leap into Lake Greenwood off the back of a pickup truck as it traveled across a bridge Sunday evening, those who knew him say it was just a part of the spirited personality that defined his life.

"He was real adventurous and really fun. I never seen him sad at all, and he helped me through a lot of situations in my life," said Nikki Kirk, a close friend of Childs.

Childs' body was recovered about four hours after his 6:30 p.m. plunge.

"He's always done really crazy, dare-

devilish stuff. It definitely wasn't out of his personality, that's how he was," Kirk said.

Childs' son, Jordan, said he last spoke with his father, who worked for an industrial fan installation company, on Saturday. Jordan Childs, who lives in Charleston, said the two were close and talked about twice a week. They shared a mutual love for the Clemson Tigers.

"He was always the center of attention, making everyone laugh and stay happy," said Jordan Childs, 20. "He was an amazing person."

For those he cared about, the 41-year-old Gray Court resident was quick with advice, a smile or a hug. He also stayed in trouble with the

law. Chip Childs was charged with attempted murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime in connection with a July 2 stabbing at The Waterhole Bar in Laurens and was out on bond at the time of his death.

Those in Chip Childs' inner circle said his jump off the Harris Landing bridge was nothing but a terrible accident.

"He'd done that as a kid and he was thinking he could do it again, and it just turned tragic. It wasn't intentional at all," said longtime family friend Kim Davis Baumgardner.

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Carlos "Chip" Childs Jr., right, poses with longtime friend Daniel Baumgardner. Childs drowned Sunday at Harris Landing on Lake Greenwood.

"I think my strongest asset by far is my temperament."

— DONALD TRUMP

during the first 2016 presidential debate

AN IMPOLITE DISCOURSE



Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, left, and Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton speak at the same time during the presidential debate on Monday at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

Clinton, Trump battle fiercely over taxes, race, terror

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Board gives superintendent positive evaluation

By **ARIEL GILREATH**
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With 10 years in the school district under his belt, Greenwood County School District

50 Superintendent Darrell Johnson received his 10th annual evaluation as well as a pay raise Monday evening.



DARRELL JOHNSON

After board members spent about 45 minutes behind closed doors evaluating Johnson's performance in the district, they unanimously approved an amendment to Johnson's contract to reflect a 4 percent pay increase.

The increase puts Johnson's salary at \$169,329.28, which is up from \$162,816.62. Last year, Johnson received a 2 percent pay increase.

The board did not extend or amend Johnson's contract date, which is set to end in 2021.

Board Chairman Shell Dula said the increase is built into Johnson's contract if he receives a positive evaluation and is equal to the percentage increase teachers receive.

"We discussed other possible increases, and Dr. Johnson basically said he was fine where we were, that the same increase that the teachers got would be fine with him," Dula said. "I think that says an awful lot about the character and the integrity of Dr. Johnson."



Aiken plays 'fore' the pets | 2A

Golf ball drop highlights FOTAS tourney

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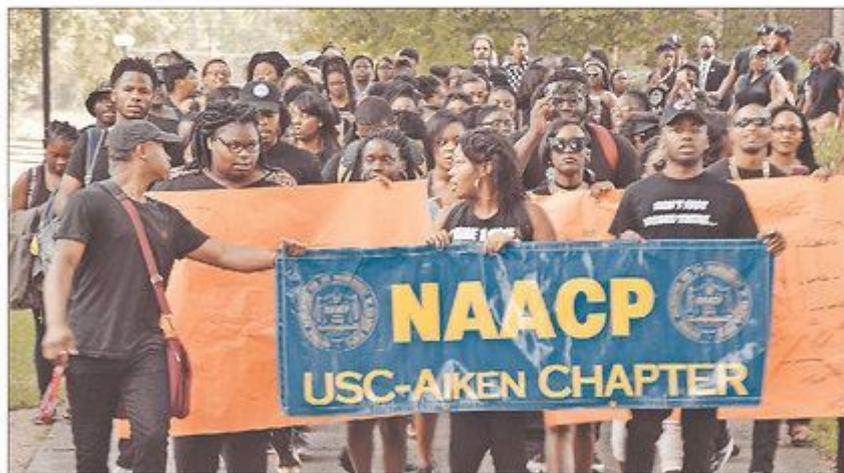
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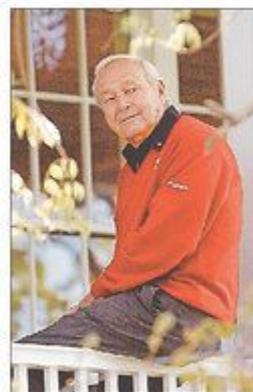
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'This doesn't define us'



Students and officials at USC Aiken took part in a student-led protest and silent sit-in Monday after an alleged student made an inappropriate statement on Twitter over the weekend.

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This 2004 photo shows four-time Masters Tournament champion Arnold Palmer sitting on the clubhouse railing at Augusta National Golf Club.

Arnold Palmer fans share memories

BY BILL BENGITSON AND DEDE BILES
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The late Arnold Palmer, known to millions of golf fans around the world, was much more than a figure in the distance or in the media for some CSRA residents.

The golf great visited the area annually over the course of several decades, appearing as a competitor — and four-time Masters Tournament winner — at Augusta National Golf Club.

Aiken resident Charles Hartz, chairman of the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce,

is among those who knew Palmer personally. Hartz, also known as the "Dunkin' Donuts

franchisee for Aiken and North Augusta, operated "five or six different country clubs" for Palmer during the 1990s.

"He was pretty actively involved in the business back then," said Hartz. He described Palmer, who died Sunday in Pittsburgh at age 87, as "the real deal" in terms of friendliness.

"He lived up to everything everybody said about him... He was just so good with the people. He loved to do the

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USCA students march, hold sit-in after 'hateful speech' tweet

BY MARIAN SCHECHTER
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I was a post to Twitter that many thought would tear USC Aiken apart, but on Monday afternoon beneath the dense trees that make up the center of the university's campus, students refused to let that happen. "This doesn't define us," said junior Sydney Marsh, 20. "This was one post, one person, and this person doesn't define who we are as a whole."

Last week, during the two to three days when out-of-town guests visit their students on campus for an annual family weekend, the university's social media team received word of an inappropriate tweet allegedly made by a current student.

The tweet, which remains under the investigation by state and campus law enforcement, used a racial slur, called the Black Lives Matter movement a "joke" and threatened to blow up Westwood High School in Columbia. The tweet followed a reported demonstration at the high school in response to two recent officer-involved shootings of black men.

The *Aiken Standard* has been unable to verify the author of the tweet, as the Twitter account has since been deactivated.

On Monday, USCA students, faculty and staff, including USCA Chancellor Dr. Sandra Jordan, walked twice around the center of the university's campus.



STAFF PHOTO BY MARIAN SCHECHTER

James Paisley wears a shirt that reads "Black Lives Matter" during a student-led protest and silent sit-in at USC Aiken on Monday.

Most wearing black, the protest for many was a symbol to show that ignorance is not welcome on campus.

"It's always nice to see people coming together as one for a cause," said Ty Wright, a junior at USCA. "But, there's always more work to do."

For Martin Pope, a junior, who also grew up in Aiken, he said he's encountered several of what he called "racial situations," but he never thought

VIDEOS
Watch video from Monday's march and sit-in at USC Aiken at aikenstandard.com

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it would happen in Aiken, let alone USCA.

USCA, he said, is all about diversity. He even went as far to credit the university's required class for freshmen called "Critical Inquiry," which gives freshmen the opportunity to walk in with an open mind and hear different viewpoints, he said.

Senior James Paisley, who is white, wore a black T-shirt with white lettering that spelled out "Black Lives Matter" during the march. Several students banded around him, taking photos with him.

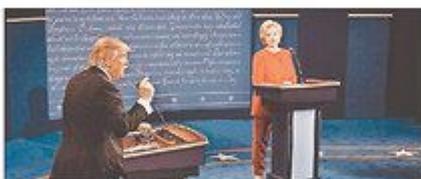
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WEATHER

Clinton, Trump clash in first presidential debate



BY JULIE PACE AND JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

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DRIVER TRAPPED IN I-95 ACCIDENT

West Florence firefighter Riley Poccer uses a saw to open the side of the trailer to access the main body of fire.



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FLORENCE A driver was trapped in a vehicle late Sunday night after colliding with an 18-wheeler on Interstate 95 near the U.S. 52 exit. First responders freed the driver moments before the vehicle caught on fire. For more, see Page 3A.

Presidential debate

In this corner ...



JOSHUA LLOYD/MORNING NEWS

Several Florence registered voters watch the presidential debate Monday during a watch party at 1031 Grill and Taproom in downtown Florence.

Florence voters gather downtown to watch Clinton, Trump debate

BY JOSHUA LLOYD
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were in support of Clinton but had mixed opinions on the performance each candidate gave.

FLORENCE — 2016 presidential candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton debated publicly for the first time Monday night, and dozens of Florentines gathered at 1031 Grill and Taproom to watch the show.

State Rep. Terry Alexander, a Florence Democrat who supported Bernie Sanders in the primaries, coordinated the event. He believed Clinton came out on top in regard to policy but saw Trump in a more

Most attendees Monday

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Veterans Day

Vietnamese-born US Army general to speak at event

from staff reports

FLORENCE — Brigadier General Viet Luong will be the keynote speaker during the annual Veterans Day proceedings on Nov. 11 at the Florence Veterans Park.

Luong was the first Vietnamese-born general/flag officer in the U.S. military and he currently serves as the chief of staff of Army Central Command at Shaw Air Force Base.

Retired Army Col. Barry Wingard said that as this year's speaker, Luong will be added to a list of notable guests who have attended the Veterans Day ceremonies in Florence, including the current director of

Veterans Day and this year is no exception," Wingard said. "Luong will follow in the established tradition. And, recently returned from a year in Afghanistan, his message will be very current."

Luong immigrated to the United States as a political refugee when he was only 9 years old. During Operation Frequent Wind, a mission to rescue Vietnamese citizens from the country during the war, Luong and his family escaped from South Vietnam on a Marine Corps helicopter.

In a report from NPR, Luong recalled boarding the helicopter and landing on the deck of the carrier ship

MIRACLE LEAGUE

Play ball!



PHOTOS BY JESSICA IMBIMBO/MORNING NEWS

Players on the purple team get high-fives Monday from Florence-Darlington Tech baseball players before the start of the 2016 Miracle League fall season.

Organization opens fall season with more than 100 players

BY JESSICA IMBIMBO
Morning News
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FLORENCE — After two weeks of rainouts, the Miracle League of Florence County finally was able to start its fall season during a beautiful Monday evening at the Savannah Grove Complex.

More than 100 players signed up to play in this year's Miracle League games, which is the largest amount of participants the league has had since it began in 2014. Miracle League President Kevin Elliot said he is amazed by the growth the



ABOVE: Kaden Odom steps up to the plate for a hit during the Miracle League opening night.

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SPORTS



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SUMTER COUNTY FAIR OPENS

The American Legion Post No. 15 Sumter County Fair opens officially today. The rides, exhibits and entertainment are all ready to greet visitors on the midway. And the french fries will soon be sizzling in the oil at the Potato House.

OPENING DAY

Today

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5 p.m. — GATES AND MIDWAY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

All day — All American Petting Zoo & Racing Pigs

5 to 10 p.m. — All exhibits on display

5:30 and 8 p.m. — Magic of Lance Gifford

6 and 8:45 p.m. — High Flying Pages (trapeze)

8 and 9:30 p.m. — On the Edge 2-Wheel Action Show

Midnight — Midway closes

Read more about the fair on page A2.

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Mary Alice Harvin
Wilma Jean Hatcher
Shanna Williams-Pitts
Justin Boyd
William Copeland
Anthony Leonard

Roosevelt H. Green
Gussie D. Wilson
Lylah Rose Driggers
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Maurice L. Milliner

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Sheriff's office will buy 100 body cameras by year's end

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Sumter County Sheriff's Office plans to purchase 100 body-worn cameras before the end of the year after the South Carolina Department of Public Safety awarded the office \$73,000 to do so.

Major Allen Dailey said the sheriff's office was awarded the money on Aug. 1 but has not yet received



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the funding. He expects that it should arrive within the next few days.

Dailey said the sheriff's office requested \$110,000. He said he does not think many agencies in the state received the exact amount of funding requested.

He said part of the state funding

will be used to reimburse the sheriff's office for the \$9,200 it spent to purchase 100 cameras at about \$100 each in February 2015.

Dailey said the sheriff's office plans to order 100 new cameras at approximately \$450 each, about \$45,000 in total, and spend between \$16,000 and \$20,000 to purchase a new server for the cameras.

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More than 1,000 attend Oktoberfest



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Becky Andrie and her husband, Craig, get mustard for their bratwurst during Oktoberfest on Main on Saturday night. More than 1,000 people attended the seventh-annual event on Main Street for traditional German beer, food, music and dance.

Guests try traditional German food, dance at fundraiser for ministry

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Traditional German beer, food, music and dance combined to make Oktoberfest on Main a hit locally for the seventh year in a row Saturday.

Greg and Danielle Thompson, owners of Hamptons and Sidebar on Main, said the event was a great way to draw people downtown, attracting more than 1,000 attendees.

They hope to beat last year's total of about \$30,000 in proceeds from the event to donate to Sumter United Ministries. The countywide nonprofit provides services such as food, home repair, financial aid, medical care and emergency shelter.

Oktoberfest is the world's largest



The Walhalla Bavarian Dancers teach members of the crowd attending Sumter's Oktoberfest how to do traditional dances during the festival Saturday night on

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