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Health chief offers apology

Sebelius vows botched
website will be fixed

By Kelly Kennedy
and Catalina Camis
USA Today

WASHINGTON — Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius apologized to Americans on Wednesday for the troubled rollout of the national health care law and its dysfunctional website. "You deserve better," Sebelius said as she began her testimony to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. "I apologize. I'm accountable to you for fixing these problems."

As Republican calls for her resignation grow louder, Sebelius was subjected to sharp and partisan grilling from House members who asked her about technology, website security, the law's mandate that people obtain insurance, and a host of other issues. The hearing grew testy at times.

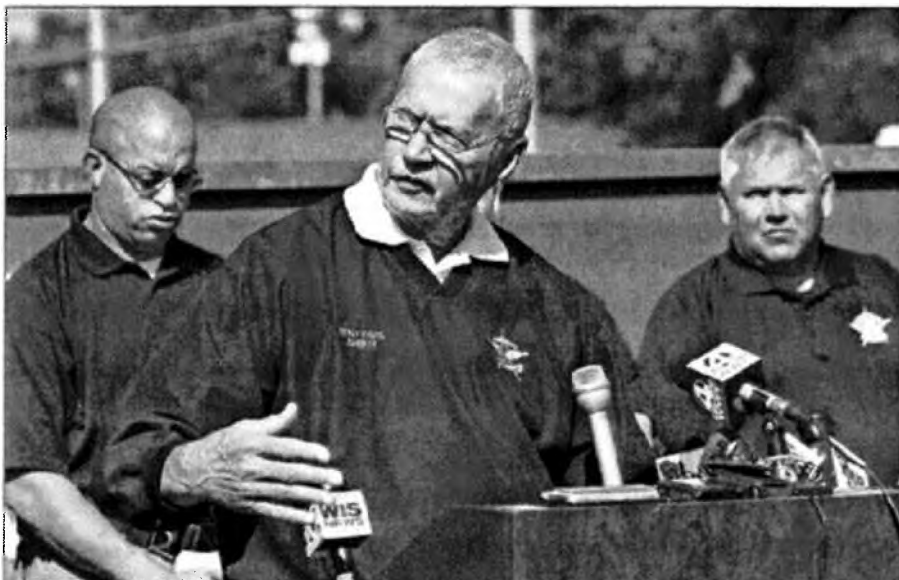
"Hold me accountable for the debacle. I'm responsible," Sebelius said after a heated exchange with Rep. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., about who was in charge of the website.

Asked for an accounting of federal dollars, Sebelius said the government so far has spent \$118 mil-

MASS SHOOTINGS STUN COMMUNITY

Officers, residents shaken
by deaths of 2 children,
4 adults in Greenwood

'Once you see a horrific
scene like this, it never
leaves you,' sheriff says



Greenwood County Sheriff Tony Davis said officers discovered a "horrific scene" when they entered the house where four adults and two children were found dead in what authorities are calling a murder-suicide. (AP Photo/Steve Delaney)

By David Dykes
Staff Writer

GREENWOOD — The sun burned through a morning haze Wednesday as Greenwood County residents awoke and sought answers to a horrific night of violence that left six people dead.

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All of the victims died of gunshot wounds, and Davis said "yes" when asked if they were executed.

Davis said the shootings stemmed from a domestic



A man is seen to be outside at this Greenwood home, called



Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius testifies Wednesday on Capitol Hill.
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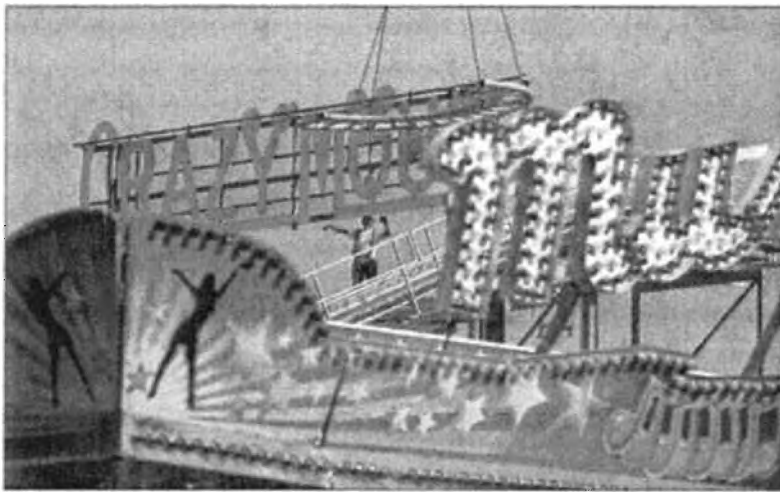
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Midway beckons

Coastal Carolina Fair stresses safety, with same thrills, treats as always



A worker guides the Crazy Mouse track as it is lowered into place at the Coastal Carolina Fair on Wednesday in Ladson.

BY BRENDAN RUSTENGE || bit.ly/dgpostandcourier

It's fall, it must be time for the Coastal Carolina Fair. Now in its 57th year, the fair draws more than 250,000 people to the Exchange Park during its 10-day run each year and pumps about \$750,000 annually into local charities.

The fair, run by the Exchange Club of Charleston, opens Thursday and will run through Nov. 10. "As always, we are promoting a safe and secure fair," said spokeswoman for Polk Inc. "You can't have fun if you don't feel safe."

As part of those safety measures, back bags, backpacks, bags and coolers are banned, and fair officials will not issue or hold these items for people who have them. Smokers are allowed.

"We are strongly discouraging backpacks, but common sense will prevail," said Polk Inc. "We recognize that mothers with children certainly need to carry certain things and people with health issues sometimes have to carry a cooler for their medicine. The only thing that might happen is a confused inspection."

Another new safety measure involves lost children. In addition to child identification signs and

sensibands that are available at the fair, parents will be encouraged to take a photo of their child on their cell phone or tablet at the entrance, where height charts will be posted. If the child gets lost, an accurate photo can be disseminated to deputies working at the fair.

Also, a spinning ride called the Vortex, which was scheduled to be part of the 57th annual fair, was replaced by the Nemesis 160.

Five people were injured when they fell off the Vortex at the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh last week. The operator, who works for an independent ride contractor, was charged with tampering with the ride, but fair officials did not want to take any chances.

"The Nemesis was here about three years ago and was a big draw here," Polk Inc. said. "We think it will be again this year."

Graham approval takes a plunge

Poll: Numbers up a bit for Haley

BY SCHUYLER KROPP
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U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham's popularity among South Carolinians has taken a steady dip in recent months, but the latest poll may be a sign of things to come.

Meanwhile, Gov. Nikki Haley's approval rating has "flipped up" slightly since February — to nearly 45 percent among all registered voters — though pollsters warn it is far too early to read much into the numbers.

The results come from a Winthrop University poll, released Wednesday, that surveyed the attitudes of nearly 900 residents in the aftermath of the 36-day partial federal government shutdown.

The most notable finding showed the approval ratings for Graham, R-S.C., have fallen off significantly with three other less-known GOP candidates waiting in the wings.

As recently as February, the state's senior senator carried a 73 percent approval level among Republicans and conservative independents who lean toward the GOP. That's fallen to a 45 percent approval rating today — a 27 percent drop that places him below the more solid 50 percent threshold.

Winthrop political scientist Scott Hoffman, who conducted the poll, said Graham's numbers are most



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GALLERY: For more photos, go to postandcourier.com/gallery.

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Sheriff: Greenwood killer, out on bond, executed five people

By DAVID DYKES
The Greenville News

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All of the victims died of gunshot wounds, and Davis said "yes" when asked if they were

executed.

Davis said the shootings stemmed from a domestic dispute, and Sweat died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The case was considered a murder-suicide, according to an incident report.

Davis and Greenwood County Coroner Sonny Cox identified other victims as Richard Allen

Fields, 51, of 2007 Callison Highway, where the shootings took place; his wife, Melissa Kay Fields, 49, of 2007 Callison Highway; their daughter, Chandra Marie Fields, 26, of 235 Florida Ave.; and their grandchildren, Tariq Kenyon Robinson, 11, of 2007 Callison Highway; and William Asa Robinson, 9, of 2007 Callison Highway.

Chandra Fields had dated Sweat, Davis said.

A seventh-month-old child, reportedly the killer's daughter, was carried to safety during the incident that was first reported with a 911 call at 5:54 p.m. Tuesday, the sheriff said. The child was one of four children who

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SOME CANDY WOULD BE DANDY



Latest mayoral campaign figures favor incumbent in Tuesday's vote

By CLIP LEBLANC
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By the numbers knowable to voters, Mayor Steve Benjamin is poised to stroll into a second term.

His fundraising has eclipsed the challenger, Councilman Moe Baddourah.

Benjamin's campaign organization is, well, organized.

Columbia's voter base continues to lean to his benefit.

A new but small, private poll shows Benjamin with a 39-point edge within a week of the Nov. 5 election, though nearly 30 percent of the 370 respondents in a Cramford Research telephone survey said they're undecided.



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Uncover the bloody history of Edgefield

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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The square in downtown Edgefield is as picturesque as one can ask for, but look closer and you'll see markers and stones commemorating some of the bloodiest moments in what is a violent history for the town.

A deadly duel, a shooting spurred by a card game, a charming seductress who seduced her husband to death and even a violent assault with a cane on the floor of the U.S. Senate — all well known figures in a bloody history for the quiet town. Tricia Glenn, an archivist for the Edgefield County Archives, has spent years poring through court documents, newspapers and coroner's reports pertaining to the county's grisly former image.

"I decided to document everything to do with violence," she said. "It's not just murder; it's all the other little crimes that happen."

She's currently focusing on the time period from the town's establishment in 1785 to the end of the Reconstruction period following the Civil War.

"By far, when you see it all laid out like that, the violence in Edgefield was beyond description. At one point, there were 30 murders in one month," Glenn said. "During Reconstruction, it was a very violent time here."

'Every man for himself'

Glenn said the Cherokee War of 1760-1761 sparked a wave of violence with the emergence of the Regulators. This vigilante movement believed one should forgive one's enemies, "but not before they were flogged or hanged."

By the time Edgefield County was established in 1785, the Indian wars, the Regulator movement and the American Revolution had created the resilient and feisty leaders of Edgefield's future, according to Glenn.



STAFF PHOTO BY DEDE BILES

Pictured is Ashley Hatcher, who portrayed legendary Edgefield murderer Becky Cotton in the play 'The Devil in Petticoats' last year at the Edgefield County Theatre Company.

While general crime in Edgefield was no worse than in other parts of the country, Glenn said it was more publicized because it was often Edgefield's prominent, politically active citizens implicated in the violence.

"The shootouts, everybody carrying guns, the whole backcountry wild west movement subsided before the Civil War," she said. "After the Civil War, it was every man for himself."

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Student saves man in tractor accident

Aiken High grad reacts quickly to trapped man

BY DEDE BILES

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Aiken High graduate Alex Poda and two other members of the Limestone College men's tennis team recently earned praise for their quick response during an emergency at the Gaffney-based school.

"They did a great job," Gaffney Fire Chief

Jamie Caggiano told *The Gaffney Ledger* after the three students helped a Limestone employee, Chad Hickey, who was trapped underneath a lawn tractor when it turned over on a hillside.

During a phone interview with the *Aiken Standard* five days later, Poda discussed the afternoon incident in detail and his role in the rescue.

"I had been through the seminars and stuff that all kids go through on how to react during a crisis situation," said the Limestone sophomore. "It's easy to tell people how to respond, but it's hard to actually respond. With the three of us being teammates, I think we were all kind of on the same wavelength, so that helped us coordinate what everybody was doing."

Poda, George Green of England and Benji Lacort Diaz of Mexico were practicing on Limestone's tennis courts and didn't realize anyone was in trouble nearby until a ball was hit over a fence.

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COMING FRIDAY

Local family passes down the gown —

Baptism ceremony celebrated with sharing of generations-old dress

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The right costume

Imagine fear: the grip of anxiety, the dulling of the senses as paralysis grips your fear-tensed body. That's right. Today is Halloween and you still haven't decided what you're going to wear for tonight's Halloween party. **PAGE E1**

Concussion risk

A new report has revealed big gaps in what is known about the risk of concussion in youth sports, especially for athletes who surf up before high school. **PAGE A4**

Asking for help

Nearly two years after pushing out the U.S. military, Iraq is asking for more American weapons, training and manpower to help fight a bloody resurgence of al-Qaida. **PAGE A6**

Community effort

More than 10,000 people who might not otherwise get a meal on Thanksgiving will have a hot, homemade turkey dinner delivered to them thanks to the generosity of volunteers and donors. **PAGE C1**

Sheriff: Family slain over dispute

Custody fight ends in 'horrific scene'

By MITCH WEISS
The Associated Press

GREENWOOD — Bryan Sweatt was in the middle of a custody fight with his girlfriend over their 7-month-old daughter and facing a burglary charge that could put him in jail for years.

His girlfriend's father had warned him to stay away from his

house and the dirt track Sweatt had built in the backyard for his all-terrain vehicles.

Then on Tuesday afternoon, Sweatt broke into the parents' house and waited for them and the girlfriend to come home, police said. When they did, Sweatt fatally shot his girlfriend, her parents and two children living there, before turning the gun on himself, Greenwood County Sheriff Tony Davis said.

"Once you see a horrific scene

like this it never leaves you. It's with you day in and day out," he said.

The victims were identified as Richard Fields, 51; his wife, Melissa Fields, 49; their daughter Chandra Fields, 26; and two of the couple's grandchildren who lived with them: William Robinson, 9; and Tariq Robinson, 11.

Davis didn't specify a motive for the shootings but said it appears they stemmed from a "domestic violence situation."

He said Sweatt felt that Chandra Fields wasn't allowing him to see their infant child often enough. The girl was not among the dead.

He said that Sweatt had called 911 while he was in the Fields' house, stating that he was on the edge and contemplating suicide, before hanging up.

It's unclear how many — if any — victims had been shot before he made the call at 5:54 p.m. Tuesday.

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'I AM SOMEBODY'



The Rev. Jesse Jackson gives a thumbs-up as he picks up first-grader Tamijae Murphy while touring the Cleveland Academy of Leadership in Spartanburg on Wednesday afternoon.



EVAN VUCKO/P

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington on Wednesday before a House committee hearing on the difficulties plaguing the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Obama answers for faulty website

President says he will see it gets fixed

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama claimed "full responsibility" Wednesday for

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

The Item



MATT WALSH / THE ITEM

Bentley Mixon and McKalay Sumners check out their candy from Wednesday's trunk or treat at Northside Memorial Baptist Church.

STAY SAFE TONIGHT

The Sumter Police Department encourages you to remind children of the following safety tips, and abide by them yourself, so everyone can enjoy a fun and safe Halloween.

PARENTS

- Always escort your children and carry a flashlight.
- Know the neighborhood where your children will be trick-or-treating.
- Inspect all treats before allowing children to eat them.
- Instruct your children to never enter a home.
- Stay in well-lit areas.

TRICK-OR-TREATERS

- Do not trick-or-treat by yourself.
- Only trick-or-treat at homes with porch lights on.
- Never approach a car offering candy.
- Wait until you get home before eating any treats.
- Don't take shortcuts. Stay on well-lit main streets.

America's favorite Halloween candy:

1. Reese's
2. M&M's
3. Snickers
4. Hershey's
5. Kit Kat
6. Twix
7. 3 Musketeers
8. Hershey's

Rare illness strikes boy, 15

5K will benefit teenager with brain tumor

BY JADE ANDERSON
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The day after he turned 15, Marcus White was struck with a strange illness.

The Sumter High School student lost feeling in his left leg and right arm. Before long, he lost facial sensation and the ability to swallow.

It would take three hospitals and one month to name the culprit that struck the member of Scout Troop 331: glioblastoma, a brain tumor rarely found in children and teenagers.

"My wife and I were visiting the day he was diagnosed," said Spencer Crandall, a family friend. "I've stepped onto a lot of battlefields, and I know a lot of special forces. I've often looked into their eyes before they go out to conduct a message. I looked into



MARCUS

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Store robbed, again

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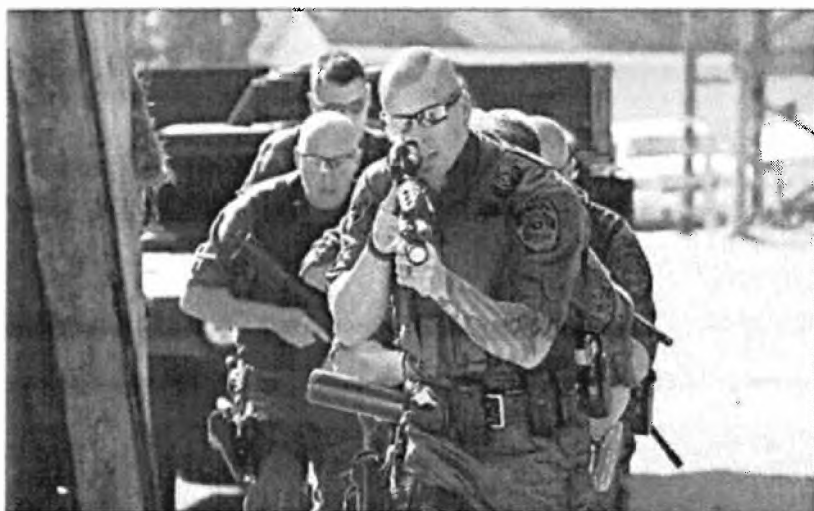
For the second time this year, a store clerk has been beaten and robbed at a South Lafayette grocery store.

A man in his 50s was taken to the hospital after he was reportedly attacked behind the store counter and



HIGH SCHOOL GAMEDAY
Oglesby, Lions preparing for archival Bobcats in season finale. **C1**

BUSINESS: Local car dealership presents check for breast cancer. **D6**
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Seneca Tactical Response Team members charge into action with their weapons drawn while training Wednesday at the Oconee County Advanced Firearms and Tactical Training Center on the outskirts of Walhalla.

SENECA POLICE TACTICAL RESPONSE TEAM HOPES FOR THE BEST, BUT STAYS

PREPARED FOR THE WORST

BY CARLOS GALARZA-YEVE
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA —

The armored military truck rumbled across a dirt road and came to a stop. From the bed jumped a band of vested men carrying automatic weapons.

Quickly they filed semi-erect one behind the other and headed straight toward a building with weapons drawn. The leader tossed an explosive device — a flashbang — to the ground. The loud explosive produced a bright light, and amid the distraction, the armed men



Seneca Police Lt. Joe Hamilton holds on to his K-9 partner, Ava, while officer Mike Teramano assists Tactical Response Team (TRT) leader Mark Tiller on the ground during a drill Wednesday. The TRT squad trains once a month to handle dangerous and sometimes violent situations that might arise.

practice and more practice for a band of Seneca Police officers who stepped away from their

called extracurricular activity. The 11 officers belong to the Seneca Tactical Response

Officers gear up for Halloween

Police focused on safety, checking up on sex offenders

BY NORMAN CAMMADA
THE JOURNAL

As local children get dressed in their costumes, makeup and masks for an evening of trick-or-treating, local law enforcement officers will be out concentrating on neighborhoods where children and their families will be out in search of candy.

"Instead of adding personnel, what we're planning on doing is increasing our residential patrols, focus on the neighborhoods and be seen where we most expect the kids to be," said Capt. Jeff Underwood, who oversees the road patrol division for the Oconee County Sheriff's Office. "We'll

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'A record-breaking year' for Clemson

BY NORMAN CAMMADA
THE JOURNAL

CLEMSON — While building permits throughout the area are showing 2013 as the best year for new homes in recent years, the City of Clemson has seen the most dramatic increase, with more permits for

EDITOR'S NOTE

This is the second part in a series on construction growth in Oconee and Pickens counties.

new homes this year than in the previous six years combined.

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New housing project proposed

BY GREG OLIVER
THE JOURNAL

CLEMSON — A mixed-use project consisting of student housing and commercial space is being proposed along Old

Highway 26 in Clemson. The yet-to-be named development would be located on property owned by Parceler Development, formerly known as Milliken, in the southern portion of the

Darlington gets on board early ed push

District talks with FSDI, makes first moves toward expanding to birth to 5

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BY ELLEN MEYER
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DARLINGTON — Darlington educators and advocates came together Wednesday to discuss the expansion of early childhood education for the county and learn from a neighboring school district's success.

Darlington County First Steps and the county school district hosted a meeting to talk about

ways to improve education for children so that they are prepared when they enter kindergarten. Guests from Florence School District 1 spoke on the district's five-year plan to improve education from birth to 5 years old that was approved last spring and is in motion this school year.

"We at Darlington County want to take a great school system and

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READY FOR TRICKS, TREATS



Madison Parker (left) and Jenna Barino (right), dressed as killer clowns entertain Jayden (second from left) and Jaheim Reed on Wednesday night on *It's All Drive* in Florence. Debra and David Barino have gone all out with Halloween decorations this year. To see more photos, visit

THESE ARE THE NEW CARS **SECTION.COM**

Darlington District pays the family of assaulted disabled child

DECLARATION

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DARLINGTON — The Darlington County School district has agreed to pay \$150,000 to the family of a disabled St. John Elementary School student who was assaulted by two district employees on a school bus in April 2012.

ONLINE

To read more and see video from the April 2012 incident, go to

Court documents show the case was settled last month and that the insurer denied liability for the injuries to the child who

was 10 years old at the time he was shaken and slapped by the two employees.

It agreed to pay the settlement to be released of all claims.

The two women, Rosanna Dudley and Tomeka Danielle Self, both of Darlington, lost their positions with the district and were charged with simple assault and battery after the Darlington Police Department reviewed video from the bus.

Law officers called the video "disturbing" and said that it showed the teaching assistant and behavioral manager slapping the boy as they restrained him with a safety harness.

How the penny crumbles

What a re-issuance of the penny tax would mean to Florence, Quinby, Timmonsville

BY CLARENCE JACKSON

More than 100,000 people are expected to attend the event, which will be held at the same time and place as last year's.

This is the first of a four-part series on the projects and municipalities that are part of the Capital Project Sales Tax that will be on the Nov. 5 ballot for Florence County voters.

FLORENCE — Of the \$145 million in projects that makes up the total capital project sales Tax referendum on the ballot Tuesday, the greater Florence area (consisting of the city and nearby unincorporated areas), Timmonsville and Quinby would receive \$47.5 million for projects.

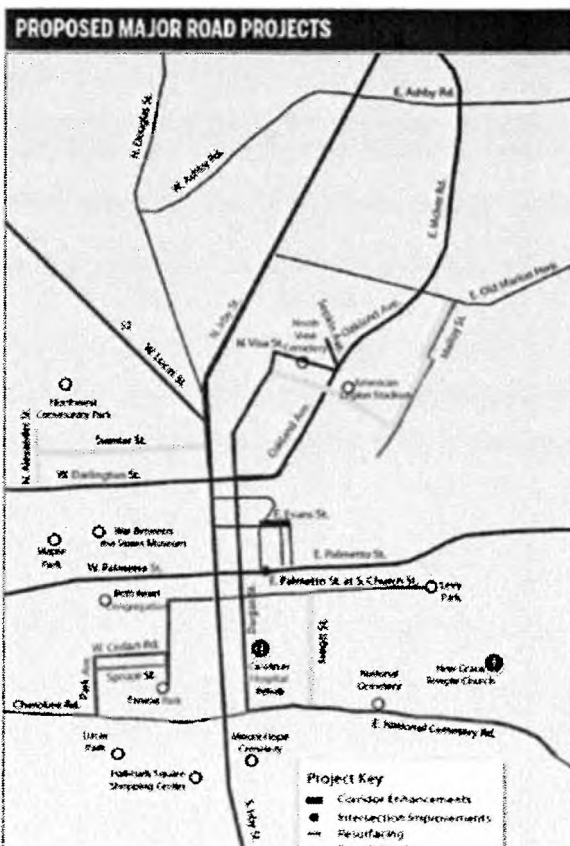
The referendum authorizes the county to issue a bond for up to \$125 million to begin county-

wide projects totaling \$108.7 million. Work on these 82 projects would be funded by the bond and will benefit

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would be funded on a pay-as-you-go basis and would occur later in the seven-year life of the





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Six slain in Greenwood

By NITCH WEISS
Associated Press

GREENWOOD — A South Carolina man in a custody dispute with a neighbor's daughter broke into her parents' home and fatally shot the woman, her parents and two children, the sheriff said. The man then killed himself.

Investigators found the bodies of six people ranging in age from 9 to 51 when they re-

sponded Tuesday to a call from a man who said he was thinking about hurting himself.

Greenwood County Sheriff Tony Davis identified the man who fired the shots as 27-year-old Bryan Sweatt. Davis said Sweatt felt that the woman he had dated wasn't allowing him to see their infant child often enough. The infant was not among the dead.

Investigators believe Sweatt broke into the home and waited

for the victims to return, Davis said, adding that the shootings looked like executions.

The victims were Richard Fields, 51; his wife, Melissa Fields, 40; their daughter Chandra Fields, 26; and two of the couple's grandchildren who lived with them: William Robinson, 9; and Tariq Robinson, 11.

SWAT team members who entered the house found the bodies in three different

rooms.

"Once you see a grisly scene like this it never leaves you," Davis said.

Sweatt has a lengthy arrest record that dates back nearly a decade, according to state police records. Most of his charges were related to property crimes, such as burglary on hunger, although he was arrested once on aggravated as-

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Top issues in OCSD 5 race listed as morale, student achievement

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
T&D Staff Writer

Ten candidates are vying for four seats on the Orangeburg Consolidated School District 5 school board.

The board incumbents are all running for re-election and facing challengers — in some cases, multiple challengers.

In the contest for seat 1, George A. Robinson and Wilma T. Trueswell are challenging incumbent Susan C. Gleaton; for seat 3, three challengers — Idella A. Carson, Dr. Gloria Winkler, and Dr. Keda Kahu — are seeking to unseat incumbents Rev. Nathaniel McMillan and Julius Page; and for seat 5, incumbent Vernon Stephens is facing off with Trudy Patrick Stevenson.

For seat 3, the top two vote-getters will win seats on the board.

The election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 5. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

■ Seat 1

Gleaton has served on the board for 12 years and is seeking reelection because she'd "like to continue to serve and strive to help make the district one in which the students, who are deserving every opportunity, have what they need to help them become successful not only in the workplace, but also in life."

Gleaton also wants to "help ensure the district is a good and fair place to work, not only now, but in the future." Thus "will take forethought and vision on the part of the board trustees," she said.

Robinson is seeking reelection because he "wants to make a difference" throughout the school district.

"I have time to be involved and visit



Gleaton-Seat 1



Robinson-Seat 1



Caroline Dennis, children serve popcorn, hands out candy to the Star Trek Ziegler during Orangeburg County Library's children's "Star Trek Tacular" Tuesday night. See A2 for story. Also, information about area trick-or-treat house and trunk-or-treat events can be found on [Leisure, A8](#)

Bond is denied to man charged



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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley calls Georgetown an inspiration for S.C.

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/oct/30/haley-calls-georgetown-inspiration-sc/>

Gov. Nikki Haley says Georgetown is an inspiration for the rest of South Carolina. The governor returned Tuesday to discuss rebuilding after a fire raced through the coastal city's business district last month. She told reporters the entire state is watching and supporting Georgetown. The fire destroyed seven buildings and damaged others. Georgetown Fire Chief Joey Tanner said he expects a State Law Enforcement Division report on the cause within a week. Haley has declared the site a disaster area, allowing those who suffered losses to get Small Business Administration loans. She also signed an order allowing up to \$1 million in grants for rebuilding public infrastructure.

The State: SC Politics: SC will have \$200 million more to spend next year

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/30/3068488/sc-politics-sc-will-have-200-million.html#storylink=cpy>

Adam Beam

State budget writers will have more than \$7 billion to spend in next year's budget, according to an initial estimate approved Wednesday by the state Board of Economic Advisors. The estimate is about \$200 million more than this year's initial estimate of \$6.8 million. Board members will reconsider the estimate next month. Republican Gov. Nikki Haley will use the estimate to build her budget recommendations for the 2014-15 fiscal year, which starts July 1. Legislators then will devise their own budget plans. The estimate predicts how much money the state will collect in its next fiscal year in sales and income taxes, which make up about a third of the state's annual budget. The estimate does not cover the other two-thirds of the state's annual spending, made up of federal money or "other funds" – things like fees and grants.

Greenville News: Jackson urges compassion over judgment

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310310031>

Ron Barnett

The Rev. Jesse Jackson delivered a Sunday school lesson to Furman University students Wednesday night, telling them about a Jesus "who came to preach good news to the poor, the malnourished, the outcast, the sick, the lame — the uninsured." Speaking at the university he called "the school of my boyhood dreams" as part of Greenville's Year of Altruism, Jackson drew shouts of "preach it!" and "amen!" from some in the crowd at McAlister Auditorium during his recitation of the economic and cultural transformation of the South he said resulted from the civil rights movement.

Note: "Shoving more South Carolinians into a broken system that won't improve health outcomes or lower costs and would only serve to jeopardize the state's future financial stability might work for Washington, but it doesn't work here," said Doug Mayer, a spokesman for Gov. Nikki Haley.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Post and Courier: Graham's popularity declining in S.C., new poll shows

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131030/PC1610/131039924/1031/graham-x2019-s-popularity-declining-in-sc-new-poll-shows>

Schuyler Kropf

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham's popularity among South Carolinians has taken a steady dip in recent months, further indicating voters may be willing to look elsewhere next year. Meanwhile, Gov. Nikki Haley's approval

rating has “ticked up” slightly since February — to nearly 45 percent among all registered voters — though pollsters warn it is far too early to read much into the numbers. The results come from a Winthrop University poll released Wednesday that surveyed the attitudes of nearly 900 residents in the aftermath of the 16-day partial federal government shutdown.

Greenville News: Graham's GOP support erodes in new poll

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131031/NEWS03/310310026/Graham-s-GOP-support-erodes-new-poll>

Rudolph Bell

Support for U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham has slipped among Republicans and Republican-leaning independents in the latest poll from Winthrop University, perhaps signaling that the two-term senator may be vulnerable as he attempts to fend off three challengers, maybe four, from within his own party. Graham, however, isn't following poll numbers so early in the race but is instead “focused on stopping Obamacare” and “getting to the bottom of what actually happened in Benghazi,” said Tate Zeigler, his campaign spokesman. The results out Wednesday found 41.5 percent of registered voters who describe themselves as Republicans or Republican-leaning independents approving of Graham's performance, with 45.6 percent disapproving and 12.3 percent unsure.

Note: For Gov. Nikki Haley, the poll found 44.5 percent of registered voters approve of the way she is handling her job, while 41 percent disapprove and 13.6 percent aren't sure.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Independent probe needed for NSA

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131031/PC1002/131039919/1021/independent-probe-needed-for-nsa>
Editorial

The National Security Agency scandal shows no signs of losing steam, with the recent revelations about agency snooping on the leaders of U.S. allies. Even Senate Intelligence Committee Chair Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., recognizes the need for a major probe of the nation's electronic surveillance programs. But the NSA's scope has grown under the supposed supervision of Sen. Feinstein, her committee and their counterparts in the House. She is too close to the intelligence community to provide the required impartiality. The same conflict affects the executive branch investigations of NSA launched last summer by President Barack Obama.

Aiken Standard: Local data hacks offer warning for the future

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131031/AIK0201/131039924/1018/AIK02/editorial-local-data-hacks-offer-warning-for-the-future>

Editorial

Malicious computer hackers are increasingly posing a threat to local and national organizations, businesses and government. Just this week, two stories in the Aiken Standard chronicled data breaches at Savannah River Site and a local health center. A 28-year-old resident of England was charged in the hacking of information involving SRS, while the Aiken County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating a cyber attack at the Margaret J. Weston Community Health Center. These security breaches should offer pause to anyone who thinks they're totally free from possibly being hacked. We already know cyber criminals stole three million Social Security numbers from South Carolina in 2012. In one of the biggest data-breaches in history, credit card numbers for seventy million Sony Playstation users were hacked in 2011.

The State: Columbia City Councilman Sam Davis Should Be Re-elected, Needs To Refocus

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=hSkvfMOJ

Editorial

While Tuesday's election to fill the Columbia City Council District 1 seat pits a 15-year incumbent against a challenger who has never served in an elected office, neither candidate stands out as a clear choice. That's because both veteran Councilman Sam Davis and challenger Bruce Trezevant come across as caretakers who would fare well in terms of constituent service, particularly in their own district, but who exhibit only limited interest in or ability to forge a vision for the city as a whole. As is so often the case when it comes to elected officials who represent districts, Mr. Davis and Mr. Trezevant are far more familiar with and focused on District 1.

South Carolina News:

Island Packet: State Senate to conduct Affordable Care Act hearings

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/30/2765028/state-senate-to-conduct-affordable.html#storylink=cpy>

The S.C. Senate Select Committee will hold three public hearings for the Freedom of Healthcare Protection Act, according to a news release from Sen. Tom Davis, R-Beaufort. The S.C. House of Representatives passed the bill in May, and it's now before the Senate, which did not vote on it before adjourning for the summer. If passed by the Senate and signed into law by Gov. Nikki Haley, the bill will make it illegal for any state employee or agency to attempt to implement the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as "Obamacare."

Associated Press: State Rep. Vick's DUI case delayed

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=XSLpCIAB

State Rep. Ted Vick's trial on a charge of driving under the influence has been delayed. The State of Columbia reports (<http://bit.ly/1dODldb>) that a judge ruled Wednesday that attorneys from the state Department of Public Safety had no authority to prosecute the case. DPS says it will appeal. The Chesterfield Democrat was arrested in May after a Bureau of Protective Services officer saw him stumbling as he walked into a Statehouse parking garage. Vick got into his car and hit a cone before the officer could ask him to stop. Authorities say Vick smelled like alcohol and refused field sobriety tests. But Vick's lawyer said he wasn't impaired and had a rock in his shoe.

Associated Press: Grants to help preserve forest land in Southeast

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Pzy7DBx5

Millions of dollars are being earmarked to restore forestlands in eight states in the Southeast. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and International Paper are announcing Thursday that \$7.5 million in grant money will be used to restore forests, help fish and wildlife populations and protect watersheds. Officials are making the announcement on Thursday at a visitor center in the Francis Marion National Forest northeast of Charleston. Most of the money will be used in the Carolinas to preserve and restore the longleaf pine ecosystems in the coastal plains of the states.

Local News:

Greenville News: Mass Greenwood shootings stun community

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131031/NEWS06/310310060/Mass-Greenwood-shootings-stun-community>

David Dykes

The sun burned through a morning haze Wednesday as Greenwood County residents awoke and sought answers to a horrific night of violence that left six people dead. Greenwood County Sheriff Tony Davis said the suspect, Bryan Eugene Sweatt, 27, of 722 Truett Ave., used a large-caliber handgun to kill the victims and himself. He had an extensive arrest record and was out on bond at the time of the shootings, Davis said. All of the victims died of gunshot wounds, and Davis said "yes" when asked if they were executed. Davis said the shootings stemmed from a domestic dispute, and Sweatt died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The case was considered a murder-suicide, according to an incident report.

Florence Morning News: PENNY TAX: What a re-issuance of the penny tax would mean to Florence, Quinby and Timmons ville

http://www.scnw.com/news/politics/article_f21f9c92-41c0-11e3-bcf2-001a4bcf6878.html

Gavin Jackson

Of the \$145 million in projects that makes up the total Capital Project Sales Tax referendum on the ballot next Tuesday, the greater Florence area (consisting of the city and nearby unincorporated areas), Timmons ville and Quinby would receive \$47.5 million for projects. The referendum authorizes the county to issue a bond for up to \$125 million to begin countywide projects totaling \$108.7 million. Work on these 82 projects would be funded by the bond and would begin after the current penny sales tax expires at the end of April. The remaining \$36.3 million for nine road projects would be funded on a pay-as-you-go basis and would occur later in the seven-year life of the sales tax depending on how much tax revenue is available.

Florence Morning News: Apple Annie's throws benefit for Georgetown fire victims
http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_664ac42a-41a3-11e3-86d5-001a4bcf6878.html

Traci Bridges

Florentines will have a chance to help some neighbors in need this weekend as Apple Annie's hosts a benefit for victims of the recent Georgetown fire. An inferno gutted nearly an entire city block along the historic riverfront in Georgetown last month. The fire spread through the 700 block of Front Street, north of the historic clock tower, which featured several dining spots and stores, as well as some residences. "I personally spent many days on the water and in those buildings that burned and want to help out any way I can. We are cooking a pig and donating all proceeds to help out. We are also gonna donate a dollar for every domestic beer we sell," Apple Annie's owner Shane Brannon said.

Greenville News: Special purpose district elections to be held
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131031/NEWS03/310310028/Special-purpose-district-elections-offer-voters-many-choices>

Rudolph Bell

A homeowner inside the Parker Sewer & Fire Subdistrict pays a property tax rate of 83.1 mills for fire and sewer service – just a little lower rate than the 85.4 mills paid by homeowners to the city of Greenville. In Greenville, however, the millage goes to buy more services -- not only fire and sewer, but also police, garbage pickup, parks and recreation. Unlike the leaders of some special purpose districts, the five members of the Parker district board can raise property taxes on their own. Greenville County voters elect board members for the Parker district and 18 other special purpose districts on Tuesday. Many voters pay scant attention to these elections, but they may not understand the ramifications for tax bills.

The State: Latest Mayoral Campaign Figures Favor Columbia's Incumbent In Tuesday's Vote
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=V7rWyxcc

Clif LeBlanc

By the numbers knowable to voters, Mayor Steve Benjamin is poised to stroll into a second term. His fundraising has eclipsed the challenger, Councilman Moe Baddourah. Benjamin's campaign organization is, well, organized. Columbia's voter base continues to lean to his benefit. A new but small, private poll shows Benjamin with a 39-point edge within a week of the Nov. 5 election, though nearly 30 percent of the 370 respondents in a Crantford Research telephone survey said they're undecided.

Post and Courier: Wall Street Journal story putting Charleston at top of list of struggling cities, despite its deep reserves, goes viral, riles city officials
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131030/PC16/131039953/1006/city-to-wall-street-journal-look-a-little-closer>

David Slade

Charleston has topped lots of prestigious lists recently, winning accolades as a polite city popular with tourists and young entrepreneurs alike, but this week the city topped another list that has city officials steaming. In a story about cities facing financial strains, The Wall Street Journal identified Charleston, in a chart that appeared online, as having zero cash on hand to pay its bills — giving Charleston the worst ranking on a list of the nation's 250 largest cities. A photograph of Charleston City Hall during the opening ceremony for Spoleto Festival USA served as a background for the chart.

The State: Environmental issues, safety key issues in Arcadia Lakes mayor race
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/30/3068357/environmental-issues-safety-key.html#storylink=cpy>

Cassie Cope

The Arcadia Lakes community will choose Nov. 5 between a town councilwoman who has lived in the area for four decades and an environmentally conscious resident with 36 years of experience in law enforcement as its next mayor. Councilwoman Linda Jackson and Mark Huguley are vying to replace Mayor Rick Thomas, who is retiring after 16 years on council, 10 as mayor. The campaign has been heated in this otherwise quiet community of about 890 residents, with the environment and safety among key issues for the candidates. Jackson opposed the draining of the highly visible Roper Pond, the lily pond that once served as a natural gateway into the town but was drained and now collects stormwater from nearby apartments.

Aiken Standard: Aiken government center will have new look, new rules

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131031/AIK0101/131039870/1007/AIK0101/aiken-government-center-will-have-new-look-new-rules>

Amy Banton

The new Aiken County Government Center will soon bring together more than 200 employees scattered about in eight different buildings. According to County Administrator Clay Killian, the project is on track to be completed by early spring and is also on budget. The \$37.5 million designated for the new building covers design, construction, furniture and fixtures. The 133,000-square-foot facility located on University Parkway will replace the current County complex located on Richland Avenue, which once served as a hospital until about the 1970s.

National News:

Washington Post: Obama's health-care promise that people can keep their insurance comes back to haunt him

http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/obamas-health-care-promise-that-people-can-keep-their-insurance-comes-back-to-haunt/2013/10/30/2748aaee-4185-11e3-8b74-d89d714ca4dd_story.html

Karen Tumulty

It is a catchy sound bite that has turned around to bite the hand that fed it to the country: If you like the health insurance you have, you can keep it. President Obama's credibility has taken a hit over that line, which he tossed off in various versions during countless campaign stops and policy speeches. The damage comes not just from the fact that it does not happen to be true, which hundreds of thousands who had bought coverage on the individual market are learning as they receive notices of cancellation from their insurers. The deeper problem with that promise is that it attempted to gloss over the fact that choices and trade-offs were part of the effort to reform the nation's sprawling, troubled health-care system.

The National Journal: Ken Cuccinelli's Problems Are a Symptom of the GOP's Woes

<http://www.nationaljournal.com/politics/ken-cuccinelli-s-problems-are-a-symptom-of-the-gop-s-woes-20131030>

Josh Kraushaar

No, Ken Cuccinelli's expected defeat next week won't have any more bearing on the 2014 midterms than Chris Christie's anticipated landslide victory in solidly-Democratic New Jersey. But the divide that split the GOP asunder in Virginia is a powerful symptom of the problems that are hurting the party across the country. Republicans are facing challenges winning over swing, suburban voters that were once a bulwark of the party's coalition. Cuccinelli has spent little time campaigning in vote-rich Northern Virginia, with his socially-conservative message failing to resonate with more-moderate voters.

Brian Symmes

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Haley, Nikki

From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 9:10 PM
To: Schimsa, Rebecca
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

Great thanks!

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 30, 2013, at 12:22 PM, "Schimsa, Rebecca" <RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

> Re: [REDACTED]
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> Update: I spoke with Bobby, and he is confident that a resolution can be reached fairly quickly. He will reach out to [REDACTED] and the company again this week and will update you on this project at your next meeting.
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: [REDACTED]
> Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 8:56 AM
> To: Schimsa, Rebecca
> Subject: Re: [REDACTED]
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> Hi Rebecca
> Certainly a pleasure yesterday meeting and visiting with you as well.
> You asked all the right questions and I feel confident that we all together can make this project a reality.
> Looking forward to talking to you soon.
> All the best
> [REDACTED]
> Cell [REDACTED]
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> On Oct 30, 2013, at 8:49 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:
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>> Honorable Governor Haley,
>> A formal note to follow, but I wanted to send a quick note thanking you for your time and attention personally given to us yesterday in hopes of [REDACTED] and locating our [REDACTED] manufacturing facility here in South Carolina.
>> We take pride in South Carolina, our employees and our properties and look forward in being a part of [REDACTED] bringing stability and jobs while at the same time [REDACTED] and making it a proud manufacturing show piece within [REDACTED] and general area.
>> [REDACTED]
>> We now employ [REDACTED] workers, and manufacture [REDACTED], we are building currently [REDACTED] and hopeful of the worlds second only [REDACTED] to be located in [REDACTED] Keep "bringing manufacturing back to South Carolina"!
>> We look forward to hearing and visiting again with you soon.
>> All the best,

>> [REDACTED]
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Haley, Nikki

From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 9:10 PM
To: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Subject: Re: Insurance

Please pull what i have to review

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 30, 2013, at 9:41 AM, "Haltiwanger, Katherine" <KatherineHaltiwanger@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Reminder: tomorrow is the last day to make any changes to your insurance.

Thanks,
Katherine

From: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2013 12:56 PM
To: Baker, Josh; Brian Symmes; Carroll, John; Doug Mayer; Jones, Sheila; Keke Robertson; LeMoine, Leigh; Nicole Priester; Patel, Swati; Peters, Hal; Pitts, Ted; Rachel Card; Schimsa, Rebecca; Soura, Christian; Taillon, Jeff; Veldran, Katherine; Walls, Courtney
Subject: Insurance

Reminder: open enrollment for insurance starts today through October 31. Any changes you make now will go into effect on 1/1/2014. If you have any questions about your benefits, contact Terri McDonald in HR. Her number is 4-0442.

Thanks,
Katherine

Haley, Nikki

From: Symmes, Brian
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 4:41 PM
Subject: Afternoon Clips - Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Afternoon Clips – Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley calls Georgetown an inspiration for SC

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/23830209/haley-calls-georgetown-an-inspiration-for-sc>

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2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The State: Winthrop Poll: SC Gov. Haley Up Slightly, US Sen. Graham Falls Again

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/30/3066211/october-winthrop-poll-released.html>

Jamie Self

Public opinion of S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley improved slightly since April -- though not among Republicans -- and U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham's popularity in his party fell below 50 percent, according to a new Winthrop Poll released Wednesday. The insight into public opinion of Haley and Graham comes as Haley, a Lexington Republican, prepares for an expected rematch next November against state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, a Camden Democrat, and as Graham faces three announced challengers in June's GOP primary.

Note: "Every recent poll - including the bogus Democratic poll they (Democrats) pushed out - shows Governor Haley ahead of liberal Democrat Vince Sheheen," Godfrey said. "But the only numbers the governor cares about are the results the administration is delivering to the people of our state: more than 39,000 jobs announced, \$9 billion investment, unemployment hitting a five year low, \$1 billion to strengthen our roads and bridges, without raising taxes, and more than 18,000 people transitioned from welfare to work."

Florence Morning News: WINTHROP POLL: South Carolinians disappointed in Congress, President

http://www.scnw.com/news/politics/article_d211bb0e-417c-11e3-b5c7-0019bb30f31a.html

Note: S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley has ticked up in approval ratings since the February Winthrop Poll to 44.1% among all residents and 44.5% among registered voters. Last December, her approval and disapproval rating numbers were nearly even. Gov. Haley garners a slightly higher approval rating—65.5% vs. 20% who disapprove of her job performance—among those who say they are Republicans.

Note: S.C. Gov. Haley Viewed Positively By 44.5% of Registered Voters

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Graham to block Fed, Homeland picks over Benghazi

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=IRbDNRGw

Donna Cassata

A Republican senator said Wednesday he would block President Barack Obama's nominees for Federal Reserve chairman and Homeland Security chief in a dispute over last year's attack in Benghazi, Libya. Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina said using his Senate prerogative to stall all future nominees is his only leverage as Republicans try to force the administration to let survivors of the assault on the U.S. diplomatic

mission talk to members of Congress. "What I am asking for is to talk to the people who were there," Graham told reporters at a Capitol Hill news conference, insisting that congressional investigator have access to survivors.

Politico: Lindsey Graham renews block threat but Dems unfazed

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/10/lindsey-graham-benghazi-senate-99111.html#ixzz2jEIFEkly>
Juana Summers

Cracks are appearing in Lindsey Graham's threat to hold up all future Senate confirmations over Benghazi. For the record, the South Carolina Republican vowed again on Wednesday to block all presidential nominees until survivors of the attack testify before Congress — but said at the same press conference that he looks forward to confirming President Barack Obama's nominee to run the Department of Homeland Security. The president's choice, former Pentagon general counsel Jeh Johnson, is "a really well-qualified guy," Graham said. And, Graham said, his block doesn't extend to the nomination of Rep. Mel Watt (D-N.C.), Obama's choice to be the director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, as cloture has already been filed on the nomination.

Associated Press: Dem Russell Ott wins SC House 93 special election

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kJvDR53W

Voters in South Carolina's House District 93 say they want Rep. Harry Ott's 35-year-old son to finish out his father's term in the Statehouse. The Times and Democrat of Orangeburg reports Wednesday (<http://bit.ly/1bB4Nfk>) that Democrat Russell Ott bested Republican Charles Stoudemire in Tuesday's special election. The younger Ott told supporters in St. Matthews he's ready to go to work and serve the year remaining on his father's term. Harry Ott has represented the district for 15 years. He is stepping down to become the state executive director of the federal Farm Service Agency.

Associated Press: More state cash OK'd for Beaufort downtown dock

http://www.scnw.com/news/state/article_c14abca0-4161-11e3-92d1-001a4bcf6878.html

It could be an early Christmas gift for the City of Beaufort.

The Beaufort Gazette reports (<http://bit.ly/1h0826W>) that the state Department of Natural Resources has increased a grant for a new dock on the river in the city's historic district by almost \$85,000. That means more than \$110,000 in state money for the project expected to cost more than a half-million dollars. That's good news for the city because for every dollar the state provides, the city can get three federal dollars for the project. The state money was made possible after other projects were either delayed, canceled or came in under budget.

The State: SC state rep's DUI trial delayed

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/30/3067787/rep-ted-vicks-dui-trial-delayed.html#storylink=cpy>

Adam Beam

A state representative's trial on drunken-driving charges was delayed Wednesday after a judge ruled attorneys from the state Department of Public Safety had no authority to prosecute the case. State Rep. Ted Vick, D-Chesterfield, was scheduled to stand trial for the second of his two pending driving-under-the-influence charges. Vick was arrested May 14 after a state Bureau of Protective Services officer said he saw Vick stumbling in the State House parking garage. Vick later got in his truck and started to drive off, hitting a traffic cone, before the officer stopped him.

Greenville News: Jesse Jackson, speaking at Furman tonight, shares memories of 'dream' school

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131030/NEWS/310290089/Jesse-Jackson-speaking-Furman-tonight-shares-memories-dream-school>

Ron Barnett

The Rev. Jesse Jackson told reporters this morning that he is scheduled to speak at Cambridge and Oxford next month, but that speaking at Furman University tonight is a "higher honor" than being invited to those prestigious institutions. "Let me say how delighted — and nervous — I am to come to Furman tonight," the Greenville-born civil rights leader said. "I have spoken at universities all over the world, but too little at Furman, which was the school of my boyhood dreams." Jackson grew up in a black neighborhood near Furman's campus when the school was downtown and recalled selling peanuts at Paladin football games in Sirrine Stadium as a child to help his family put food on the table.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Riegel running for mayor of Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131030/PC16/131039955/1031/riegel-running-for-mayor-of-charleston>
Charleston City Councilman Dean Riegel confirmed Wednesday he intends to run for mayor of Charleston in 2015. Riegel is unopposed in Tuesday's election. During a gathering of local Republicans at the Customs House to point out weaknesses of President Obama's Affordable Care Act, Riegel said he would run for the office that incumbent Mayor Joe Riley is vacating. He said his goal would be to strike a balance between growth and quality of life, and that the city would need a sort of CEO in charge as the area moves forward after Riley's exit.

Associated Press: 6 people shot dead in SC domestic dispute

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=k3a9YHSn

Mitch Weiss

A South Carolina man in a custody dispute with a onetime girlfriend broke into her parents' home and fatally shot the woman, her parents and two children, the sheriff said. The man then killed himself. Investigators found the bodies of six people ranging in age from 9 to 51 when they responded Tuesday to a call from a man who said he was thinking about hurting himself. Greenwood County Sheriff Tony Davis identified the man who fired the shots as 27-year-old Bryan Sweatt. Davis said Sweatt felt that the woman he had dated wasn't allowing him to see their infant child often enough. The infant was not among the dead.

The State: Update: Sheriff Names Six Killed In Greenwood Co. Murder-suicide

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=A3AV57QI

Six people were killed in an apparent murder-suicide in Callison, south of Greenwood Tuesday. The dead include four adults and two children, Greenwood County Sheriff Department spokesman John Long said in an email. The tragedy unfolded Tuesday evening in a home located at 2007 Callison Highway, about 10 miles southwest of Greenwood. Around 5:35 p.m. a male caller to the sheriff's department said he was thinking about hurting himself. He then disconnected. Deputies were dispatched to the scene and as they were en route, another call came in to the sheriff's department, this time from a neighbor.

Island Packet: Lawsuit: Former Bluffton chief McAllister intimidated officer

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/29/2763334/lawsuit-former-bluffton-chief.html#storylink=cpy>

Rebecca Lurye

Former Bluffton Police Chief David McAllister intimidated a subordinate by screaming profanities at him and punching a patrol vehicle hard enough to leave a dent, a revised civil lawsuit states. The plaintiff, former Lt. Bryan Norberg, also claims Bluffton's town manager forbade him to report concerns to his superiors without first consulting the police chief. The town manager, Anthony Barrett, then fired Norberg when his attempt to follow protocol forced him to lie to superiors, the lawsuit alleges.

The State: McLeese, outgoing Columbia chamber chief, dies at 69

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/29/3066169/mcleese-outgoing-columbia-chamber.html#storylink=cpy>

Jeff Wilkinson

Ike McLeese, who served as chief executive of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce for nearly two decades, guiding it from disarray and debt to prominence as the region's leading business advocacy group, died Tuesday after undergoing heart surgery 20 days ago. He was 69. McLeese suffered a heart attack Sept. 5 and underwent heart surgery Oct. 10. In an interview with The State before his surgery, McLeese said that he was planning to step down as president and CEO in December and continue to serve the chamber as a consultant in military affairs.

Sun News: South Atlantic pre-tax income up 43.7 percent over 2012

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/10/30/3804618/south-atlantic-pre-tax-income.html#storylink=cpy>

Steve Jones

South Atlantic Bancshares, parent of South Atlantic Bank, announced that its income before taxes for the first three quarters of this year was up 43.7 percent to \$1,962,060 over the \$1.385 million reported in 2012. Income before taxes for the third quarter was \$552,131, or 9.9 percent over 2012's third quarter pre-tax income of

\$502,551. Net income for the three quarters was \$1,348,565 or \$0.44 per diluted share, and \$484,066, or \$16 per diluted share, for the third quarter.

National News:

Associated Press: Concerns raised about security of health website

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=VPrTbhyK

Laurie Kellman and Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

Defending President Barack Obama's much-maligned health care overhaul in Congress, his top health official was confronted Wednesday with a government memo raising new security concerns about the trouble-prone website that consumers are using to enroll. The document, obtained by The Associated Press, shows that administration officials at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services were concerned that a lack of testing posed a potentially "high" security risk for the HealthCare.gov website serving 36 states. It was granted a temporary security certificate so it could operate.

Brian Symmes

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Haley, Nikki

From: Schimsa, Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 12:23 PM
To: Haley, Nikki
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

Re: [REDACTED]

Update: I spoke with Bobby, and he is confident that a resolution can be reached fairly quickly. He will reach out to [REDACTED] and the company again this week and will update you on this project at your next meeting.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 8:56 AM
To: Schimsa, Rebecca
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

Hi Rebecca

Certainly a pleasure yesterday meeting and visiting with you as well.

You asked all the right questions and I feel confident that we all together can make this project a reality.

Looking forward to talking to you soon.

All the best

[REDACTED]
Cell [REDACTED]

On Oct 30, 2013, at 8:49 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

- > Honorable Governor Haley,
- > A formal note to follow, but I wanted to send a quick note thanking you for your time and attention personally given to us yesterday in hopes of [REDACTED] and locating our [REDACTED] manufacturing facility here in South Carolina.
- > We take pride in South Carolina, our employees and our properties and look forward in being a part of [REDACTED] bringing stability and jobs while at the same time [REDACTED] and making it a proud manufacturing show piece within [REDACTED] and general area.
- > [REDACTED]
- > We now employ [REDACTED] workers, and manufacture [REDACTED], we are building currently [REDACTED] and hopeful of the worlds second only [REDACTED] to be located in [REDACTED] Keep "bringing manufacturing back to South Carolina"!
- > We look forward to hearing and visiting again with you soon.
- > All the best,
- > [REDACTED]
- >
- >

Haley, Nikki

From: Symmes, Brian
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 9:04 AM
Subject: SC Front Pages - Wednesday, October 30, 2013

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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Report: Policy losses foreseen

NBC says Obama White House knew
health law would mean cancellations

By Melanie Eversley
USA Today

Millions of Americans are getting their health insurance canceled under the Affordable Care Act, and the Obama administration has known for about three years that this would happen, NBC

News reported.

About 50 to 75 percent of 14 million consumers who buy health insurance individually will receive a "cancellation" letter or its equivalent in the next year because their current policies don't meet the standards laid out by the new law, the news organization reported, citing four

sources deeply involved in the ACA.

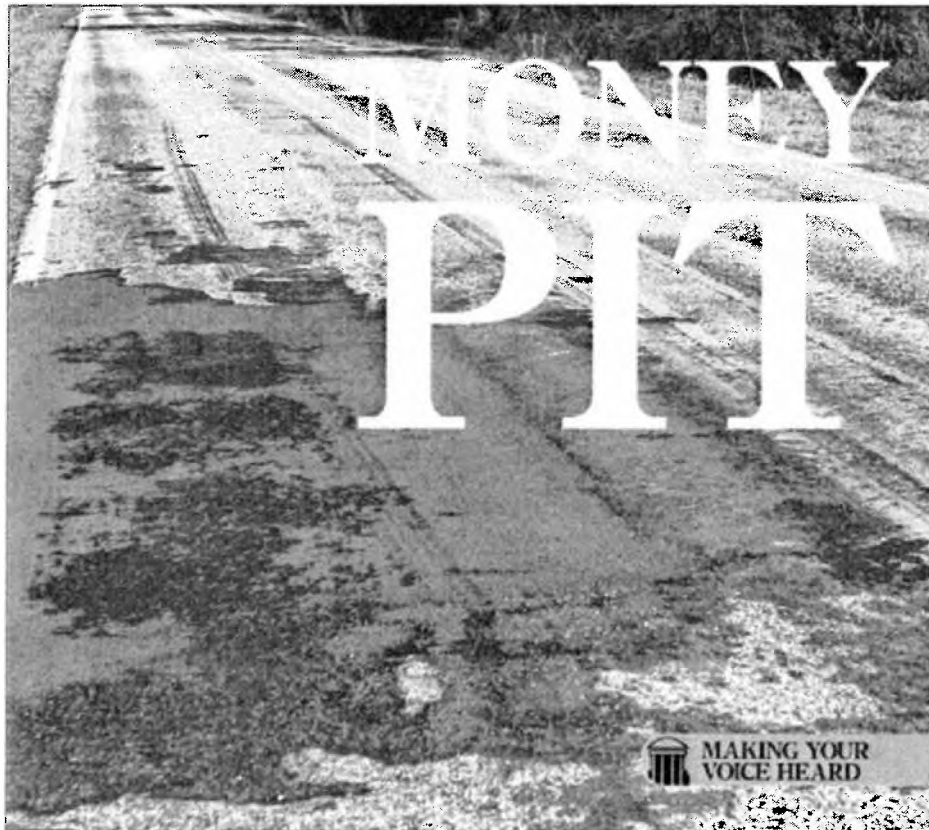
Of those who will be forced to buy new insurance, many will face huge price increases, NBC reported.

Initially, the administration stipulated that policies in effect as of March 23, 2010, could be "grandfathered" or kept even if they don't meet the requirements of the new law. Later, the Department of Health and Human Services wrote regulations that narrowed that provision. These rules dictate that if any part of

"Nothing in the Affordable Care Act forces people out of their health plans."

JESSICA SANTILLO, White House
spokeswoman, to NBC News

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A variety of factors can cause pavement failure, including too many air voids in the paving mixture, or too few. KEN OSBORN/STAFF

GHS becomes academic center

By Liv Osby
Staff Writer
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Greenville Health System was officially designated an academic health center this week in what was described as a first-of-its-kind model that brings Clemson, Furman and the University of South Carolina into the fold to study health care delivery and develop ways to improve it.

Typically, academic health centers are defined as a university with a medical school, at least one health profession program, and an owned or affiliated

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Health care provider creates own insurance

Palmetto Primary Care says BlueCross was too costly for workers



Nurse Donna Hartman sees members of the Likens family, Connor, 12, Cindy and Drennen, 14, all of whom were visiting Palmetto Primary Care Physician's Urgent Care Center in North Charleston on Tuesday and suffering from the same symptoms. Palmetto Primary Care Physician is launching its new in-house insurance plan because it said rates through Blue Cross BlueShield were too high.

BY LAUREN SAUSSER
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Palmetto Primary Care Physicians will launch a new in-house health insurance plan next month for its employees because Blue Cross BlueShield of South Carolina's rates have become too expensive, the group's CEO said Tuesday.

The in-house plan will reduce health insurance costs for the practice's 600 employees by as much as 45 percent per person, said spokeswoman Victoria Kozak.

"The savings on my end is over 50 percent," she said. "It's kind of like getting a much lower rate."

The new plan will not be offered to patients who visit the practice. It is available only for employees, such as doctors, nurses, physician assistants and administrative staff, who work there. Patients covered by Blue Cross BlueShield of South Carolina will continue to use their Palmetto



Marilyn Tavenner, administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, testified Tuesday before a House Ways and Means Committee hearing.

Policy cancellations a fresh blow for stumbling health care rollout

Mom, daughter recount horror

Kidnap victims survive nightmare

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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ST. STEPHEN — Five minutes after the sound of gunfire to her grandmother's, backed the door and went back to bed. Monday morning, the 17-year-old heard footsteps in the hallway.

The teenager had a sense that someone had been watching the Fingerprint Way home overnight.

But she was alone when she heard the floor creak.

"I thought it was my grandmother," she said. "But I looked up, and he had a gun and a knife in his hand."

It was her mother's estranged boyfriend.

The startling fight started a dangerous encounter with 46-year-old Terrell Marshall McLean, who the teen said raped her and used duct tape and a comb to hold her and her mother captive. The ordeal, not Deedre McLean's, ended after McLean sped away from authorities in Williamsburg County and dashed



"You know I'm going to get out, right?" Tally McLean reportedly said Tuesday when he called Deedre McLean from jail.

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What's flip side of penny tax?

Dorchester can learn from its neighbors

BY BO PETERSEN
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If Dorchester County passes a local-option sales tax next week, the people most apt to be hurt are renters. The reason: Property owners who rent to the tenant always suffer the tax savings to cut rental rates, officials say.

But based on what has happened in Berkeley and Charleston counties where they have approved the tax, paying an extra 1 percent sales tax

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Bond reform panel says police officers should attend every hearing

Group's advice could make it more difficult for repeat offenders to get low bonds

By NOELLE PHILLIPS
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A Columbia police officer should attend every bond hearing in cases of significant crimes and bring a package of information to the judge to aid in deciding

whether a suspect should be held or allowed back on the streets.

That will be one of several expected recommendations from the mayor's panel on violent crime and bond reform when it releases its final report next

month.

The panel met Tuesday at City Hall to review its draft proposals, which included everything from gang affiliation of defendants to legislative issues to risk assessments for everyone charged in a crime.

"Many of the officers don't appear in bond court because it's in the morning and they make the arrests at night," said Columbia Municipal Judge Carl Solomon, who is a member of the panel. "It doesn't have to be the same person. When

ever an officer is there you learn something that you didn't learn from paperwork."

The panel was organized in July after the shooting death of 33-year-old Kelly Hunnewell, a single mother who was killed during her

early morning work shift at a bakery. The shooting sparked community outrage, because two of the three teens charged with murder were free on bond when she was killed. May-

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 'LEGEND' | IKE MCLEESE DIES



In 2009, U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr., right, chats with Ike McLeese, president of the Greater Columbia Area Chamber of Commerce.

HE UNITED MILITARY, BUSINESS

By JEFF WILKINSON
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Ike McLeese, who served as chief executive of the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce for nearly two decades, guiding it from disarray and debt to prominence as the region's leading business advocacy group, died Tuesday after undergoing heart surgery 20 days ago. He was 69.

McLeese suffered a heart attack Sept. 5 and underwent heart surgery Oct. 10. In an interview with The State before his surgery, McLeese said that

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he was planning to step down as president and CEO in December and continue to serve the chamber as a consultant in military affairs.

As a civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, McLeese

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Man charged in SRS cyber attack

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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An individual linked to the July 2013 cyber attacks to the Department of Energy, which affected employees at the Savannah River Site, was charged on Monday by the acting U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Lauren Love, 28, of Strathfield, England, was charged with conspiracy to access and damage the protected computer networks of multiple U.S. government agencies. The criminal complaint states that Love and his conspirators accessed protected computers between October 2012 and August 2013.

Authorities in the United Kingdom

arrested Love at his residence on Friday, Oct. 25, in connection with an ongoing investigation by the Cyber Crime Unit of the National Crime Agency.

In addition, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey announced the unsealing of an indictment charging Love with allegedly infiltrating U.S. government

computer systems.

The Associated Press reports the U.S. government said the purpose of the attacks was "to disrupt the operations and infrastructure" of the federal government.

Love faces a maximum penalty of 10 years if convicted of the offenses charged in Virginia.

He's accused of working with two

co-conspirators in Australia and one in Sweden, none of whom have been charged, according to the Associated Press.

The DOE cyber attack affected more than 104,000 employees, including an unknown number of employees at the Savannah River Site.

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Shining a little light

Canine, handler bring happiness to the suffering

BY AMY BANTON
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When Cocky walks into a room, his honey-colored eyes seem to immediately focus on someone who needs a little comfort.

This Chesapeake retriever, whose owner is Michele Pyle of Wagener, has recently joined a nationwide team of other canines that are part of HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response.

This nonprofit organization sends dogs and their trainers to areas around the United States that recently experienced a disaster, so they may offer emotional support to those affected. The organization started in 2001 when it first responded to the 9/11 events.

"The animals are so good at calming people down and getting them through a disaster after the fact," Pyle said.

Pyle has been breeding and training dogs for about 20 years with her husband Chuck. Chuck is a military veteran, and for about three years, they have taken Cocky and his father Seamus, to the Wm. Jennings Bryan Dom Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Columbia to visit patients.

The dogs have brought much joy and many smiles to the veterans' faces.

They have visited post-traumatic stress disorder patients and those in the long-term care center. It quickly became obvious that Cocky loved people, and they loved him back.

Pyle later learned about the HOPE organization and started the process to get Cocky trained for the program.

The screening and workshop were thorough, Chuck said.



Michele Pyle and her Chesapeake retriever named Cocky are now part of the HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response, a nonprofit organization that sends dogs and their trainers to areas around the United States that recently experienced a disaster so they may offer emotional support to those affected.

Local health center hacked

Sheriff's Office investigating case of cyber hacking at Margaret J. Weston center

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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The Aiken County Sheriff's Office is investigating a case of cyber hacking at the Margaret J. Weston Community Health Center.

The incident was reported on Monday, according to a sheriff's report.

An unknown suspect hacked into the computer system at the health center and was able to look at medical records of some of the center's clients. It was unclear how many

We don't think any protected health information has been compromised.

clients' records were accessed or if the hacker was able to obtain anything. The hack was discovered on Sunday by the health center's information technology specialist, according to Gigi Walker, operations manager. The health center and the Sheriff's Office are still investigating how "extensive" the hack was.

"We have tightened up our IT so that it doesn't happen again," Walker said. "It seems as though it's not that extensive."



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Solicitor's Award

S.C. Highway Patrol Lance Cpl. Kevin Ellis, left, received the Solicitor's Award for law enforcement excellence from 7th Circuit Solicitor Barry Barnett, right, Tuesday night during a banquet for Spartanburg County law enforcement officers. **PAGE C1**

Spying defended

Facing lawmakers who suggested U.S. surveillance has gone too far, the national intelligence director on Tuesday defended spying on foreign allies as necessary and said such scrutiny of America's friends is commonplace. **PAGE A3**

Dorman advances

After a sluggish start Tuesday night, top-seed Dorman swept three games from South Pointe to take a first-round match in the 4A volleyball state playoffs. **PAGE B1**

No comment

A Woodruff City Council meeting erupted in confusion, frustration and anger Tuesday night when council adjourned without making a public comment on the

At least 6 dead in Upstate home

Bodies found after Greenwood standoff

By MATT BRUCE
Greenwood Index-Journal

Investigators are grappling with a number of unanswered questions after tragedy descended on a Greenwood County home Tuesday evening, where an apparent hostage standoff ended with a

mass murder-suicide.

Dozens of Greenwood County deputies and investigators swarmed the Greenwood residence in the 2000 block of Callison Highway about 6 p.m. after gunshots rang out and reports indicated several people were bound with duct tape inside the home.

A law enforcement official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, indicated six people were found dead inside the home Tuesday

night. The source identified Bryan E. Sweatt, a 27-year-old Greenwood man, as the suspected hostage-taker, indicating he was among those found dead. GCSO officials could not immediately confirm how the six died.

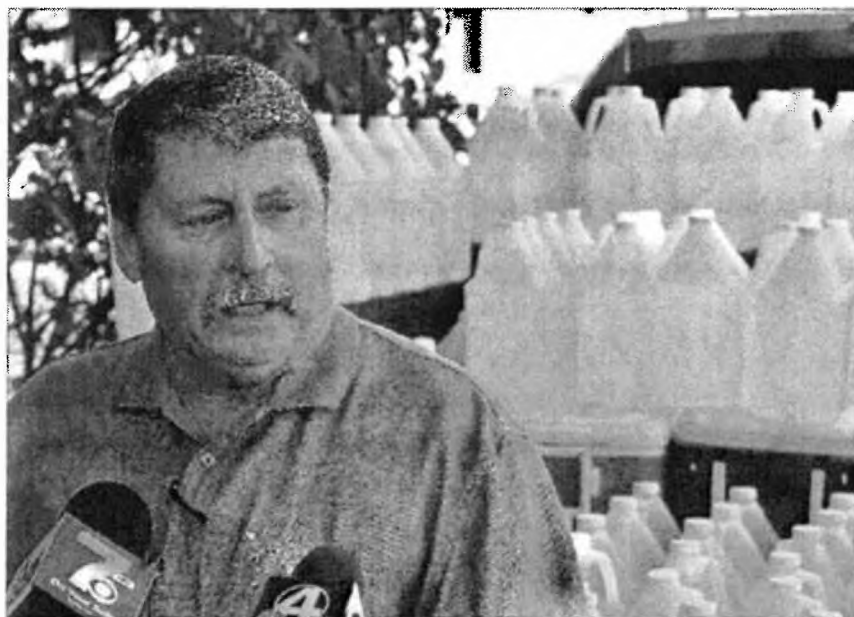
Greenwood County Sheriff Tony Davis said four adults and two children were among the dead. He estimated the adult victims appeared to be between mid-40s to early 50s.

"We have several deceased," said Davis, who was visibly shaken at the horrific crime scene. "At this point, I can't tell you who the people are that are deceased, other than there's more than one."

Armed officers waited outside the cottage, which sat secluded on a plot amid the wooded countryside, for hours as negotiators attempted to make contact with

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ILLEGAL LIQUOR



Union County Sheriff David Taylor talks Tuesday during a news conference at the sheriff's department about how his department seized 254 gallons of moonshine and tens of thousands of dollars. At back are containers filled with the moonshine.

Deputies seize 254 gallons of moonshine at Union home

HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL

Blame game abounds

Latest problem: Cancellation notices for those buying their own insurance

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Move over, website woes. Lawmakers confronted the Obama administration Tuesday with a difficult new health care problem — a wave of cancellation notices hitting individuals and small businesses who buy their own insurance.

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Women plead guilty to conspiracy

Dentist catches mail fraud of insurance company; 8 accused in case

BY JADE ANDERSON
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A Sumter woman and a Santee woman are among the eight who recently plead guilty to conspiracy to com-

mit mail fraud that bilked Blue Cross Blue Shield out of \$368,000.

Lorraine Porcher, 46, of Sumter, and Kimberly Donaldson Broughton, 33, of Santee, reportedly worked

with Malantha Robinson-Taylor, 45, of Cordova, to file false insurance claims out of an Orangeburg-based dentist office.

"The dentist realized it," said Assistant U.S. Attorney

Winston David Holliday Jr. "Malantha was out, and he noticed he was getting explanation of benefits for patients he didn't remember seeing."

The way the scheme

worked is that Robinson-Taylor identified some friends with state insurance through Blue Cross Blue Shield, he said. Because the

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CENTURY-OLD BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED

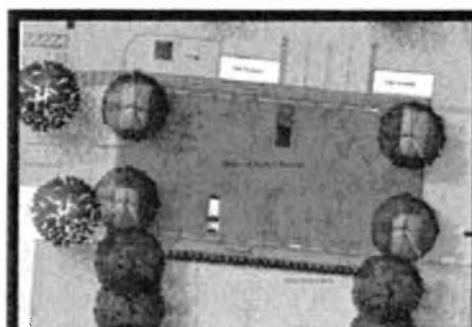


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ABOVE: Leroy House of Carolina Wrecking stands between two cranes in the process of bringing down the former Maxway and CitiTrends buildings on Tuesday.

RIGHT: This artist rendering shows what the green space that will replace the buildings will look like. Officials hope a hotel to host convention-based events will occupy the area.

Green space coming; officials hope hotel



Board focuses on integration of standards

Administrator says no major issues seen so far with Common Core

BY BRADEN BUNCH
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The implementation of Common Core standards is going relatively smoothly, with most of the teachers within the district supporting the efforts, the district administrator in charge of the effort told the Sumter School District Board of Trustees at their last meeting.

All school districts throughout South Carolina will enact the nationwide academic standards beginning with the 2014-15 school year, and Joan Sagana, assistant superintendent for instruction for the local district, said the local administration is working hard to make sure all parents and teachers are prepared for the implementation.

"We have a lot of things in place to support our teachers. That has been the goal," Sagana said.

Common Core is an attempt, first organized by the National Governors Association, to nationalize educational standards. At this time, 45 states have agreed to adopt the standards,

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Woman sentenced in bomb threat case



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SENECA — A Seneca woman will spend three years in prison after entering a guilty plea Tuesday in connection with a rash of bomb threats earlier this year in the Seneca area and on the campus of Clemson University.

Melissa Ann Griggs pleaded guilty to 30 bomb threats that were made by phone over a two-week period in late January and early February. No bombs were ever found.

Griggs was sentenced by Circuit Court Judge Larry Hyman Jr. to 30 years in prison, suspended to three years followed by five years probation.

Griggs was charged in February with 30 counts of mak-

ing a bomb threat or conveying false information about a bomb threat after the calls, which occurred between Jan. 30 and Feb. 11.

Two of the charges were threats made against the Hendrix Student Center

on the Clemson University campus — one on Jan. 30 and another on Feb. 4. After both reports, the student center was searched but no explosive devices were found.

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Walhalla candidates get in last licks

BY CARLOS CALARZA-VEJI
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — The moderator of Tuesday night's Walhalla council candidates' forum summed up his assessment of the participants' performances at the conclusion of the hour-long question and answer event.

"They all did a good job ... the choice now becomes yours, and I wish you good luck in making that choice, because it looks as if you're going to have a hard one," said Tim Merrill, a Seneca-based attorney with deep roots in Walhalla.

The event, organized by the Walhalla Area Chamber of Commerce, almost filled The Depot on Kaufmann Square as voters turned out to see and hear from candidates looking to fill seats on the Walhalla City Council.

The candidates — incumbent Jennifer Woodward Crawford and challengers Frances Devoe, Chris Grant, Kathy Rogers and Duane Wilson, a former Walhalla City councilman — were given two minutes for an opening statement, answered questions submitted by voters that were read by Merrill, and had one minute to answer questions from the audience.

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Tim Merrill
Walhalla candidates' forum moderator

BUILDING CONFIDENCE

Construction permits at highest point in several years

BY NORMAN CANNADA
THE JOURNAL

Confidence in the local housing market appears to be growing as more building permits are being issued for new homes and other construction, giving officials reason to be optimistic for another strong year in 2014.

"We've seen 2013 is a stronger year than we've had in the past couple of years, suggesting there's an upswing," said Josh Stephens, Oconee County zoning administrator. "As a nation, we're coming out of the Great Recession slower than we would all want, but I think we've seen some signs that we're coming out of it, and you see that on the local level here in Oconee and in the Upstate region."

Records before this week in

EDITOR'S NOTE

This is the first of a multi-part series on the market for building new homes in Oconee and Pickens counties.



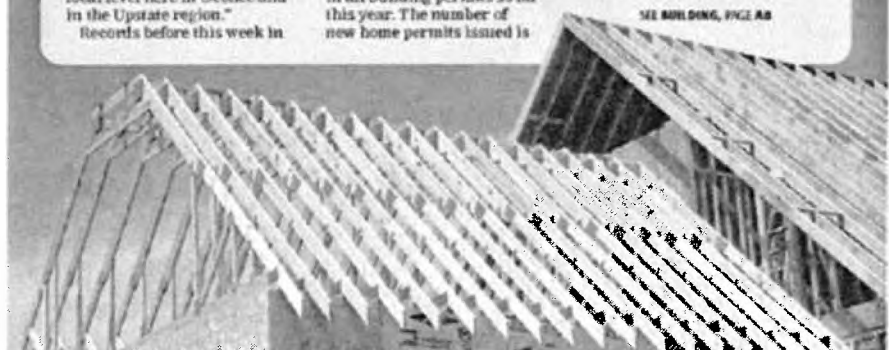
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A construction employee works on the site of a new home being built in Oconee County, one of 191 new home permits that have been issued in the county in 2013. Local officials are pointing to numbers showing Oconee with its most construction activity it has seen in five years.

Oconee County showed that permits for new construction have reached 191 in 2013 and 1,201 in all building permits so far this year. The number of new home permits issued is

the most since 206 were pulled through October 2009 and the most total permits since 1,564

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Penny tax supporters get word out



A Keep The Penny campaign sign on Park Avenue on Tuesday in Florence. More than 2,000 signs funded privately by the Keep The Penny Inc. campaign have cropped up throughout the county as the penny tax referendum goes before voters next Tuesday.

Signs crop up asking voters to 'Keep the Penny'

BY GAVIN JACKSON
Morning News
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FLORENCE — Campaign advertisements and signs are hoping to get voters thinking about the Capital Projects Sales Tax, known as the penny tax, that will be on the ballot next Tuesday.

A grass-roots advertising campaign paid for by Keep The Penny Inc. is funded by several private donors and organized by James Schofield, but not in his capacity as chairman of Florence County Council.

"When they (the state Supreme Court) said it was le-



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gal, people called me and said, 'We want to give money to get yard signs, to do advertising, to get the word out about the vote,' Schofield said. "A group of people came together and

put this thing together at the last minute."

No taxpayer money or county resources are supporting the campaign, Schofield said. It is funded purely for \$15,000 in private donations from 10 donors.

Schofield alone pledged \$3,000 to the last-minute campaign that was delayed pending word from the state Supreme Court on a lawsuit against the county regarding the tax. The court threw out the suit Oct. 17, ruling 5-0 against the state's request for the referendum to be dropped from the ballot.

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Health policy cancellations new blow for White House

The Associated Press

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The Associated Press, citing the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, reported in May that many carriers would opt to cancel policies this fall and issue new ones. Administratively that was seen as easier than changing existing plans to comply with the new law, which mandates cover-



Tavenner

SAFETY FIRST



Honda associate Christopher Harrison welds a front frame component for the new Pioneer 700 multi-passenger all-terrain vehicle Tuesday at the Honda of South Carolina manufacturing facility in Timmonsville. Honda SC was recognized by EHS Today as one of the safest 15 companies in the nation.

Honda of SC earns high marks



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Ott wins father's seat

Calhoun, Orangeburg voters
carry House 93 for Democrat

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
T&D Staff Writer

Over two-thirds of those who voted in Tuesday's special election for House District 93 chose Democrat Russell Ott over Republican Charles "Charlie" Stoenemire.

"It feels good, it feels great!" beamed Ott at a victory celebration at Unique Services Social Hall, just on the outskirts of St. Matthews.

Ott's father, Harry Ott, served Dis-

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trict 93 for 15 years before stepping down to become the state executive director of the federal Farm Service Agency.

One year remained on his unexpired House term and the winner of Tuesday's special election will finish out the older Ott's term.

"I'm excited. I'm ready to go to work. I'm ready to go to work for each and every one of you," the newly-elected

lawmaker said to a crowd of supporters as election returns poured in indicating that he was the winner.

District 93 is composed of all of Calhoun County and portions of Orangeburg and Lexington counties.

Unofficial results from the S.C. Election Commission show that Ott received 1,978 votes to Stoenemire's 804.

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Russell Ott makes a victory speech in St. Matthews after winning the S.C. House District 93 seat. His father, former House Minority Leader Harry Ott, can be seen at left.

Man faces attempted murder charges, more following police chase

T&D Staff Report

A suspect who was the subject of a manhunt that kept Barnberg County and state law enforcement officers busy Monday afternoon is being held in the Barnberg County Detention Center pending a bond hearing Wednesday.



Cook

Tracy David Cook, 30, of 115 East St., Beech Island, was arrested Monday on charges of reckless driving, driving under suspension, possession of a Schedule IV controlled drug (Cocaine/pseudo), possession of tools used in a crime, possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine within proximity of a school and three counts of attempted murder.

The Barnberg County Sheriff's Office received a call at about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday from a man reporting he was behind a vehicle he had recently recorded on his video security system during a theft. He said the man he was pursuing had stolen two trailers from him. He said the alleged thief was heading into Barnberg in a green Nissan truck.

Deputies, with assistance from S.C. Department of Natural Resources officers, caught up with the truck and pursued the suspect, later identified as Cook, as he traveled down Bridge Street in Barnberg.

According to their incident report, Cook drove to Ziggy's Motel, committing numerous traffic violations along the way. Deputies pulled in behind him as he came to a stop in the motel parking lot and attempted to make contact with him.

Cook, however, refused to exit the vehicle as requested by officers. Instead, he put his truck in reverse and backed up toward some officers, quaring his tires, the report states. Realizing he was blocked in, Cook pulled forward, then put his truck in reverse again, backing up at a full throttle toward three officers, according to the report.

Woman was set on fire

Man charged in attack on his girlfriend

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

Bond was denied Tuesday on an Orangeburg man charged with setting his girlfriend on fire after splashing her with rubbing alcohol.

Terrence Glenn, 33, was charged with criminal domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature after his 39-year-old girlfriend was taken to Augusta's burn center.

"You have a right to appeal to a circuit court judge," Orangeburg County Magistrate Merle Williamson told Glenn. "Do you have any questions for me?"

Glenn did not have an attorney and waived his right to representation in order that the hearing could go on.

Glenn was taken into custody early Tuesday after the



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Haley, Nikki

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Hi Everyone,

Not sure if you are interested, but I spent about eight hours pulling all this stuff together. I thought I would share it with you in case you wanted to send it out to your "peeps." Click on the link for Subway, it brings up a heart-warming video of a wounded warrior.

Hi ,
I just wanted to share the attached information with you about some awesome Veteran's Day Freebies & Discounts. Check out the long list and take advantage of some of these really good deals.

Take Care,

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Haley, Nikki

From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 8:27 AM
To: Soura, Christian
Cc: Pitts, Ted
Subject: Re: Budget Timeline

Thanks Christian.

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 30, 2013, at 8:24 AM, "Soura, Christian" <ChristianSoura@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Here's the current projection for the budget/session timeline:

W 10/30: BEA adopts placeholder FY 2014-15 revenue estimate.
M 11/18: BEA releases "the real" FY 2014-15 revenue estimate.
T 12/03: DOA conference committee meets. (FYI)
R 12/19: December BEA meeting (no action expected).
M 01/06: Week-long roll-out of education initiatives, in advance of budget announcement.
R 01/09: Budget Day (1/9 is locked in your calendar...could push it to the following Monday, 1/13 if you want to for coverage reasons).
T 01/14: First day of session.
W 01/15: Expiry of federal continuing resolution (debt limit deadline is Feb. 7th).
W 01/22: State of the State.

Note that the budget and the education bill have to effectively be completed around New Year's Day under this model, to give time for QA and to prepare materials for distribution (complete the education bill booklet, prepare slidedecks for the budget roll-out, produce charts and backdrops, etc.).

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Haley, Nikki

From: Symmes, Brian
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 8:23 AM
Subject: TV Clips - Wednesday, October 30, 2013

TV Clips – Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Gov. Nikki Haley visits Georgetown to discuss relief efforts for Front Street fire victims:

WCSC – Charleston, SC – 10/29/13 – 12:03 PM
WMBF – Myrtle Beach, SC – 10/29/13 – 4:00 PM
WCBD – Charleston, SC – 10/29/13 – 4:58 PM
WPDE – Myrtle Beach, SC – 10/29/13 – 7:00 PM
WCIV – Charleston, SC – 10/29/13 – 7:00 PM

Watch all clips here:

<http://mms.tveyes.com/NetReport.aspx?ReportHash=492c4b3ce8e8ea197e585a3645ba97c5>

27 TV Clips
Total Local Viewership: 479,626
Total Local Market Publicity Value: \$23,824.15

Gov. Nikki Haley set to visit the Lowcountry Tuesday:

WTAT – Charleston, SC – 10/30/13 – 7:36 AM
WCSC – Charleston, SC – 10/30/13 – 6:56 AM

Anniversary of DOR hacking news:

WMBF – Myrtle Beach, SC – 10/29/13 – 6:11 PM
WRDW – Augusta, GA – 10/29/13 – 5:08 PM

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Haley, Nikki

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Subject: Morning Clips - Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Morning Clips – Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Governor Nikki Haley News:

Sun News: Gov. Haley revisits Front Street fire site in Georgetown

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/10/29/3803054/gov-haley-revisits-front-street.html#storylink=cpy>

Amanda Kelley

Kathy McWilliams embraced Gov. Nikki Haley Tuesday afternoon telling the governor she's been a blessing to the city following last month's fire on Front Street. McWilliams was one of 13 people who lost their home when the fire broke out in the 700 block of Front Street Sept. 25. She said Haley's visit to the city was comforting. "It's so good to see her here, you have no idea," she said. "She's gone way beyond to help. She hugged me. How many people do that?" Haley met with the Rotary Club of Georgetown and Front Street business owners Tuesday before conducting a press conference.

Note: "This is a community of inspiration," she said. "This is a community that has really come together in a way that is impressive, but this is a community that has brought the whole state into it. The entire state of South Carolina is now watching and supporting Georgetown."

Associated Press: Gov. Haley making stops in Summerville, Ladson

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Zt7eadir

Gov. Nikki Haley is scheduled to make two stops during a trip through the Lowcountry this week. On Wednesday, Haley is scheduled to speak to the Summerville Rotary Club. Later that afternoon, the Republican is taking a tour of Cummins Turbo Technologies in Ladson. Cummins makes turbochargers for medium- to heavy-duty diesel engines.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The State: Winthrop Poll: SC Gov. Haley up slightly, US Sen. Graham falls again

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/30/3066211/this-is-a-test.html>

Jamie Self

Public opinion of S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley improved slightly since April -- though not among Republicans -- and U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham's popularity in his party fell below 50 percent, according to a new Winthrop Poll released Wednesday. The insight into public opinion of Haley and Graham comes as Haley, a Lexington Republican, prepares for an expected rematch next November against state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, a Camden Democrat, and as Graham faces three announced challengers in June's GOP primary. According to the poll, 44.1 percent of S.C. residents approve of Haley's job performance -- up 1.6 percentage points from February and 5.8 percentage points from a November Winthrop poll.

Politico: Nikki Haley up by 9 in reelection bid

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/10/nikki-haley-up-by-9-in-reelection-bid-south-carolina-governor-99056.html>

Emily Schultheis

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has a 9-point lead over Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen in her bid for reelection, according to a new poll out Tuesday. Haley takes 48 percent in the poll, conducted by the GOP firm Harper Polling on behalf of Conservative Intelligence Briefing, compared with 39 percent for Sheheen and 13 percent undecided.

The State: Republican poll: Haley leads Sheheen though governor's favorability lags

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/29/3066189/republican-poll-haley-leads-sheheen.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

Republican Gov. Nikki Haley leads Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen by nine percentage points in their 2014 governor's race, according to a survey released today from a Republican pollster. But Haley's favorability rating stood at 42 percent, according to Harper Polling, which conducted the poll for the blog Conservative Intelligence Briefing. That's been her average favorability in three polls taken since December by Winthrop University and Public Policy Polling. She received a 43 percent unfavorability rating. Sheheen received a 25 percent favorability mark. But nearly half of the 676 likely S.C. voters polled this week said they were not sure how they felt about the Camden attorney.

Greenville News: Sheheen, Haley spar over hacking

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310300014>

Tim Smith

A year after a hacker broke into state Revenue Department files, exposing millions of taxpayers' personal data, a Democrat running for governor is taking public aim at Gov. Nikki Haley over the breach, calling it a "preventable disgrace." Haley's campaign accused him of timing his comments to take the public's attention away from problems with the federal Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare.

Note: Rob Godfrey, a campaign spokesman for Haley, said, "With Obamacare unraveling before everyone's eyes and hurting thousands of our citizens, it's no surprise that South Carolina's biggest Obamacare cheerleader, Vince Sheheen, is desperate to change the subject."

Note: He added, "In his whole political career in Columbia, Vince never once said the word 'cybersecurity' until our state was attacked. Now he just keeps repeating the same old tired and false political rants. The truth is that Gov. Haley has led a massive and unprecedented effort across all aspects of state government to make our cyber systems more secure than ever and to protect our people from harm."

Note: "Both myself and Mike Williams, who was special agent in charge with the U.S. Secret Service, we both asked the governor to delay publishing that information because of our investigation and because of the mileposts we were trying to reach," State Law Enforcement Division Chief Mark Keel told GreenvilleOnline.com.

Associated Press: Sheheen criticizes Haley on hacking anniversary

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=amNqlagI

Seanna Adcox

State Sen. Vincent Sheheen's campaign issued a sharp attack Tuesday on Gov. Nikki Haley over her handling of a massive cyberattack a year ago that compromised the personal records of millions of South Carolina taxpayers. The Democratic candidate for governor called the episode a "horrible and preventable disgrace" in a letter his campaign emailed to tens of thousands of South Carolinian voters. Several weeks later, however, she acknowledged that state officials did not do enough to prevent the theft and announced the resignation of former Revenue Director Jim Etter. She also released the findings of an outside expert, who said two things could have prevented the hacking: the encryption of stored data or requiring more than one password to log into the system remotely.

Note: "In his whole political career in Columbia, Vince never once said the word 'cybersecurity' until our state was attacked. Now he just keeps repeating the same old tired and false political rants," said Godfrey, now her campaign spokesman. "The truth is that Gov. Haley has led a massive and unprecedented effort across all aspects of state government to make our cyber systems more secure than ever and to protect our people from harm."

The State: Sheheen rips Haley's hacking 'cover-up'

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/29/3066590/sheheen-rips-haleys-hacking-cover.html>

Adam Beam

Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen issued a scathing letter Tuesday, hitting Republican Gov. Nikki Haley for her administration's "horrible and preventable" handling of an international hacking that resulted in the theft of the personal information of 6.4 million S.C. consumers. The open letter to South Carolinians was issued about a year after news of the hacking was first made public.

Note: "We were the ones that asked it not go public," Keel said. "And we all believe today, knowing what we know, that it served our citizens' interests best, at least from the investigative standpoint and trying to do what we could to protect the information."

Note: “With Obamacare unraveling before everyone’s eyes and hurting thousands of our citizens, it’s no surprise that South Carolina’s biggest Obamacare cheerleader, Vince Sheheen, is desperate to change the subject,” said Rob Godfrey, Haley’s campaign spokesman.

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The Greenville News: S.C. GOP officials criticize health law

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131030/NEWS03/310300037/S-C-GOP-officials-criticize-health-law?gcheck=1>

Ron Barnett

South Carolina Republican Party officials gathered at the offices of a small construction company in Greenville on Tuesday to kick off a statewide “Obamacare Isn’t Working” Tour. In a news conference at the offices of Rescom Construction, state GOP Chairman Matt Moore said the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, is driving up health care costs and driving doctors out of business.

South Carolina Political News

Note: “In 2010 after it was passed, the president said of Obamacare, if you like your existing policy, you can keep it. Folks, that turned out to be a patent lie,” Moore said. Moore linked Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, Haley’s likely opponent next year, to President Obama and criticized Sheheen’s efforts to expand Medicaid to help low-income people buy health insurance on the exchange set up by the federal government.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Greenville News: Follow DOT’s lead on road projects

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310300001>

Editorial

When the state Department of Transportation asked the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure bank to help the DOT leverage \$50 million in state funds into \$500 million in bonds to move forward on a list of DOT priority road projects, the Infrastructure Bank promised to help. “I think it’s pretty clear that we’ve been asked to help DOT and welcome the opportunity to help DOT with their priority list of bridge replacement and Interstate improvements,” the Infrastructure Bank’s chairman Don Leonard told The Greenville News earlier this year when that promise was made. There had been concern that if the DOT turned \$50 million over to the Infrastructure Bank, the bank might set its own priorities. Leonard’s words were reassuring.

Aiken Standard: Graham warranted in Benghazi inquiry

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131030/AIK0201/131039992/1018/AIK02/editorial-graham-warranted-in-benghazi-inquiry>

Editorial

Although the notorious attack on the U.S. embassy in Benghazi occurred more than a year ago, we still have more questions than answers when it comes to the events that unfolded. Four people were killed that night, including J. Christopher Steven, the U.S. ambassador to Libya. He was the first ambassador killed by our enemies in more than 30 years. The attack was first blamed on a protest gone wrong, but later analysis showed that the events were much more premeditated. However, after numerous Congressional panels and an internal investigation, no one has truly been held accountable or faced any kind of disciplinary action.

Post and Courier: Why Benghazi is still news

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131030/PC1002/131039981/1021/why-benghazi-is-still-news>

Editorial

In July, President Barack Obama accused Republicans of obsessing over “phony scandals” involving the White House — including Benghazi. Apologists for his administration have increasingly dismissed last year’s terror attack on the U.S. diplomatic outpost in Libya as “old news.” But the Benghazi news sounded freshly appalling Sunday night as CBS’ “60 Minutes” revealed new details about the staggering neglect and ineptitude that led to the deaths of four Americans — including U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens — on Sept. 11, 2012. And Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., rightly kept Benghazi in the news Monday by warning that he will block administration nominations for federal government positions until Benghazi survivors appear before Congress.

Times and Democrat: Bipartisan bill illustrates need for spying reform

http://thetandd.com/news/bipartisan-bill-illustrates-need-for-spying-reform/article_469d026e-40db-11e3-a310-0019bb2963f4.html

Editorial

THE ISSUE: NSA abuses. **OUR OPINION:** Americans support intelligence operations for security but are not OK with “anything goes”. It is natural for Americans to feel less of a threat from terrorism than in the months and years following the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. We say that despite the “lone wolf” attacks that have claimed lives on U.S. soil and the attacks abroad that have claimed Americans and the lives of many others. Americans seemingly are comfortable with the approach that our intelligence network and military are taking in striking at terrorists whenever and wherever possible. As recently as Tuesday morning, headlines proclaimed U.S. success in the anti-terror mission with a military strike at a vehicle carrying senior members of an al-Qaida-linked military group in Somalia.

Post and Courier: South Carolina’s solicitor general

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131030/PC1002/131039982/1021/the-right-solicitor-general>

Editorial

When the state Department of Mental Health sells its historic Bull Street property in Columbia, it will receive at least \$7.5 million more than the agency originally expected. That boon can be credited largely to the painstaking legal research of Robert D. Cook of the state attorney general’s office. Undertaken in the absence of records burned when Gen. William T. Sherman’s army captured the capital in the Civil War, Mr. Cook’s research concluded that the 385-acre site is controlled by a charitable trust, and that all proceeds in a sale must go to DMH, to benefit mentally ill people. Initially, the General Fund was to receive half the proceeds of the sale, the terms of which were concluded in July.

The State: Columbia District 4 Voters Should Re-elect Leona Plough, Who Needs To Do More

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Q0TLx91X

Editorial

While Columbia Councilwoman Leona Plough’s first term was disappointing for someone who possesses such a wealth of knowledge about how the capital city’s government operates, her challenger in Tuesday’s Council District 4 election doesn’t fully explain how he would do a better job. For sure, Ms. Plough has lived up to promises of asking tough questions, insisting the city be prudent about spending and favoring openness and regional cooperation. She has raised some legitimate questions on key issues that the council has tackled. For example, she was among the minority who wisely sought to slow down the process that led to the hasty approval of the agreement to guide the development of the old State Hospital site on Bull Street.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Poll: More in S.C. blame GOP for shutdown than Obama

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310300042>

Rudolph Bell

Far more South Carolinians blame Republicans in Congress for the partial shutdown of the federal government than blame President Obama, according to a new poll by Winthrop University. The poll of 887 state residents found 47.3 percent blamed Republicans for the shutdown and 28.8 percent blamed Obama, while 20.3 percent blamed both equally. The survey, conducted Oct. 19-27, has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.3 percent at the 95 percent confidence level, according to Winthrop. The poll also found that 48.5 percent of registered voters disapprove of the way U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham is handling his job, while 37.4 percent approve and 13 percent aren’t sure.

Greenville News: Failure to meet pavement standards costs taxpayers

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310300012>

Tim Smith

South Carolina taxpayers spend hundreds of millions of dollars each year resurfacing and building roads, many of which begin deteriorating within their first two decades. Records obtained and analyzed by The Greenville News suggest that one reason for the deterioration in some Upstate roads is a failure by contractors to meet pavement standards set by state government — standards that are similar to those of neighboring states. About 6 percent of tests of newly paved roads fail pavement tests and result in financial penalties, according to

records obtained under the state Freedom of Information Act. Statewide, the standards aren't met about 1 percent of the time, records show.

Note: Bob Young of Easley, who said his former Florida engineering firm once paved taxiways at Miami International Airport, wrote in a letter to Gov. Nikki Haley that he has watched pavement resurfacing and maintenance crews in the Upstate in recent years and has concluded that weak standards, testing and oversight, as well as poor construction techniques, have resulted in roads that wear out far sooner than they should.

The State: Shifting NC-SC border could cost some their livelihoods

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/29/3066435/shifting-nc-sc-border-could-cost.html#storylink=cpy>

Adam Beam

For nearly 20 years, South Carolina and North Carolina officials have been quietly clarifying the boundary between the two states in an amicable process designed to avoid costly taxpayer-funded lawsuits. But the friendly times could be ending as a handful of property owners grapple with legal issues that they say could close a business, cost thousands of dollars or – in one case – possibly cause a doctor to lose his medical license. Property owners Tuesday voiced their frustration with the Joint N.C.-S.C. Boundary Commission. Since 1996, the commission meticulously has been re-establishing the original boundary between the states – relying on 280-year-old land surveys that relied on tree notches, not global positioning system coordinates.

Island Packet: Democrat tops Republican in SC House dist. 93 special election

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/29/2763415/democrat-tops-republican-in-sc.html#storylink=cpy>

Democrat Russell Ott defeated Republican Charlie Stoudemire in the House district 93 special election on Tuesday. Ott won with 68 percent of the vote in the district spread across Lexington, Calhoun and Orangeburg counties. He will finish the unexpired term of his father, former House minority leader Harry Ott, who resigned in June to lead the S.C. Federal Farm Bureau. Ott will be up for re-election in November 2014.

Aiken Standard: Alleged DOE hacker caught

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131030/AIK0101/131029447/1007/AIK0101/alleged-doe-hacker-caught>

Derrek Asberry

An individual linked to the July 2013 cyber attacks to the Department of Energy, which affected employees at the Savannah River Site, was charged Monday by the acting U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. Lauri Love, 28, of Stradishall, England was charged with conspiracy to access and damage the protected computer networks of multiple U.S. government agencies. Law enforcement authorities in the United Kingdom arrested Love at his residence on Friday, Oct. 25 in connection with an ongoing investigation by the Cyber Crime Unit of the National Crime Agency. In addition, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey announced the unsealing of an indictment charging Love with allegedly infiltrating U.S. government computer systems.

Greenville News: State 153 extension plan draws mixed reaction

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131030/NEWS/310300025/State-153-extension-plan-draws-mixed-reaction>

Julie Howle

Reactions were mixed as residents looked at plans Tuesday night for a project that would extend State 153 to Saluda Dam Road in Pickens County. About 150 people gathered at Easley High School where residents gave input on the proposed project to extend State 153 from its existing endpoint at U.S. 123 to Saluda Dam Road between Grant Valley Road/Bishop Drive and Prince Perry Road. The project is designed "to relieve congestion on U.S. 123" and "provide improved circulation for the folks that live in that part of the county," said Tommy Elrod, a state Department of Transportation program manager for the Upstate.

Local News:

Sun News: Candidates hope to maintain or improve atmosphere for business in Georgetown

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/10/29/3802259/candidates-hope-to-maintain-or.html#storylink=cpy>

Amanda Kelley

Being business-friendly is something all candidates for the Georgetown City Council race agree is important. Incumbents Paige Sawyer and Brendon S. Barber Sr.; incumbent mayoral candidate Jack Scoville; and council challenger Doris Simmons think Georgetown already is friendly for new and existing businesses, but mayoral hopeful Richard Powers and council candidates Carol Jayroe and Ed Kimbrough think there's room for improvement to make the city more competitive to new businesses and to encourage economic growth. Incumbent Councilwoman Jeanette Ard said it has improved, but there's still room to go.

Aiken Standard: Local health center reports being victim of cyber hack

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131030/AIK0101/131039981/1007/AIK0101/local-health-center-reports-being-victim-of-cyber-hack>

Teddy Kulmala

The Aiken County Sheriff's Office is investigating a case of cyber hacking at the Margaret J. Weston Community Health Center. The incident was reported on Monday, according to a sheriff's report. An unknown suspect hacked into the computer system at the health center and was able to look at medical records of some of the center's clients. It was unclear how many clients' records were accessed or if the hacker was able to obtain anything. The hack was discovered on Sunday by the health center's information technology specialist, according to Gigi Walker, operations manager. The health center and the Sheriff's Office are still investigating how "extensive" the hack was.

The State: Poll: Columbians Feeling Unsafe, City Council Incumbents Likely To Win

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=A0N4uml1

Cassie Cope

Eight days before Columbia's election, a private poll shows the mayor and the citywide incumbent likely to win despite many undecided voters and a deep sense of unease about public safety. Just over 40 percent of 370 respondents in a Monday Crantford Research poll say the city's elected leaders are not doing enough to make the capital city safe. Almost a third of the likely voters polled in an automated telephone poll, or 29 percent, are undecided in the mayor's race. Almost half, or 47 percent, are undecided in the at-large council race that pits Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine against challenger Tommy Burkett, a North Columbia businessman, the Crantford poll found.

Times and Democrat: Superintendent: No longer a need for desegregation order

http://thetandd.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/superintendent-no-longer-a-need-for-desegregation-order/article_ef77eb26-40ed-11e3-af41-001a4bcf887a.html

Larry P. Jordan

The Calhoun County School District Board of Trustees was asked by a resident at its October meeting why the district was attempting to "come out from under the desegregation plan." Melvin Hart wanted to know the district's overall position on the order. Board Chairman Gary Porth said the board had "sought to have (the desegregation order) vacated," noting that complying with the order required a "voluminous report every year." Porth said district officials did not know what the costs were for complying with the order.

Post and Courier: New Lowcountry Leadership Charter School gets board approval to stay on Schroder campus if necessary

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131029/PC16/131029301/1389/new-lowcountry-leadership-charter-school-gets-board-approval-to-stay-on-schroder-campus-if-necessary>

Diette Courrage Casey

Lowcountry Leadership Charter School leaders can't wait to move into their new building, but they have permission to continue holding classes at their temporary campus if construction is delayed again. The Charleston County School Board approved in September a 60-day lease of the former Schroder Middle School building in Hollywood to the charter school after construction on its new building got behind schedule. Charter school officials said 60 days was all they would need, and their lease was slated to end on Nov. 13.

Greenville News: GHS, colleges partner on health goals with academic center

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310300013>

Liv Osby

Greenville Health System was officially designated an academic health center this week in what was described as a first-of-its-kind model that brings Clemson, Furman and the University of South Carolina into the fold to

study health care delivery and develop ways to improve it. Typically, academic health centers are defined as a university with a medical school, at least one health profession program, and an owned or affiliated teaching hospital or hospitals, said Dr. Spence Taylor, vice president of academics for GHS and architect of the new model.

Post and Courier: Proposed sales tax for Dorchester has history in neighboring counties

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131029/PC16/131029294/1006/local-tax-header-header-subheader-subheader>

Bo Petersen

If Dorchester County passes a local-option sales tax next week, the people most apt to be hurt are renters. The reason: Property owners who rent to them don't always use their tax savings to cut rental rates, officials say. But based on what has happened in Berkeley and Charleston counties where they have approved the tax, paying an extra one-percent sales tax doesn't sting for many owners when compared with the benefits of the property tax credit they get. The Berkeley County tax was a big issue before the 1996 vote that approved it, said County Councilman Caldwell Pinckney Jr., who represents the rural Cross area. After it passed, "nobody ever complained to me. Not once did I get a complaint. People didn't miss (the one percent). They enjoyed the (property) tax benefit."

Florence Morning News: Penny tax supporters getting word out in Florence

http://www.scnow.com/news/politics/article_eaa18d2a-40fa-11e3-8431-001a4bcf6878.html

Gavin Jackson

Campaign advertisements and signs are hoping to get voters thinking about the Capital Projects Sales Tax, known as the penny tax, that will be on the ballot next Tuesday. A grassroots advertising campaign paid for by Keep The Penny Inc. is funded by several private donors and organized by James Schofield, but not in his capacity as chairman of Florence County Council. "When they (the state Supreme Court) said it was legal, people called me and said, 'We want to give money to get yard signs, to do advertising, to get the word out about the vote,'" Schofield said. "A group of people came together and put this thing together at the last minute."

Florence Morning News: Lake City, county leaders gear up for penny tax vote

http://www.scnow.com/newsandpost/news/article_4d55a6f6-4103-11e3-9eaa-0019bb30f31a.html

Donna Tracy

A multitude of lower Florence County municipal leaders and county officials gathered at the Bean Market in Lake City Oct. 23 to put together a game plan for getting county residents out and voting for the new penny sales tax referendum that will be on Tuesday's ballot. Spearheaded by Jason Springs, council councilman for District 2, those attending the brief lunch meeting reviewed listing of some of the improvements for local areas that are included in the referendum and which, should the county vote to keep the penny, will benefit not only the individual communities, but also the county as a whole.

National News:

Politico: For Ken Cuccinelli, Bobby Jindal blasts President Obama

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/10/ken-cuccinelli-bobby-jindal-president-obama-99066.html#ixzz2jCYvjHOW>

James Hohmann

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal worked to nationalize the Virginia governor's race Tuesday, presenting a vote for Republican Ken Cuccinelli as a vote against President Barack Obama. Noting that Obama will campaign Sunday for Democrat Terry McAuliffe, who leads by 12 points in the latest poll, Jindal went through a laundry list of scandals that have beset the administration: Benghazi, Fast and Furious, the Internal Revenue Service and "spying" on Associated Press reporters.

Associated Press: Lawmakers meeting in hopes of limited budget deal

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=OVkHjKt3

Andrew Taylor

Negotiators on Capitol Hill are gathering to discuss ways of easing indiscriminate spending cuts slamming the Pentagon and domestic agencies alike. The talks Wednesday in a dysfunctional Washington come after a

sustained period of warfare among the main protagonists - Democrats controlling the White House and the Senate and Republicans leading the House - is yielding to a moment of smaller-scale talks between lieutenants of top House and Senate leaders. The idea of a "grand bargain" blending tax increases with politically difficult savings from popular benefit programs like Social Security and Medicare seems to be off the table.

Associated Press: Sebelius heads to Hill to defend health law, job
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268793/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=AXWiwGvC

Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar and Stephen Ohlemacher

Eager to cast blame, lawmakers are preparing to grill President Barack Obama's top health official over problems with the rollout of the government's health care website. A growing number of Republicans in Congress are calling for Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to step down or be fired because of problems consumers are having signing up for insurance coverage on the government's new website. On Wednesday, Sebelius heads to Capitol Hill to testify before the House Energy and Commerce Committee, her first appearance before Congress since state-based health exchanges opened for business on Oct. 1.

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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Greenville News: Firearms importer opening facility in Summerville and will hire 117

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131029/BUSINESS/310290051/Firearms-importer-opening-facility-Summerville-will-hire-117>

A worldwide importer of firearms, ammunition and tactical equipment has announced that it will open a warehouse and distribution center in Dorchester County. American Tactical Imports will open facilities in the Eastport Industrial Park location in Summerville, which also will be the site for limited firearm assembly, as well as the company's headquarters, its customer service center and its sales office, according to Gov. Nikki Haley's office. The \$2.7 million investment is expected to generate 117 new jobs, Haley's office said.

Note: "Today's announcement is another testament that South Carolina is a destination for job-creating investments," Haley said. "We celebrate American Tactical Imports' decision to invest \$2.7 million and create 117 new jobs in Dorchester County."

Anderson Independent: Electrolux celebrates 25 years in Anderson

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/oct/29/electrolux-celebrates-25-years-in-anderson/>

Kirk Brown

Electrolux employees celebrated the company's 25 years in Anderson during an event Saturday at its plant on Masters Boulevard. The plant's 1,800 employees manufacture 2 million top-mount refrigerators annually. Electrolux is responsible for half of the top-mount refrigerators sold in the U.S. market each year, according to company spokeswoman Eloise Hale. Plant employees and their families took part in a variety of festivities Saturday, including plant tours, hayrides, music, kids' activities and a barbecue lunch.

Note: "Electrolux has provided many opportunities for our state and our citizens, and we are proud to count your company among the many world-class companies that call South Carolina home," stated Haley's letter. "We build things in South Carolina, and we build them well."

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The State: Republican poll: Haley leads Sheheen though governor's favorability lags

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/29/3066189/republican-poll-haley-leads-sheheen.html>

Andrew Shain

Republican Gov. Nikki Haley leads Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen by nine percentage points in their 2014 governor's race, according to a survey released today from a Republican pollster. But Haley's favorability rating stood at 42 percent, according to Harper Polling, which conducted the poll for the blog Conservative Intelligence Briefing. That's been her average favorability in three polls taken since December by Winthrop University and Public Policy Polling. She received a 43 percent unfavorability rating.

Politico: Nikki Haley up by 9 in reelection bid

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/10/nikki-haley-up-by-9-in-reelection-bid-south-carolina-governor-99056.html?hp=I7>

Emily Schultheis

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has a 9-point lead over Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen in her bid for reelection, according to a new poll out Tuesday. Haley takes 48 percent in the poll, conducted by the GOP firm Harper Polling on behalf of Conservative Intelligence Briefing, compared with 39 percent for Sheheen and 13 percent undecided. First elected in 2010, Haley is one of national Democrats' top targets for next year. South

Carolina is a reliably red state and an uphill battle for any statewide Democrat — but Sheheen lost to Haley by less than 5 points in 2010, and Democrats think he can make the race competitive again this time.

South Carolina News:

The State: GOP Presidential Hopefuls Cruz, Paul Coming To SC -- Again
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=JllxvUaG

Andrew Shain

A pair of Republican U.S. senators who are considered 2016 White House hopefuls -- Ted Cruz of Texas and Rand Paul of Kentucky -- are visiting South Carolina again in November. Cruz will speak Monday at the S.C. Renewal Project's "Pastors' Policy Briefing" at the DoubleTree hotel on Bush River Road. U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-North Charleston, also is scheduled to attend the event, themed "Rediscovering God in America." Cruz is making his second trip this year to the state, which has the first presidential primary in the South. Cruz, the lightning rod often blamed for the recent federal government shutdown, was the keynote speaker at the S.C. GOP's Silver Elephant fund-raising dinner in May.

Florence Morning News: Honda of SC named one of nation's safest companies
http://www.scnow.com/news/business/article_84f4eaa0-408f-11e3-9be2-0019bb30f31a.html

Honda of South Carolina Mfg., Inc. is among America's safest companies, according to EHS Today, a publication that promotes environmental, health and safety in the workplace. The Florence County ATV manufacturer was among 16 companies that received the award for 2013, which was presented today during a safety conference in Atlanta, Ga. According to EHS Today, the safest companies demonstrate employee involvement and support from management, while also providing innovative solutions to safety challenges, and reporting injury and illness rates that are significantly lower than the average for their industries.

Local News:

The State: Mayor's Bond Reform Panel Nears Consensus On Recommended Changes To Criminal Justice System

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=czVI1uew

Noelle Phillips

A city panel on violent crime and bond reform Tuesday released a draft of what will become its recommendations for changes to the criminal justice system. Among those recommendations will be the suggestion that city police provide more information to judges during bond hearings and that an officer be present during all bond hearings on serious crimes. "Many of the officers don't appear in bond court because it's in the morning and they make the arrests at night," said Columbia Municipal Judge Carl Solomon, who is a member of the panel. "It doesn't have to be the same person. Whenever an officer is there you learn something that didn't learn from paperwork."

Florence Morning News: Timmonsville mayor distressed to learn of fire department woes
http://www.scnow.com/news/politics/article_bdd992ba-3ff6-11e3-9db3-001a4bcf6878.html

Ellen Meder

The mayor of Timmonsville said Monday that he was unaware the town's volunteer fire department has had problems responding to fires, and was very upset to learn about that through a Morning News story Sunday. During a press conference called in front of the Timmonsville Fire Department Mayor Darrick Jackson said that the Morning News exclusive report on a proposed ordinance that would allow Timmonsville to be covered by a county fire zone and dissolve its own fire department was "an extremely bold and blatant attempt to negotiate the issue involving the fate of the Timmonsville Fire Department through the media" on behalf of the county.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Primary Care Physicians drops BlueCross BlueShield coverage for its employees, launches own health insurance plan

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131029/PC16/131029320/1006/>

Lauren Sausser

Palmetto Primary Care Physicians is launching its own health insurance plan for 600 employees because the group rates through BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina became too high. The new plan will reduce health insurance costs for the practice by more than 50 percent, according to a press release. "As a large health care

provider, I feel we have a moral obligation to provide an affordable, quality health plan for our employees and partners," said Jeff Lehigh, CEO of Palmetto Primary Care Physicians, in a prepared statement. "The escalating health care costs in this market are not sustainable."

Island Packet: Grant from S.C. DNR for Beaufort day dock increases from \$27,000 to \$111,000
<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/29/2762649/grant-from-sc-dnr-for-beaufort.html#storylink=cpy>
Erin Moody

The city of Beaufort has talked the S.C. Department of Natural Resources into increasing a \$27,000 grant to build a day dock downtown to \$111,279. With matching federal grant dollars at a 3 to 1 ratio, the city will have \$445,178 for the project, significantly decreasing the amount Beaufort will need to pay out of its own coffers. Public works director Isiah Smalls notified City Council of the news last week, along with updated plans for moving forward. The day dock is part of a master plan for the Beaufort Downtown Marina, which includes a mooring field, and was approved into the city's Civic Master Plan last year.

National News:

Associated Press: Medicare chief apologizes for 'Obamacare' woes
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2eLCFeWB
Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar and Stephen Ohlemacher

Stressing that improvements are happening daily, the senior Obama official closest to the administration's malfunctioning health care website apologized Tuesday for problems that have kept Americans from successfully signing up for coverage. "I want to apologize to you that the website has not worked as well as it should," Medicare chief Marilyn Tavenner said as she began her testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee. It was the most direct mea culpa yet from a top administration official. The first senior official to publicly answer questions from lawmakers, Tavenner is being grilled not only on what went wrong with HealthCare.gov, but also whether lawmakers can trust promises that things will be running efficiently by the end of November.

Associated Press: Lawmakers: U.S. spy programs may have gone too far
http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_NSA_SURVEILLANCE?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2013-10-29-10-00-48
Lara Jakes and Julie Pace

Faced with anger over revelations about U.S. spying at home and abroad, members of Congress suggested Tuesday that programs the Obama administration says are needed to combat terrorism may have gone too far. The chairman of the House intelligence committee said it might help to disclose more about National Security Agency operations but barring NSA from collecting millions of Americans' phone records would scrap an important tool. "We can't ask the FBI to find terrorists plotting an attack and then not provide them with the information they need," said Chairman Mike Rogers, R-Mich. He spoke at the start of a hearing where top intelligence officials were testifying, including National Security Agency Director Keith Alexander.

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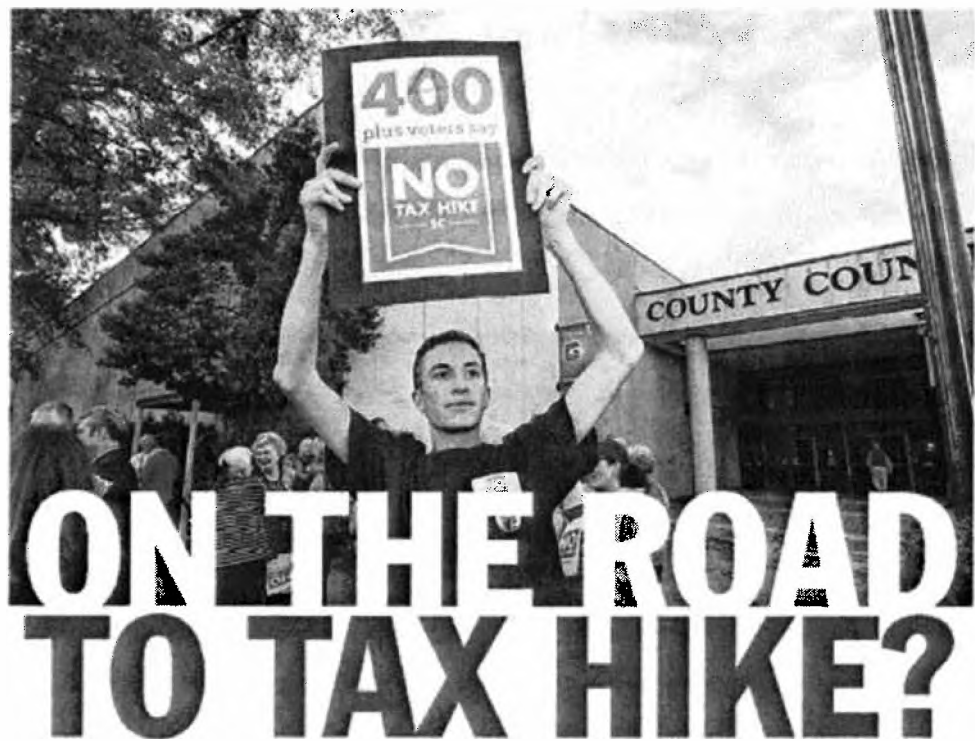
WASHINGTON — In the midst of the controversy over U.S. surveillance this summer, top intelligence officials held a briefing for President Barack Obama at the White House — one that would provide him with a broad inventory of programs being carried out by the National Security Agency.

Some of those programs, including the collection of emails and other communications from overseas, had already been disclosed because of leaks from former NSA contractor Edward Snowden. But Obama was also informed of at least one program whose scope surprised him: "head of state collection."

That program, whose targets included the communications of U.S. allies such as German Chancellor Angela Merkel, began in 2002, according to administration officials. The president never knew that the program targeted American allies, administration officials said, adding that he was aware of collection efforts aimed at leaders of "adversarial countries."

Officials — who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe still-classified activities in general terms — declined to outline the scope of the "head of state" collection program. They added that although Obama ordered the curtailing of some of the programs and informed Merkel that the United States was not currently monitoring her calls, he was not angered that intelligence officials had not told him sooner about the eavesdropping.

"Their job is to get as much information for policy-makers as possible," a senior admini-



Council may exercise option to fix highways

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Strong anti-tax sentiment is one reason Greenville County has never exercised its option to impose a 1 percent sales tax as most South Carolina counties have done.

Now, however, with no solution in sight from Columbia or Washington for crumbling and overburdened roads, some county officials are wondering whether Greenville's famously conservative voters are willing to tax themselves as a last resort.

County Council took a step in that direction Monday night, voting 8 to 4 to create a special citizens committee to draw up a list of projects that



Greenville County Council members Butch Kirven, above left, and Fred Payne attend a meeting discussing a possible tax increase on Monday. At top, Gary Fenn stands in opposition to a tax increase outside of Greenville County Council chambers Monday. (COURTESY NEWSSTAFF)

Joining Payne in voting to create the citizens committee were Bob Taylor, Joe Baldwin, Jim Burns, Tottie Gilman

olution approved Monday, the estimated \$65 million a year in tax revenue could be used only for highway needs, streets

the objections of tea party activists who staged a protest outside of council chambers before the vote and vowed to

Graham vows to block nominations over Benghazi. NATION, A6



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Kidnapped mom, teen escape captor

Fugitive in Amber Alert case nabbed hours after victims flee in Williamsburg County

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ST. STEPHEN — Deirdre W. McHenry walked alone down a dirt road at dawn Monday, on her

way to meet a former boyfriend whom she had accused of trying to rape her 13-year-old daughter four days earlier.

McHenry, 36, had fled Tolly Darnell McHenry's home on Thursday, telling her family she was terrified of him and his ex-

husband, controlling ways.

But she saw no choice but to meet with him Monday when he showed up in a pickup truck. McHenry fled the home where she was staying on rural Green Lane in Berkeley County, relatives said.

That's because McHenry had

told her on the phone that he was holding her 13-year-old daughter. McHenry leapt from the car and would have the girl if she refused to see him, her family said.

So McHenry swallowed her fear and trudged down the dirt road to meet him. Moments later, the

Hyundai sped away with mother and daughter inside, sparking a statewide Amber Alert, a multi-county search by law enforcement and a police manhunt that stretched well into the night, McHenry



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McHenry

Folly too funky for house-number rules?



This house at 214 W. Ashley Ave. has its street address posted on a tree near the road, but it's tough to see at night.

Enforcement to help first responders find addresses

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FOLLY BEACH — Finding a residence here is not necessarily as easy as one, two, three. Sure, there are usually street numbers, but seeing them can be like playing "Where's Waldo?"

The example, island addresses can be found displayed in unusual front yard locations such as a palm pole, a wooden post stuck to a tree or a signboard stuck in the ground. And some houses are behind thick growth with no address visible from the road.

While an artsy, bohemian look may be seen as a defining character of a neighborhood, officials say it can mean the loss of precious minutes when first responders race to save lives and property. The city

Online

POLL: It's a \$500 fine appropriate for not displaying a street number on your property? Find this story at postandcourier.com to vote.

GALLERY: For more photos from Folly Beach, go to postandcourier.com/galleries.

is tackling the issue in a new push to get all new homes to put street addresses on homes in compliance with a law that has been on the books since 1975. Officials may face a fine of up to \$500.

Mayor Tim Cashwin plans a law, but

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A totem pole carrying at 1009 Seacrest Lane on Folly Beach has street numbers on it that can be seen from the street. Town officials are concerned that the numbers would be hard to see at night.

Health care law sign-up extended

Some seek 1-year delay of penalties

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON — With web sites on going, the Obama administration Monday granted a six-week extension until March 31 for Americans to sign up for coverage next year and avoid new tax penalties under the president's health care overhaul law.

The move had been expected since White House spokesman Jay Carney promised quick action last week to resolve a "disconnect" in the implementation of the law.

It comes as technical problems continue to trouble the website designed as the main consumer portal for people who don't get health care at work.

As a consequence, Republican lawmakers, and some Democrats as well, are calling for a one-year delay in the penalties most Americans will face starting next year if they remain uninsured. Monday's action by the administration stops well short of that, and amounts only to a limited adjustment.

Under the latest policy change, people who sign up by the end of open enrollment season on March 31 will not face a penalty. That means procrastinators get a grace period.

Previously you had to sign up by the middle of February, guaranteeing that your coverage would take effect March 1, in order to avoid fines for being uninsured.

The extension — granted for 2014 only — addresses confusion that was created when the administration set the first open enrollment period under the law from Oct. 1, March 31.

The problem was that health insurance coverage typically starts on the first day of a new month, and it takes up to 15 days to process applications, so somebody signing up March 31 in

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Wine + Food Festival director search leaves 3 finalists at table

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prove successful for USC
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returns to
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'I'M NOT READY TO GO HOME'



Amy DuBois, director of the middle school ministry at The Harvest church in Lexington, holds a T-shirt supporting Midlands teen Carlos Guevara. DuBois is Carlos' youth pastor.

Lexington teen reaches for the top on 'X Factor'

By HARRISON CAHILL
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As 16-year-old Lexington resident Carlos Guevara won the hearts and minds of the judges on the hit show "The X Factor" a few weeks ago, fan support began pouring in from all over the state and the nation.

Now Guevara, who is one of three contestants from South Carolina to make the top 40 on the show, must go through the live show portion of the contest where his fate rests solely in the hands of the voting viewers.

Amy DuBois is Guevara's youth pastor at The Harvest



VIDEO AT THESTATE.COM

With this story, watch Carlos Guevara's audition segment from a previous showing of "The X Factor"

TUNE IN

"The X Factor" airs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, WACH-57, cable channel 6

OTHER S.C. CONTESTANTS ON 'X FACTOR'

Summerville's Andrew Scholz hopes Simon Cowell's magic touch continues during the third season.

Last month, Cowell paired Scholz, left, 19 and a 2013 graduate of Summerville High School, with 18-year-olds Colton Beck of Danisco, W.Va., and Zach Reiken



'Always an inspiration': Morrison mourned

Columbia attorney died of natural causes in N.Y., officials report

By NOELLE PHILLIPS
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The New York City Chief Medical Examiner's Office said Monday a prominent Columbia attorney died of natural causes at a hospital.

Steve Morrison, a partner with the Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough law firm, passed away Sunday in New York, where he planned to attend a Spoleto Festival USA board of directors meeting.

No further details of the cause of death were avail-

READ MORE: Columnist Warren Botton on Steve Morrison, page A9. **Online,** more tributes and a look at Morrison's life, at thestate.com.

able Monday night.

Funeral services have not been planned, but Levy's Funeral Home, on Taylor Street in Columbia, is in charge of arrangements.

Preston McLaurin, a spokesman for Nelson Mullins Riley & Scar-

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Clyburn, Graham on panel seeking budget, deficit deal

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Victim comes forth in abuse case

Former Aiken Prep student steps forward as 'uncharged victim' in molestation

BY AMY BANTON

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At least one individual with local ties has claimed he was a victim of a former boarding school administrator accused of child molestation.

San Diego County Deputy District Attorney Tracy Prior confirmed in a voicemail on Monday that someone who attended Aiken Preparatory School between the years of 1983 to

1985 has stepped forward as a victim since the Oct. 17 arrest of 55-year-old Jeffrey Barton, who worked at the institution at that time.

Prior said in the voicemail that there are five other "uncharged victims," including the one from Aiken, meaning no charges have been filed against Barton at this time in connection to those individuals.

Calls to get an exact date on when this individual contacted investiga-

tors and for more information on the case itself were not returned by Prior before press time.

Bob Harrington, headmaster emeritus for Aiken Prep, said the school had no indication of any problems with Barton. Harrington added that if any inappropriate behavior had occurred, he truly wishes it had been reported 30 years ago.

Barton was apprehended and charged with 14 counts of first copu-



Barton

larity by force and two counts of sodomy by force by the Carlsbad Police Department in California. He remains in the Vista Detention Facility in San Diego under a \$3 million bond.

Those charges stem from allegations from two students who attended the Army and Navy Academy in Carlsbad, Calif., in which Barton served as a former administrator from 1995 to 2013.

Barton also taught at the McCallie Private Boys Boarding School and Day School in Chattanooga, according to other media reports.

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AREA DEATHS

Archie James Kisner, Charlotte, N.C.



Stay safe this
HALLOWEEN
Tricks for a night of treats



BY DEDE BILES
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Youngsters celebrating Halloween have crazy costumes and sugar on

(the children) should stick to areas they are familiar with and go out in groups.

Residents who are participating in trick-or-treats should leave their

Trick-or-treating safety tips

Mahoney's other safety tips for

Where is public prayer allowed?

Local government officials sound off on prayer's place in public meetings

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Soon the U.S. Supreme Court will hear and decide several controversial cases, one of which is public prayer at government meetings.

The Town of Greece v. Galloway case revolves around whether public prayers before a government meeting violate the First Amendment guarantee of separation of church and state. Oral arguments are scheduled for Nov. 6, according to Reuters, and the outcome of the case could very well change how various councils and boards around the U.S. begin their public meetings.

The Aiken Standard took a look at prayers conducted before County, City and school public meetings.

City Council

After an Aiken resident became concerned with City Council praying before public meetings, a letter from the Freedom From Religion Foundation was sent to Council. The foundation is a national nonprofit group based in Madison, Wis., focusing on violations of separation of church and state. Established in 1978, it was co-founded by Anne Laurie Gayler who originally started the group so an organization could be behind her and her mother went they went before Maitland's City Council.

While no lawsuit was ever threatened, the Foundation made clear that using



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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Eliminating mandate poses problems for law

Extending the March 31 deadline is another popular plea, but neither proposal is simple

By TONY PUGH

McClatchy Washington Bureau

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miums in check for individual plans sold on the state and federal marketplaces.

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SOLUTION FOUND, BUT PROBLEMS PERSIST

On Monday, President Barack Obama's administration officials resolved the latest problem to beset the insurance marketplace portal, the healthcare.gov website.

An external network failure at a Verizon affiliate shut down the

website in several states on Sunday. The problem was resolved Monday morning, but users continued to report problems completing online enrollments.



WEEDING out a NUISANCE

Clemson University surveys Beaufort for invasive weed



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Sarah Morrison, a program assistant with the invasive-species program at Clemson University, and Ryan Merck, an organic certification program coordinator at Clemson, look for noxious weed Benghal dayflower Monday along Bay Street in Beaufort.

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THANKSGIVING SHOPPING

Retailers will open earlier

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"Black Friday is the mother of all shopping weekends," said Britt

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IN BEAUFORT

Police seek 2 in armed robbery

Pending home sales down

5.6 percent decline reflects rise in mortgage rates, home prices **D1**



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Council backs 8 city upgrades

Improvements downtown should make area friendlier to pedestrians, bicycles

BY LYNN P. SHACKLEFORD
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Sections of Spartanburg's downtown will become more pedestrian-, bike- and even vehicle-friendly under a new plan endorsed by City Council Monday.

Assistant City Manager Chris Story unveiled more than \$2.5 million in streetscape improvements, incorporating some innovative

concepts, set to be completed during the next two years.

The eight recommendations, which received a nod from council, will make the walk from Marriott at Renaissance Park to Morgan Square more pleasant, extend the Mary Black Foundation Rail Trail to downtown, add parking and a protected bike lane on Converse Street, straighten chi-

cane (or curves) on Main Street, create a "festival street" concept to Wall Street, improve the sidewalk along Magnolia Street, narrow Daniel Morgan Avenue from Henry Street to Main Street and repair storm drainage and create a pedestrian crossing near The George (USC Upstate downtown business school) and Chapman Cultural Center.

Story said staff has estimated the projects at \$2.3 million, with the majority financed by Broad Street tax increment funding (TIF) funds. A TIF district is an overlay

that allows the city, which provides public infrastructure improvements, to capture the incremental tax value of properties in the district from when it was first formed to the new taxes generated from investment.

In the plan, TIF funds would finance \$1.3 million of the projects. Stormwater funds would finance \$120,000 of the drainage work planned on Daniel Morgan Avenue; the Hospitality Tax fund would finance \$200,000; \$75,000

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Fact check

Kathleen Sebelius said Monday that the Affordable Care Act required the enrollment website to launch Oct. 1, regardless of whether it was ready. Turns out she was wrong. The law actually says the launch date was her decision. **PAGE A3**

Party crashers

Have tea parties overstayed their welcome in Congress? Two prominent Michigan businessmen think so, and they plan to run against tea party incumbents Justin Amash and Kerry Betholio in the Republican primaries. **PAGE A3**

Auto reliability

Japan no longer has a lock on Consumer Reports' vehicle reliability ratings. Three non-Japanese automakers — Audi, Volvo and GMC — cracked the top 10 for 2014. **PAGE D1**

Abortion ruling

A federal judge has deemed parts of a Texas abortion law unconstitutional, a ruling that will keep open dozens of abortion clinics across the state while state officials appeal. **PAGE A8**

MIRACLE LEAGUE CELEBRATION



PHOTOS BY CHRIS GUTTFOR THE HERALD-JOURNAL

The 2013 Carolina Miracle League held its end-of-the-season celebration at the Miracle League Park in Boiling Springs Monday. In the photos above, Anthony Green plays a game, and Cierra Ruffing, right, runs the bases. For a story, see Page C1.

Europe considers sanctions against US

Spain latest ally to seek answers about NSA spying

By FRANK JORDANS
The Associated Press

BERLIN — The United States could lose access to an important law enforcement tool used to track terrorist money flows, German officials said Monday, as Europe weighs a response to allegations that the Americans spied on their closest European allies.

Spain became the latest U.S. ally to demand answers after a Spanish newspaper reported that the National Security Agency monitored more than 60 million phone calls in that country during one month alone. The report Monday in the daily El Mundo came on the heels of allegations of massive



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Mold still present at fire station

A third round of cleanup activities slated for this week

By CHRIS TRAINOR
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Nearly three months after temporarily closing fire station No. 3, the City of Greenwood continues to battle mold issues at the facility.

Fire station No. 3, which is on Jenkins Springs Road, has been closed since early August as the city worked to address a mold problem there. Fire personnel and response equipment from

station No. 3 were relocated to South Main Street's station No. 1 for the time being.

There were at least two rounds of mold cleanup efforts at the station, and a third is set for this week.

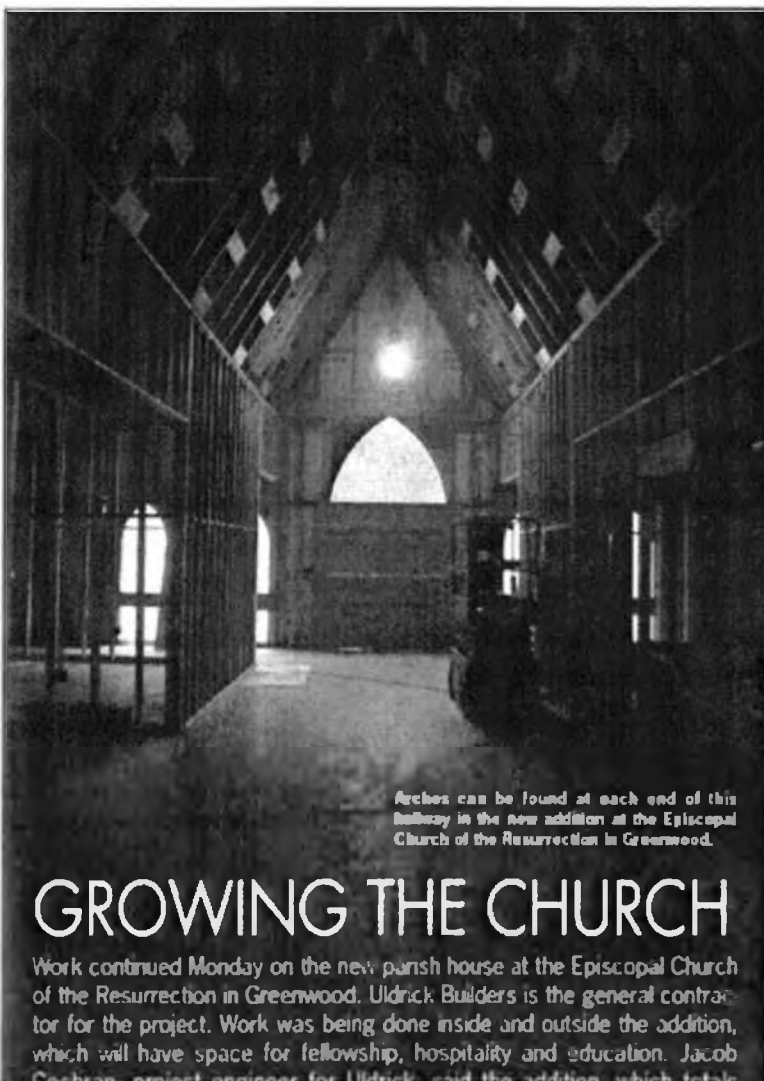
First, city staff members, wearing protective gear, were used in an effort to help remove mold from certain areas in the fire station, specifically around and above the ceiling area and around HVAC ducts above a

bedroom in the fire station. Ceiling tiles and insulation were removed and various surfaces—including ceiling tile tracks and light and socket switchplates,

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CHARLIE BARRINEAU



Arches can be found at each end of this hallway in the new addition at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Greenwood.

GROWING THE CHURCH

Work continued Monday on the new parish house at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Greenwood. Uldrick Builders is the general contractor for the project. Work was being done inside and outside the addition, which will have space for fellowship, hospitality and education. Jacob Cochran, project engineer for Uldrick, said the addition, which totals



SUBMITTED

Greenwood artist and teacher Denise L. Waldrep's portraits of the 20 children killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting were recently donated to the children's surviving families. Waldrep said the project took five months to complete and was a way for her to work through emotions that hit "close to home." The resulting images, Waldrep said, "are a celebration of those young lives."

■ SCHOOL MASSACRE

Painted for posterity

Waldrep's Newtown portraits going to surviving families

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Greenwood artist and teacher Denise L. Waldrep recently donated to surviving family members 20 portraits she painted of each child killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting Dec. 14, 2012, in Newtown, Conn.

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Want to see Waldrep's work?

■ Denise L. Waldrep exhibits her work nationally and is an adjunct instructor at Lander University. Check out "Magnanimous Body Talk," a joint exhibition by Waldrep and her son, Carey Smith, on view in the Lander University Monsanto Gallery, located in the Josephine B. Abney



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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Experts: Changing health law not so simple

By TONY PUGH
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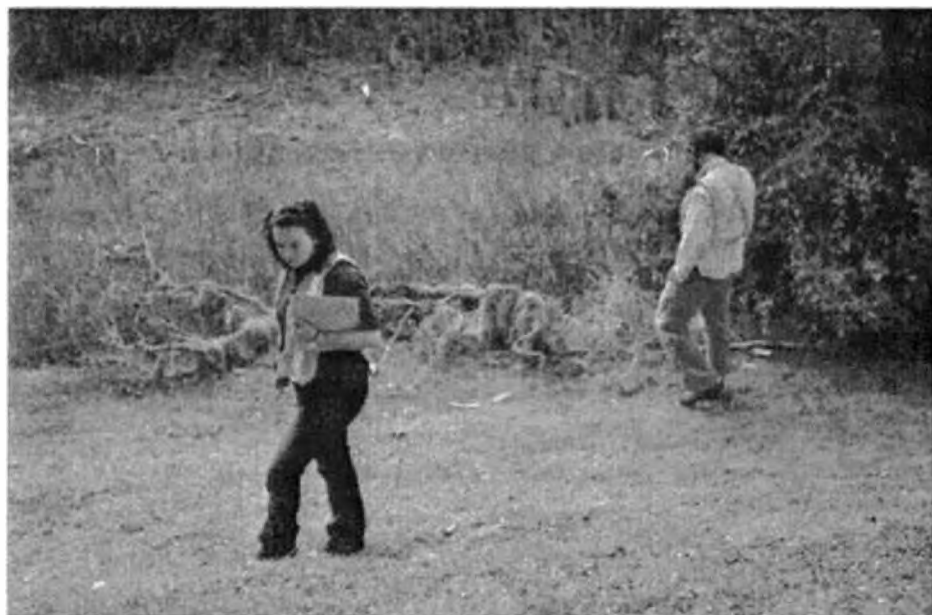
But waiving the mandate likely would cause premiums to rise because healthy people would avoid coverage, while sicker people would be more likely to take advantage of the new consumer protections that guarantee

access to coverage, regardless of current or past health problems.

The law also bans premium variations based on gender, occupation or medical claims history and outlaws annual and lifetime benefit spending limits.

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SEARCH IS ON FOR INVASIVE WEED



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**KNOCKING
ON DOORS**

Federal noxious Benghal dayflower
spotted in Beaufort County



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BLACK FRIDAY

Retailers to open early for shopping

Some Beaufort County stores will open as early as 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving to kick off the holiday shopping season.

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ON HILTON HEAD

A collection of characters



PHOTOS BY MATT WILSON / THE ITEM

Batman looks on as Thor examines a poster on Saturday at Nuclear Comix Halloween Comicfest.

Niche market bonds businesses together

BY TYLER SIMPSON
Special to the Item

Two months before Barry Edwards opened his comic book shop in Sumter, he paid a visit to Rob Clay's gaming store, Stronghold Gaming. It was this moment that sparked what Clay described as a "logical" niche marketing idea.

In both Clay and Edwards, comic books and card games go together like milk and cookies. When Edwards informed Clay about his intention to open up a comic book store, Clay saw opportunity knocking on his door and fol-



Police nab 40 in drug operations

BY BRADEN BUNCH
Special to the Item

Complaints from area citizens frustrated with illegal drug activity in their own neighborhoods have led to the arrests of 40 men and women by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis said the investigations into these people came during a three-month operation, the results of which were released Monday.

"A lot of it had to do with complaints that we had received in communities, especially with unlicensed (alcoholic) business and drug trafficking in their area," Dennis said, adding that a bulk of their efforts were in the Cane Savannah, Rembert and Wedgefield areas. "It was in different areas of the county, but areas that we received numerous complaints from."

'It was a successful investigation. We should see some immediate impact in those communities.'



Sheriff Anthony Dennis

For a full list of the charges levied in this operation, see page A7.

According to reports, for the last nine days of the operation, investigators and deputies with the local sheriff's office conducted several raids — along with officers from the S.C. Department of Probation and Parole Service and the State Law Enforcement Division — to arrest the target-



COMFORT ZONE

Tigers' game plan tailored to take pressure off Boyd. C1

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This vacant building on Six Mile's Main Street will soon be home to a new financial institution.

'Our Bank' coming to Six Mile

BY GREG OLIVER
THE JOURNAL

LIBERTY — Six Mile lost its bank earlier this year, marking the first time in 94 years the town has been without a financial institution.

That is about to change. Our Bank, a division of Carolina Premier Bank, was formally announced as the new bank that will soon open its doors in the same Six Mile location where First Citizens was located before it closed after 20 years. John Kreighbaum, president and CEO of Carolina Premier Bank, made the announcement Monday at the monthly meeting of the Pickens

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Seneca seeks design rules

BY CARLOS CALARZA-YEVE
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Start-up businesses citywide might have to deal with new commercial design guidelines if Seneca officials have their way.

Planning Director Ed Halble proposed having new design guidelines Monday at a Seneca City Council work session to maintain "quality and aesthetics" in the area to coincide with the opening of the Hampton Inn and Suites.



Halble

This is a federal photo courtesy of the FBI.

OMC finances up \$7.7 million

Challenges still expected in the future



OCONEE Medical Center

BY NORMAN CANHAMDA
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Oconee Medical Center (OMC) increased its bottom line in the past year by \$7.7 million, going from a \$2.8 million short fall in its 2011-12 fiscal year bud-

get to a \$4.9 million excess of revenue over expenses for the most recent fiscal year that ended Sept. 30.

But Hunter Kone, the hospital's chief operating officer, said future budget years will be "challenging" as patient numbers are expected to con-

tinue to decline.

The financial numbers were presented during the monthly meeting of the OMC Board of Trustees Monday night at the hospital. Kevin Herbert, chief financial officer for the hospital, presented numbers showing

the one-year turnaround. "We're very pleased to have made such a strong improvement in our financial results," Herbert said. "A positive

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Right to a speedy trial?

'It still exists, but I haven't seen a judge dismiss a case for lack of a speedy trial yet.'

Danny Day
Oconee County public defender

10 longest pre-trial stays in Oconee County Jail since 2004

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INFORMATION COURTESY OF OCONEE COUNTY JAIL

Some defendants spend more than 600 days in jail before trial

BY NORMAN CANHAMDA
THE JOURNAL

An Oconee County man recently sentenced to 25 years in prison after his conviction on multiple charges in connection with a February 2012 home invasion spent more than 600 days in jail before he went to trial, but that number is only the 10th longest pre-trial jail time in the county since 2004.

Records provided by the Oconee County Detention Center showed inmates who had served the longest amount of pre-trial jail time as of Oct. 28, 2013.

to his trial and conviction Oct. 14 to Jason Mark Carter, who spent more than three and a half years in the county detention center prior to his murder trial in October 2009.

While Oconee Public Defender Danny Day said that such long pre-trial incarcerations make up "less than half a percent of all cases" in the county, even defendants on bond often go several months or a year or more before their case goes to trial.

Does the right to a speedy trial still exist?

"It still exists, but I haven't seen a judge dismiss a case for lack of a speedy trial yet,"

missing witnesses, problems of getting witnesses. It gets really difficult to put them all in one basket. It's not fair and it is rough on the defendants who sit two or three years waiting for their case to come up. It's really not fair to anyone in the system."

Tenth Circuit Solicitor Chrissy Adams said there are "many factors that lead to longer pre-trial periods."

"Every defendant has a right to a speedy trial if they request one," Adams said. "There can be a range of things from evidence resting, coordination of witnesses, missing witnesses, problems

defendant is in fact cooperating in other cases where their testimony is key. These are just a few of the factors which may affect trial timing."

Day said solutions to the issue are still being sought.

"The Supreme Court is trying to come up with rules to make it easier to get rid of these old cases, to put a deadline on it," he said. "We'd like to see something that would take care of this and have somebody in charge. Under our present rule, the solicitor decides when to call the case, and the solicitor can wait forever."

Have you ever seen a case that has been in jail for a long time?



VOLLEYBALL Exchange student GeGe Gaparova having big impact on West Florence team. **Page 1B**

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Timmonsville

Mayor distressed by fire department woes

Jackson alleges county pushing consolidation without giving details; county says its available to talk any time

BY ELLEN MEDER
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TIMMONSVILLE — The mayor of Timmonsville said Monday that he was

unaware the town's volunteer fire department has had problems responding to fires, and was very upset to learn about that through a Morning News story Sunday.

During a press conference called in front of the Timmonsville Fire Department Mayor Darriek Jackson said that the Morning News exclusive report on a proposed ordinance that

would allow Timmonsville to be covered by a county fire zone and dissolve its own fire department was "an extremely bold and blatant attempt to negotiate

the issue involving the fate of the Timmonsville Fire Department through the media" on behalf of the county.

"Every (town) meeting we have the chief says it's fine," Jackson said. "Wakes up Sunday morning, you get a struggling fire department. We got to quit doing

business this way. We need to come and sit at the table with our county representative and sit down and talk about this because if we did have a struggling problem I sure would have appreciated it if the county official had come and talked to me

See **JACKSON**, Page 3A



Jackson

Tea Party candidate Cash talks US heritage

BY TRACI BRIDGES
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FLORENCE — Florence County's tea party got its first look at U.S. Senate candidate Richard Cash Monday night during a meet and greet at a local business.

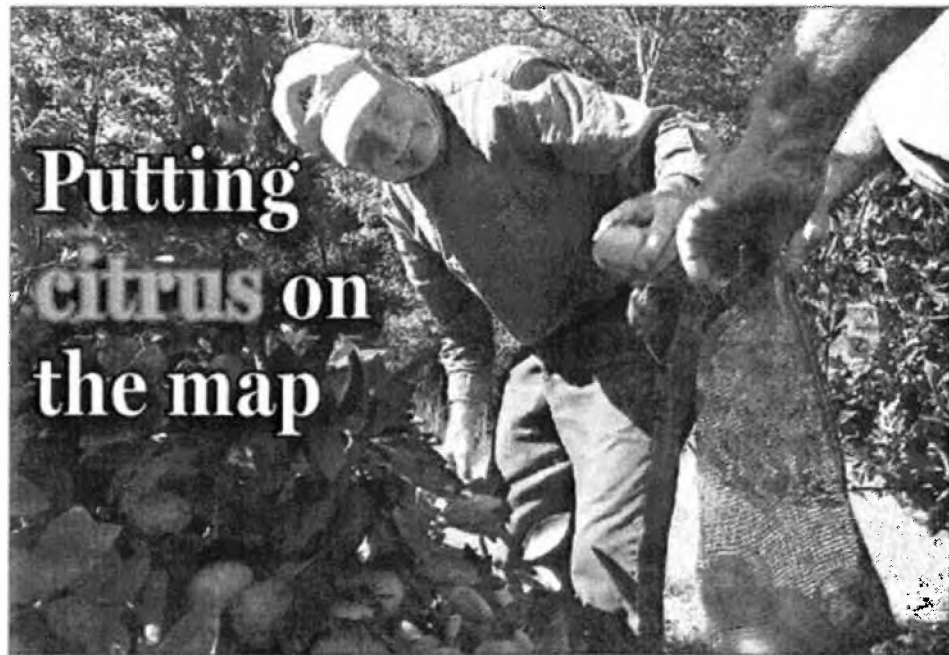
Cash was the latest guest in a series of public meetings this fall in which the Florence branch of the tea party is hosting candidates who are running against U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham next year. State Sen. Lee Bright and Nancy Mace have also announced their candidacy for the seat.

Through a question-and-answer session, Cash walked members of the Tea Party Patriots through his vision for this country. Cash, 53, of Anderson, compared his beliefs to those of former U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint and said he thinks Americans should be concerned about this country's heritage, particularly its cornerstones: Christianity, Capitalism and the Constitution.

"I'm not a career politician, and I have no interest in being a career politician, but I'm very interested in this country," Cash said. "And folks, there's not another group of folks coming to save this country. It's going to take hard-working, God-fearing, country-loving people like you and me."

A lifelong staunch conservative and self-made businessman, Cash entered the sphere of politics in the 2010 election cycle, when he was one of eight Republican candidates who entered the race for Gresham Barrett's vacant congressional seat.

As a political outsider, Cash



Stan McKenzie bags fresh ripe Satsuma Mandarin Oranges, from his citrus trees for customer Jimmy Parsons on Oct. 23 in Ocala, S.C. McKenzie grows several varieties of citrus at McKenzie Farms and Nursery and is the northernmost producer on the East Coast.

Local farmer's oranges known the world over

BY JOHN D. RUSSELL
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OLANTA — It's the season to be orange with Halloween just days away, and in Ocala there are plenty of oranges popping up at Stan McKenzie's farm.

As the only citrus farmer in South Carolina and the northernmost producer on the East Coast, McKenzie Farms and Nursery has more than 40 different species of citrus ripe for the picking. Dragon Lines, Sweet Betty, Kishu, Flying Dragon oranges, Ichang



McKenzie Farms and Nursery grows more than 40 different varieties of citrus in the farm's grove off Ocala Highway.

The majority of the citrus crop are seedless Satsuma Mandarin Oranges — 135 trees

5,000 pounds this year — 2,000 more than last year. "It's been a good year for citrus with all

More online:

Check out The Ocala Citrus Grove video at 10news.com.

citrus outside of the state, and even around the world, than he is in the Pee Dee. He often gets visitors from all over the world and the Southeast who want to see his success for themselves.

"They can't believe I'm growing citrus, especially in South Carolina, because they've tried and failed - even in Florida," he said with a laugh. "A lot of it is just knowing how to take care of them."

One day he even got a call from a New York Times reporter asking about his Japanese



HEALTHY MOVES

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House 93 voters go to polls today



Ott



Stoudemire

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
T&D Staff Writer

The candidate's message is clear: "Govot!"

Democrat Russell Ott of St. Matthews and Republican Charles "Charlie" Stoudemire Jr. of Woodford are seeking voters' support in today's special election to fill the unexpired term for the S.C. House

District 93. There's one year left on the term.

The seat was previously held by former House Minority Leader Harry L. Ott Jr., a Democrat who served in the legislature for 15 years before stepping down to become the state executive director of the federal Farm Service Agency. He is Russell Ott's father.

The candidates will spend the

day soliciting support from voters.

"I'll still be campaigning until 7 p.m.," Stoudemire said.

Ott said he spent most of Monday going door-to-door in District 93's Lexington County area and in the Sandy Run community.

Today Ott is visiting the polls and thanking voters for participating in the election.

District 93 is comprised of all of

Calhoun County and portions of Orangeburg and Lexington counties. In total, there are a little more than 23,000 registered voters in District 93.

The Elections Commission offices in each of the three counties have received absentee ballots, and based on the numbers of ballots cast

See POLLS, A3

HAY, IT'S HALLOWEEN!



The Amorek family — 18, Darren, their daughter, Kara, and their son, Bryce (not pictured) — have enjoyed creating big decorations for Halloween. Before moving to the area from Nebraska, they found ways to create big monster faces from large hay bales. For their introduction to the area (south of Poplar Hill Road off Highway 176 in Dorchester County), decorations include a huge black widow spider using PVC pipe, hay and rope, along with smaller spiders, gloves and hanging ghouls positioned across their four acres.

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Gov. Nikki Haley to visit Front Street in Georgetown today:

WCSC – Charleston, SC - 10/28/13 – 11:06 PM
WSPA – Greenville, SC – 10/28/13 – 11:17 PM
WCIV – Charleston, SC – 10/29/13 – 5:01 AM
WMBF – Myrtle Beach, SC – 10/29/13 – 5:19 AM

Watch all clips here:

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16 TV Clips
Total Local Viewership: 304,066
Total Local Market Publicity Value: \$16,245.71

Gov. Nikki Haley's MOA on security detail for campaign events being questioned:

WSAV – Savannah, GA – 10/29/13 – 8:27 AM
WFXB – Myrtle Beach, SC – 10/29/13 – 8:01 AM
WBTW – Myrtle Beach, SC – 10/29/13 – 6:04 AM
WLTX – Columbia, SC – 10/29/13 – 5:31 AM
WAGT – Augusta, GA – 10/29/13 – 5:04 AM

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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley making several stops during Georgetown trip
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xBso1Cys

Gov. Nikki Haley is making several stops during a visit to the Georgetown. On Tuesday, her office says the governor is giving an address to the Rotary Club of Georgetown. Later in the day, she's scheduled to give a briefing to the media on the fire that gutted part of Georgetown's Front Street earlier this year. A Sept. 25 fire along the city's waterfront shopping and dining district gutted seven buildings. The fire put 130 people out of work and displaced nearly 10 families who were living in apartments above the buildings. Earlier this month, Haley opened up \$1 million in public funds to help rebuild the area, issuing an executive order declaring an emergency for the city and county in relation to the damage.

Times and Democrat: Firearms importer establishing operations in Summerville
http://thetandd.com/business/firearms-importer-establishing-operations-in-summerville/article_bbd45cce-401a-11e3-91c6-0019bb2963f4.html

American Tactical Imports, a worldwide importer of firearms, ammunition and tactical equipment to the United States, announced Monday that it will open a warehousing and distribution location in Dorchester County. The Eastport Industrial Park location in Summerville also will be the site for limited firearm assembly, as well as the company's headquarters, its customer service center and its sales office. The \$2.7 million investment is expected to generate 117 new jobs.

Note: "Today's announcement is another testament that South Carolina is a destination for job-creating investments," said Gov. Nikki Haley. "We celebrate American Tactical Imports' decision to invest \$2.7 million and create 117 new jobs in Dorchester County."

WLTX: Haley Agreement on Travel Costs Raising New Questions
<http://www.wltx.com/news/article/254447/2/Haley-Agreement-on-Travel-Costs-Raising-New-Questions>
Robert Kittle

An agreement over the costs of Gov. Nikki Haley's security detail when at campaign events was supposed to settle any questions, but has instead raised new ones. She signed the agreement earlier this month with the State Law Enforcement Division and State Ethics Commission. The agreement, for the first time in writing, spells out when a governor will reimburse the state for some of the costs of her state-provided security detail.

Note: Haley campaign spokesman Rob Godfrey says, "Historically, it appears that there has been some confusion with the interpretation of the necessary requirements for a protection detail for the Governor and the equally necessary prohibitions contained in the state's campaign finance statutes with regard to the use of state assets in an election campaign. This MOA (Memorandum Of Agreement) was a collaborative effort between the three agencies to ensure that there is a clear understanding of the statutory requirements regarding the use of the Governor's protection detail while attending campaign related events. This agreement will serve as a benchmark for all future campaign activities and bring clarity to an obvious area of confusion."

Spartanburg Herald Journal (Guest Column): Thank you for a special experience
<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131029/ARTICLES/131029685/0/search>

Josef Kerscher

After seven years serving as president of BMW Manufacturing, it is time to say goodbye. My family and I will never forget our extraordinary experience living in the Upstate of South Carolina. We will especially miss the people and the Southern hospitality. Parallel to my business activities, we learned to appreciate the American

way of life and the benefits of living in the South. The local community, especially our neighbors, made it very easy for us to adapt to our new home.

Note: In working with the public sector, I would like to recognize Gov. Nikki Haley, the S.C. General Assembly, the S.C. Department of Commerce, the State Ports Authority, Spartanburg County and all local officials for their strong collaboration with BMW.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Immigration reform now

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131029/PC1002/131029341/1021/immigration-reform-now>

Editorial

Immigration is a national issue. But it's also a state and local issue. And effective immigration reform is an overdue need on all three levels. The misguided notion that comprehensive immigration reform is a purely left-wing cause was debunked again Monday when a diverse coalition of South Carolina business and faith leaders went to Washington to support it. Realists charge, with some validity, that business organizations like the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce support immigration reform in part to assure cheap labor. However, sustaining an available — and yes, affordable — workforce is a legitimate concern for the business community, including the agriculture and construction sectors that have long depended on immigrant labor.

Times and Democrat: Website disaster not only problem for Obamacare

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/website-disaster-not-only-problem-for-obamacare/article_3540d382-4032-11e3-a14b-0019bb2963f4.html

Editorial

THE ISSUE: Health care reform; OUR VIEW: Problems with Internet sign-up are unbelievable in this age. If the Republican opponents of President Barack Obama's health care plan had only known how the rollout would go, they may have been quiet and let the entire house of cards come tumbling down. While the GOP has tried repeatedly to repeal Obamacare, the government shutdown should have taught them that Obama and Democrats were not going to yield on his signature achievement. But with the disaster that has surrounded the government website that was supposedly to guide Americans through the difficult process and determining what is best for them and signing up, even Obama's supporters are quiet or calling for change.

Greenville News: Opting out of Medicaid hurts state

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131029/OPINION/310290006/Opting-out-Medicaid-hurts-state>

Editorial

The fruits of South Carolina's decision not to expand its Medicaid program as part of the Affordable Care Act are becoming apparent. Eighty-six percent of poor, uninsured, non-elderly adults in South Carolina will fall into a so-called "coverage gap" in the the Affordable Care Act because the state opted out of the Medicaid expansion, according to a recent report by the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. The coverage gap means those individuals will not be eligible for Medicaid and will not be eligible for federal subsidies to buy insurance. Their income also is so low that it would be all but impossible for them to buy health insurance without a subsidy.

Aiken Standard: International spying a double-edge sword

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131029/AIK0201/131029483/1018/AIK02/editorial-international-spying-a-double-edge-sword>

Editorial

Mass surveillance of American citizens hit the news cycle first. Now, international spying on foreign leaders by the National Security Agency — or NSA — has hit the headlines. This has undoubtedly infuriated individuals overseas, fueling concerns that American officials are indiscriminately collecting vast amounts of mobile phone and email data globally. It's really no secret that our country collects data from sources around the world. So does every intelligence service with such capabilities internationally. They likely also spy on the U.S. or would if they could. However, our security officials need to ensure we're collecting information because we need to, not merely because we can.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The Florence Morning News: Tea Party candidate Cash talks US heritage

http://www.snow.com/news/politics/article_b4fcb868-403f-11e3-b59b-0019bb30f31a.html

Traci Bridges

Florence County's Tea Party got its first look at U.S. Senate candidate Richard Cash Monday night during a meet and greet at a local business. Cash was the latest guest in a series of public meetings this fall in which the Florence branch of the Tea Party is hosting candidates who are running against U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham next year. State Sen. Lee Bright and Nancy Mace have also announced their candidacy for the seat.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Graham demands more Benghazi info

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131029/NEWS03/310290012/Graham-demands-more-Benghazi-info>

Mary Orndorff Troyan

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham said Monday he will block Senate votes on President Barack Obama's nominees until Congress gets more information about the terrorist attack last year on the American consulate in Benghazi, Libya. The South Carolina Republican, who in the past has said presidents are entitled to some deference on their picks for executive and judicial jobs, said he will block Senate confirmation votes until survivors of the deadly attack are made available to Congress. "I'm tired of hearing from people on TV and reading about stuff in books," Graham told the Fox News show Fox and Friends.

The State: SC Congressmen Question Sebelius On Obama Care Rollout

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2xDIsHUC

Jamie Self

Two Republican S.C. congressmen want answers from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius about this month's problematic rollout of the federal health insurance exchange, healthcare.gov. U.S. Reps. Trey Gowdy, R-Greenville, and Mick Mulvaney, R-Indian Land, joined Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, in sending a letter to Sebelius Monday, asking her to answer questions about the website's delays and technical glitches that have been reported since it launched Oct. 1. They also rebuffed a statement Sebelius made last week. After saying the website needed more testing, Sebelius tied problems with the site's rollout to "a political atmosphere where the majority party, at least in the House, was determined to stop this anyway they possibly could, including shutting down the U.S. government," Sebelius said Friday in Austin, Texas.

The State: SC's Graham, Clyburn On Panel Seeking Budget, Deficit Deal

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=g5wziea2

Jamie Self

South Carolina's two ranking members in Congress – U.S. Rep. James Clyburn, D-Columbia, and U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-Seneca – share some ideas for cutting spending and reducing the nation's \$17 trillion debt. Both, for instance, say they favor making it easier for companies to bring into the United States profits now held overseas. Both want to improve the country's infrastructure and favor replacing across-the-board sequestration budget cuts. They might even be able to agree on increasing the retirement age. But the differences between the two – both on a 29-member congressional committee that starts work Wednesday, charged with drafting a budget and deficit-reduction plan by Dec. 13 – show just how big a challenge members of Congress will face in reaching a consensus.

Associated Press: Rep. Sanford's staff holding office hours

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Xfz5aqk6

Members of U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford's staff are again spending some time meeting with constituents in the Republican's South Carolina district. For several hours on Tuesday, Sanford's staff is holding satellite office hours at the St. Helena Branch Library on St. Helena Island. They'll also be at the Bluffton Community Library and the Hilton Head Island Library. Sanford isn't scheduled to attend the events. His office says the gatherings are set up to make Sanford's staff as accessible as possible to constituents who need help on issues related to the federal government.

Times and Democrat: Sellers plans to prefile domestic violence bill

http://thetandd.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/sellers-plans-to-prefile-domestic-violence-bill/article_e3a2ac6c-4027-11e3-8de0-0019bb2963f4.html

State Rep. Bakari Sellers, D-Denmark, announced Monday that he plans to pre-file legislation to strengthen criminal domestic violence laws in South Carolina.

The State: SC GOP director takes new job with state treasurer

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/28/3064961/sc-gop-director-takes-new-job.html#storylink=cpy>

S.C. GOP Party Executive Director Alex Stroman has left his job after nearly 11 months to become a spokesman for state treasurer Curtis Loftis. A replacement was not named. Stroman's responsibilities will be split among several staffers until the job is filled in a few months, said S.C. GOP chairman Matt Moore, who was the state director until January. Stroman lead the party while former Gov. Mark Sanford was elected to the Congressional seat he once held this spring.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Loftis talks financial literacy at Spartanburg County schools

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131028/ARTICLES/131029683/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Loftis-talks-financial-literacy-at-Spartanburg-County-schools>

Felicia Kitzmiller

State Treasurer Curtis Loftis visited Dorman High School on Monday to impress upon students the importance of financial literacy. Loftis also brought the school 15 iPads equipped with personal financial literacy programs, and iTunes gift cards worth \$30 accompanied each device. Loftis said the iPads were donated by an investment firm and no state money was involved. Loftis, who also stopped at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School, said he will be making similar gifts to several schools, public and private, across the state.

The State: \$1.1 Billion Deal Would Double Plum Creek's SC Timber Land

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=yvZwiM7W

Joey Holleman

A major S.C. landowner, Plum Creek Timber Co., plans to nearly double its Palmetto State acreage by buying 175,400 acres from MeadWestvaco. That property is expected to remain as timber land, according to a Plum Creek news release. But as part of the deal, Plum Creek also would acquire a 50 percent interest in an additional 109,000 acres that MeadWestvaco planned to develop in the Charleston area. Plum Creek also would buy about 325,000 acres of MeadWestvaco land in four other states – Alabama, Georgia, Virginia and West Virginia. The total purchase price is nearly \$1.1 billion – including \$869 million for the timber land, \$152 million for the 50 percent stake in the development-quality land near Charleston and \$65 million for mineral rights and wind-power assets.

Local News:

Greenville News: Voters will get final say on using sales tax for roads

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131029/NEWS/310280073/Voters-will-get-final-say-using-sales-tax-roads>

Rudolph Bell

Strong anti-tax sentiment is one reason Greenville County has never exercised its option to impose a 1 percent sales tax as most South Carolina counties have done. Now, however, with no solution in sight from Columbia or Washington for crumbling and overburdened roads, some county officials are wondering whether Greenville's famously conservative voters are willing to tax themselves as a last resort. County Council took a step in that direction Monday night, voting 8 to 4 to create a special citizens committee to draw up a list of projects that might be funded with the possible sales tax hike.

Island Packet: Rep. Andy Patrick listens to Beaufort County teachers for input on evaluations

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/28/2761668/rep-andy-patrick-listens-to-beaufort.html#storylink=cpy>

Sarah Bowman

Students are evaluated nearly every day with tests, homework or class exercises. But questions linger about how best to evaluate the teachers who instruct those students. Some Beaufort County School District teachers told a state representative Monday that being evaluated more often would be a good start. Rep. Andy Patrick met in the Bluffton High School auditorium with about 50 teachers to hear their thoughts on the state's current evaluation system. The meeting was the first of three that Patrick, the chairman of the S.C. House of

Representatives committee on K-12 education, will conduct around the state. He said he is seeking feedback before he heads back to Columbia in January for the 2014 legislative session.

Times and Democrat: House 93 voters go to polls today

http://thetandd.com/news/local/house-voters-go-to-polls-today/article_3147981a-4055-11e3-b186-001a4bcf887a.html

Martha Rose Brown

The candidates' message is clear: "Go vote!" Democrat Russell Ott of St. Matthews and Republican Charles "Charlie" Stoudemire Jr. of Woodford are seeking voters' support in today's special election to fill the unexpired term for the S.C. House District 93. There's one year left on the term. The seat was previously held by former House Minority Leader Harry L. Ott Jr., a Democrat who served in the legislature for 15 years before stepping down to become the state executive director of the federal Farm Service Agency. He is Russell Ott's father. The candidates will spend the day soliciting support from voters.

The State: Sypolt Drops Columbia Mayoral Bid, Backs Benjamin

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xCQ74mbL

Clif LeBlanc

Former Richland County deputy and long-shot mayoral candidate Larry Sypolt withdrew Monday from Columbia's mayoral campaign and threw his support to Mayor Steve Benjamin. "I think it's a disservice to the community for Steve and I to run against each other," Sypolt said in front of police headquarters in downtown Columbia, with Benjamin at his side. Sypolt dropped out eight days before the Nov. 5 election after acknowledging that he has come to agree with Benjamin on public safety and other issues as well as appreciating the incumbent's character.

Post and Courier: College of Charleston's teacher education program receives national reaccreditation

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131028/PC16/131029359/1389/college-of-charleston-x2019-s-teacher-evaluation-program-earns-national-reaccreditation>

The College of Charleston's School of Education, Health, and Human Performance has been reaccredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education after a review of its teacher education program. The college's teacher education program was recognized for meeting all six accreditation standards, and its performance was rated at the highest level for three of those standards. The school received special congratulations for having no areas for improvement.

National News:

Associated Press: U.S. weighs ending spying on allied heads of state

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/revelations-prompt-call-intel-total-review>

Julie Pace and Kimberly Dozier

Faced with a flood of revelations about U.S. spying practices, the White House is considering ending its eavesdropping on friendly foreign leaders, a senior administration official said. A final decision has not been made and the move is still under review, the official said. But the fact that it is even being considered underscores the level of concern within the administration over the possible damage from the months-long spying scandal — including the most recent disclosure that the National Security Agency was monitoring the communications of German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

McClatchy DC: Budget battles will resume soon at a Congress near you

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2013/10/28/206706/budget-battles-will-resume-soon.html#storylink=cpy>

William Douglas

It's hard to say which is less likely to occur: that the House of Representatives and Senate budget conference committee, meeting for the first time Wednesday to cobble together a bipartisan budget plan, will get anything done by its Dec. 13 deadline, or that its final product will be enough to keep the government from lurching from crisis to crisis. But even producing a minimalist plan could prove daunting for the 29-member committee, chaired by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Senate Budget Committee Chairwoman Patty Murray, D-Wash. The formation of the committee was part of a short-term deal that reopened the partially closed federal government after 16 days and funds the government at \$986 billion until about Jan. 15.

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Haley, Nikki

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Message below from Senator Bennett.
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Katherine,

Governor Haley is speaking at my Rotary Club (Rotary Club of Summerville) Wednesday. Unfortunately I am scheduled to attend a legislative luncheon at Trident Technical College the same day and will not be present for her remarks. It's a good group. Please pass along my best wishes.

Take care,
Sean Bennett

Sent from my iPhone

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Gov. Nikki Haley's Weekly Schedule: October 28, 2013

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Nikki Haley's schedule for the week of October 28 includes:

Tuesday, October 29, 1:00 PM: Gov. Haley will address the Rotary Club of Georgetown, Lands End Restaurant, 444 Marina Drive, Georgetown, S.C.

Tuesday, October 29, 3:30 PM: Gov. Haley will brief the media on the Front Street Fire, Francis Marion Park, adjacent to the South Carolina Maritime Museum, 729 Front Street, Georgetown, S.C.

Wednesday, October 30, 12:45 PM: Gov. Haley will address the Summerville Rotary Club, Holiday Inn Express, 120 Holiday Drive, Summerville, S.C.

Wednesday, October 30, 3:15 PM: Gov. Haley will attend a facility tour, Cummins Turbo Technologies, 9051 Palmetto Commerce Parkway, Ladson, S.C.

Thursday, October 31, 10:00 AM Gov. Haley will hold a Budget and Control Board Meeting, Room 252, Edgar Brown Building, Statehouse Grounds, Columbia, S.C.

Thursday, October 31, 1:00 PM: Gov. Haley will attend a facility tour, Jarden Applied Materials, 3801 Westmore Drive, Columbia, S.C.

Thursday, October 31, 2:15 PM: Gov. Haley will attend a facility tour, Pure Fishing, 7 Science Court, Columbia, S.C.

Friday, November 1, 12:00 PM: Gov. Haley will speak at a Columbia College Luncheon, Breed Leadership Center, Room 201, Columbia College Campus, 1301 Columbia College Drive, Columbia, S.C.

Friday, November 1, 2:00 PM: Gov. Haley attend a facility tour, Technetics Group, 2791 The Boulevard, Columbia, SC, 29209

Note: As additional public events are added to the schedule, you will be notified.

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Gov. Nikki Haley's Schedule: October 21, 2013

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Gov. Nikki Haley's schedule for the week of October 21 included the following:

Monday, October 21

11:00 AM: Gov. Haley held constituent meetings, Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, 1200 North Oak Street, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

12:30 PM: Media availability.

1:30 PM: Gov. Haley addressed the Coastal Carolinas Association of Realtors Conference, Marina Inn at Grande Dunes, 8121 Amalfi Place, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

2:15 PM: Media availability.

4:00 PM: Policy meeting.

4:30 PM: Policy meeting.

Tuesday, October 22

11:00 AM: Gov. Haley spoke at the opening of the new Department of Juvenile Justice Job Readiness Training Center, 1600 Shivers Road, Columbia, S.C.

3:00 PM: Gov. Haley arrived at the Office of the Governor for office hours, Statehouse, first floor, Columbia, S.C.

Wednesday, October 23

10:40 AM: Gov. Haley toured the new terminal at the South Carolina Inland Port, 391 Dobson Shed Road, Greer, S.C.

11:20 AM: Agency call.

2:00 PM: Gov. Haley held a military commanders meeting, Room 252, Edgar Brown Building, Statehouse grounds, Columbia, S.C.

3:35 PM: Policy meeting.

4:45 PM: Policy meeting.

Thursday, October 24

9:00 AM: Gov. Haley led the opening ceremonies for Imagination 2013 hosted by the Hilton Head Island Institute at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, 14 Shelter Cove Lane, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

10:30 AM: Gov. Haley visited the Hilton Head Island School for Creative Arts, Hilton Head Island School for Creative Arts, 10 Bus Drive, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

1:00 PM: Staff meeting.

1:40 PM: Constituent call.

1:45 PM: Policy meeting.

2:30 PM: Constituent meeting.

3:10 PM: Agency meeting.

4:00 PM: Agency call.

Friday, October 25

12:30 PM: Gov. Haley spoke at the Women of Woodside Luncheon, Woodside Plantation Country Club, Aiken, S.C.

2:00 PM: Agency call.

3:40 PM: Education call.

2:15 PM: Gov. Haley toured Kimberly-Clark's Beech Island manufacturing facility, Kimberly-Clarke, 246 Old Jackson Highway, Beech Island, S.C.

7:00 PM: Agency call.

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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WBTW: American Tactical Imports establishing operations in Summerville

<http://www.wbtw.com/story/23809778/american-tactical-imports-establishing-operations-in-summerville>

American Tactical Imports (ATI), a worldwide importer of firearms, ammunition and tactical equipment to the United States, announced today that it will open a warehousing and distribution location in Dorchester County. The Eastport Industrial Park location in Summerville also will be the site for limited firearm assembly, as well as the company's headquarters, its customer service center and its sales office. The \$2.7 million investment is expected to generate 117 new jobs. Since January 2011, South Carolina has recruited more than \$500 million in capital investment and more than 4,000 jobs in the warehouse and distribution sector.

Note: "Today's announcement is another testament that South Carolina is a destination for job-creating investments," said Gov. Nikki Haley. "We celebrate American Tactical Imports' decision to invest \$2.7 million and create 117 new jobs in Dorchester County."

Sun News: Myrtle Beach moving forward with indoor sports complex

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/10/28/3800348/myrtle-beach-moving-forward-with.html#storylink=cpy>

Maya T. Prabhu

Work has begun to prepare land for a \$12.4 million, 100,000-square-foot indoor sports complex in Myrtle Beach with construction expected to begin in February. Crews have worked for a few weeks to clear more than six acres near the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, said convention center general manager Paul Edwards. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday. Assistant city manager John Pedersen said the groundbreaking is being held three months before construction is expected to begin as a way to help generate excitement around the sports complex and help fill it with events.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Gowdy, Mulvaney question Sebelius over issues with healthcare website

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131028/NEWS/310280074/Gowdy-Mulvaney-question-Sebelius-over-issues-healthcare-website>

Tim Smith

Two South Carolina congressmen are querying U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius over her comments that problems with the rollout of the Affordable Care Act's website were due to House Republicans and the government shutdown. In a letter to Sebelius, Rep. Trey Gowdy, Rep. Mick Mulvaney and Rep. Jason Chaffetz of Utah, asked a series of questions related to the HHS secretary's comments that her agency did not have enough time to fully test the website before it became operational on Oct. 1, the same date of the government shutdown. The trio asked her when the first and last tests were conducted, as well as what limitations she felt for additional testing.

Associated Press: Graham says he'll block nominations over Benghazi

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WewFj2Ns

Pauline Jelinek

Sen. Lindsey Graham threatened Monday to hold up all nominations for federal government positions until survivors of last year's deadly attack on the diplomatic post in Libya appear before Congress. "Where are the #Benghazi survivors?" the South Carolina Republican said on his official Twitter account. "I'm going to block every appointment in the US Senate until they are made available to Congress." There have been a number of

Capitol Hill hearings on the Sept. 11, 2012, attack in Benghazi, Libya, that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans

Post and Courier: S.C. DHEC budget includes additional \$1 million for thousands more breast and cervical cancer screening tests

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131028/PC16/131029381/1006/>

Lauren Sausser

About 10,000 low-income women in South Carolina can be screened for breast and cervical cancer this year thanks to an additional \$1 million the state has invested in a screening program, the state health department announced Monday. Normally, the department covers the breast and cervical cancer screenings each year for about 7,000 low-income women ages 47 to 64, through the Best Chance Network, which is also supported by federal funds. The additional \$1 million was included in the revenue proviso for this state fiscal year, said Jim Beasley, a spokesman for the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. The fiscal year runs from July to June.

Associated Press: DHEC gets \$1M for breast, cervical cancer tests

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ltv9MQj1

South Carolina's health department is getting more money to offer screenings for breast and cervical cancer. The Department of Health and Environmental Control said Monday that it had received a \$1 million grant. DHEC offers the screenings through its Best Chance Network. Department officials say the money means DHEC will be able to screen more than 10,000 women across the state. The program offers free screenings to women between ages 47 and 64 who do not have health insurance and meet certain income guidelines. DHEC says more than 3,500 women in South Carolina are diagnosed with breast cancer each year.

Local News:

Greenville News: Key vote tonight on possible sales tax hike for roads and bridges

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131028/NEWS/310280073/Key-vote-tonight-possible-sales-tax-hike-roads-bridges>

Rudolph Bell

Greenville County Council is being pushed from the left and the right as it considers whether to launch a lengthy public process that eventually could lead to a sales tax hike for roads and bridges. Members of Council are scheduled to vote at 6 p.m. on whether to form a special committee to engage the public and generate a list of projects that might be funded by a 1 percent sales tax hike. The tax hike could not take effect until County Council votes to have a countywide referendum and a majority of county voters approve it. Already though, groups on both sides of the political spectrum are trying to advance their positions.

Greenville News: Upstate pastors join national effort in Washington on immigration reform

http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131028/NEWS/310280072/Upstate-pastors-join-national-effort-Washington-immigration-reform?gcheck=1&nclink_check=1

Ron Barnett

A group of pastors from the Upstate are in Washington, D.C., today to take part in a two-day push for immigration reform organized by a national group called the Evangelical Immigration Table, according to a member of the local group. Six Upstate pastors are joining forces with 600 pastors from across the nation in urging Congress to move ahead with reform that includes a pathway to citizenship for those who came here illegally but have stayed out of trouble and are contributing to the economy and community, said Matthew Blanton, a church mobilizer and graduate of North Greenville University.

The State: Sybolt Drops Columbia Mayoral Bid, Backs Benjamin

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=qmiXrcNY

Clif LeBlanc

Former deputy Larry Sybolt withdrew from Columbia's mayoral campaign Monday and threw his support to Mayor Steve Benjamin. "I think it's a disservice to the community for Steve and I to run against each other," Sybolt said in front of police headquarters in downtown Columbia, with Benjamin at his side. Sybolt dropped out after acknowledging that he has come to agree with Benjamin on public safety and other issues. Benjamin immediately named Sybolt as chairman of a mayoral public safety task force that Benjamin has yet to fully

constitute. Benjamin said the group he is putting together will study Five Points and gang violence, among other safety issues.

Island Packet: School district prepares to interview architects for new Bluffton schools

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/28/2761209/school-district-prepares-to-interview.html#storylink=cpy>

Sarah Bowman

When superintendent Jeffrey Moss told school board members he was putting together an aggressive schedule to build and open two new Bluffton-area schools as soon as possible -- he wasn't kidding. The Beaufort County School District has already received proposals from more than 30 architectural firms and will interview several candidates for each school Wednesday. Moss put out the request for qualifications, essentially an application, for the schools Oct. 3, just two days after the school board voted to build a new pre-kindergarten-through-eighth-grade elementary school and a high school in greater Bluffton.

National News:

The Hill: GOP fires back at Sebelius in ObamaCare blame game

<http://thehill.com/blogs/healthwatch/health-reform-implementation/330973-sebelius-comment-provokes-the-ire-of-house-gop>

Jonathan Easley

Three House Republicans sent a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on Monday asking her to clarify a remark in which she appeared to hold GOP lawmakers partially responsible for the disastrous ObamaCare rollout. "You have made a number of curious statements during your career in public life. Time and space do not allow for a full inventory," the letter, signed by Reps. Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.), Mick Mulvaney (R-S.C.) and Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah), begins. "Most recently you are quoted as saying the abysmal Obamacare rollout — for which you had three years and more than \$500,000,000 to prepare, test, and perfect — was the fault of House Republicans and the government shutdown," the letter continues. "If memory serves, ObamaCare was signed into law in March of 2010, when Republicans controlled precisely no branch of government."

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Sebelius will face tough questioning

GOP plans harsh scrutiny of health site's woes

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans said Sunday they intend to press Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on the Obama administration's troubled launch of HealthCare.gov, the online portal to buy insurance — even as the website suffered yet another set-

back.

A component of the online system that has been working relatively well experienced an outage Sunday. The federal data services hub, a conduit for verifying the personal information of people applying for benefits under the law, went down in a failure that was blamed on an outside contractor, Terremark.

"Today, Terremark had a network



Sebelius

failure that is impacting a number of their clients, including healthcare.gov," HHS spokeswoman Joanne Peters said. "Secretary Sebelius spoke with the CEO of Verizon this afternoon to discuss the situation and they committed to fixing the problem as soon as possible."

Jeffrey Nelson, a spokesman for Verizon Enterprise Solutions, of which Terre-

mark is a part, said: "Our engineers have been working with HHS and other technology companies to identify and address the root cause of the issue. It will be fixed as quickly as possible."

Democrats said the new system needed time to get up and running, and it could be fixed to provide millions of people with affordable insurance. Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, a Democrat, said the system was "working in Kentucky," a

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Oscar Martinez, 77, greets diners at the Carnation Cafe at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif. The chef is the park's longest-tenured employee, having begun as a busboy nearly 57 years ago. MATT SEIDEN/WYAP

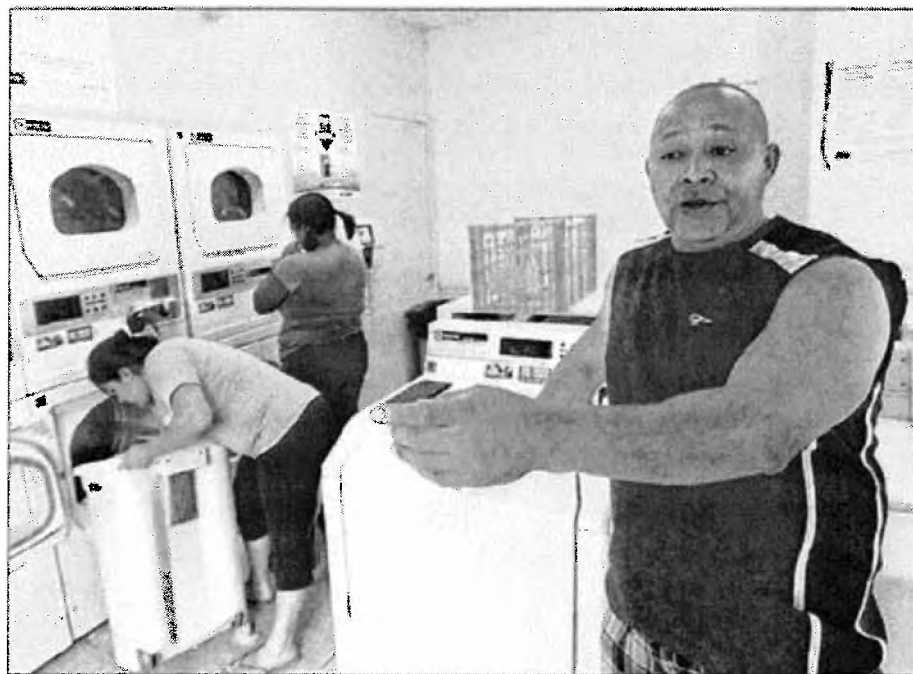
Not happy with work? Wait until you're 50

Survey finds 9 in 10 older workers satisfied with jobs

By Matt Sedensky
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Not happy with your job? First wait — it will get better.

NEIGHBORHOOD SHAKEN



Carlos Restrepo, who accompanied his wife, Monica Benmuer, left, said his wife is scared to come to the laundry by herself. AP/WIDEWORLD

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Filling the gap

S.C. spends millions to educate doctors, but needs more of them in rural parts of the state



Dr. Mark Lyles (right) works with residents Nathaniel Piel (left) and Jennifer Jackson at MUSC on Wednesday. Lyles is part of a South Carolina task force that is exploring how to get residents to work in rural parts of the state where they are most needed and in short supply.

BY LAUREN SAUSSER
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Lash Springs, 27, of Myrtle Beach, will graduate from the Medical University of South Carolina in the spring, which is why he's so busy these days planning his next move.

Spring and thousands of other fourth-year medical students across the country are knee-deep in the process of interviewing for a residency position.

"I'm scheduled to interview at 13 places right now," Springs said. "I probably won't do all of them."

Residents fall somewhere between medical students and full-fledged practicing physicians. Some medical school graduates will complete their residency training in a primary care field, like internal or family medicine. Others want to specialize in more lucrative areas, like dermatology or oncology, for which there are fewer available positions.

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Where the money goes

The following facilities received state and federal government funds during the 2012 fiscal year for graduate medical education payments and supplemental teaching payments. The money is used to help pay for residency positions throughout the state.

Allen Regional Medical Center	\$1,033,122
Armed Health	\$6,116,856
Greenville Hospital System	\$47,830,417
Greer Memorial Hospital	\$271,600
Hillcrest Memorial Hospital	\$19,647
Medical Regional Medical Center	\$4,417,382
Medical University Hospital	\$20,264,726
MUSC College of Medicine	\$50,876,779
Ochsner Medical Hospital	\$184,016
Palmetto Health Capital	\$2,102,516
Palmetto Health Highland	\$35,665,096
Palmetto Memorial Hospital	\$126,027
South Regional Healthcare	\$4,264,607
Spartanburg Regional Medical Center	\$14,586,858
TriStar Medical Center	\$4,166,535
UPMC College of Medicine	\$5,064,975
Total	\$268,332,987

Source: S.C. Department of Health and Human Services



Pearl and Homer Gonzalez became involved in keeping their neighborhood safe after the loss of Homer's son, who was killed on Aug. 1.

Tragedy sparks unlikely action

Summerville couple stops access road

BY BO PETERSEN
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SUMMERVILLE — Homer Gonzalez went down on the sofa as he listened to the voice on the phone in August. His younger son, Edward Gonzalez, had been shot dead.

"I freaked out," Gonzalez says. "He was 34 years old" when he was killed. Edward was a store manager, with a wife and two daughters he doted on. He had been shot six times in the face by an armed man whose wife worked for Gonzalez.

For many who Homer Gonzalez has heard, Pearl Gonzalez helped her husband through the funeral in Jacksonville, Fla. They had strong when he was on the verge of checking down. Then they came home and tried to sleep.

"After a hour of insomnia," she said, "I thought, what can I do to help?"

The Gonzalezes and the couple who this month launched a massive petition drive and protest among their Westshore neighbors, an effort that continued to surprise Mayor Bill Collins not even in a local and state flooding from their subdivision post crime troubled neighborhood to U.S. Highway 78.

What they did was remarkable. Why they did it is heart wrenching.

They had never taken an activist role before. They were a nurse couple in the 750-home subdivision, and they were so concerned in how a politics that they had to figure out how to get to Town Hall.

They did it for Edward. The Gonzalezes are a lot alike. Both had really bad get emotional just as easily. Tears well up in their eyes when they talk about Edward. She is not Edward's mother, the couple have been married only a short while. But she pushed the

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Lowcountry connection on 'X Factor'

2013 Summerville graduate in Top 16 on TV competition



INSIDE TODAY:

Warren Bolton explores the African-American History Calendar's positive effect on youths and others.

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'License to pollute'? Company leads S.C. in repeat offenses

By SAMMY FRETWELL
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A toxin powerful enough to cause vomiting and even death swam silently in the drinking water at Lakewood Estates in 2011, exposing residents to a hazard many thought had been eradicated several years earlier.

The hazard was arsenic, and its discovery in the Chapin neighborhood resulted in the third state enforcement case in seven years against the subdivision's utility service for failing to meet drinking water standards.

But the repeat offenses were nothing new for Utilities Inc., a national corporation that owns the Lakewood Estates water company.

In the past 20 years, state regulators have slapped Utilities Inc.-owned companies with 35 enforcement orders for water and sewage system violations, according to records kept by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control.

That's more than any

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Sunday's story: South Carolina's efforts to enforce environmental laws haven't stopped companies and government agencies from repeatedly breaking the rules.

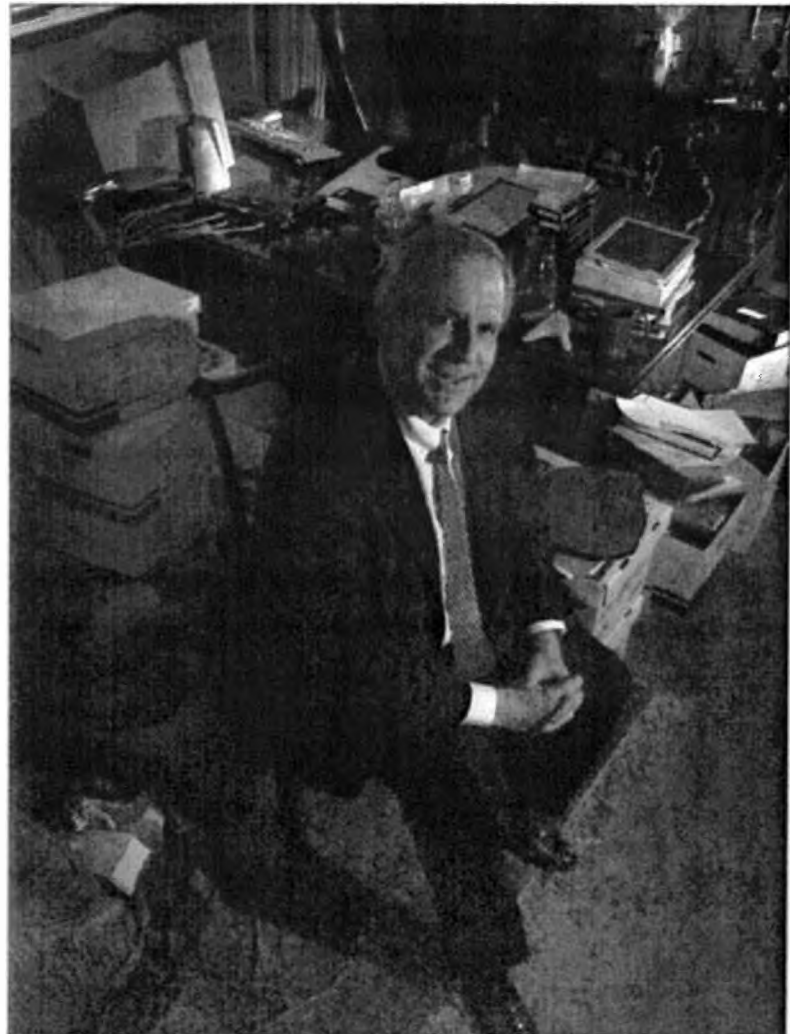
A full listing of companies and governments with the most violations that continue to run into trouble.

other company or government agency in the state, including the U.S. military, an institution with a legacy of polluting the environment, according to state environmental enforcement records analyzed by The State newspaper. The 55 enforcement cases have resulted in more than \$645,000 in fines against Utilities Inc. companies - including Carolina Water Service, one of the Columbia area's most visible private utilities.

The large number of en-

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YOUR WEEK

Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat with the Greeks is 5-7 p.m. Wednesday in USC's Greek Village. A safe place for local children to trick or treat. Sponsored by the Greek Programming Board at the University of South Carolina. Five Points merchants will stay open 5-7 p.m. Thursday for young trick-or-treaters in costume. Details:

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A Tiger's return to Death Valley



STAFF PHOTO BY TEDDY KULMALA

Tiger Band members wait in the west end zone tunnels of Clemson's Memorial Stadium for the band's pre-game entrance video to begin playing before the Clemson-Florida State game on Oct. 19. Clemson was one of the first college bands in the country to use a video entrance.

Tiger Band gets the crowd roaring

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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As the final painful minutes ticked off the scoreboard in Clemson's Memorial Stadium on the night of Oct. 19, the roaring, raucous Tiger fan base had been reduced to orange dots and splashes in the now-empty stadium.

But while the garnet and gold swarms of Florida State fans celebrated the Seminoles' 51-14 throttling of Clemson, a thick, misty mass of purple and orange remained in the southeast corner of the stadium.

They are Tiger Band—the marching band of Clemson University—and some of the most dedicated Tiger fans you'll ever meet.

I had the privilege and honor of being a member of this organization all four years I attended Clemson, playing the bass drums. That's why I was thrilled when director of bands Dr.

Mark Speer provided me a field pass to follow the band throughout the day of Clemson's showdown with Florida State (which was a Top-5 matchup at the time), giving me the chance to see game day through the eyes of a bandman for the first time in three years.

Game day rehearsal

On the day of each home game, the band rehearses for an hour or so to rev up on its pre-game and halftime shows.

There's always excitement as the all-on game day (in addition to the world of band geeking and being). The entire 195-member band is clad in orange, and some sections do quirky things to amp up the spirit: the trombones all wear purple and orange striped socks pulled up to their knees, and the piccolos wear purple and orange tutus.

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STAFF PHOTO BY TEDDY KULMALA

Tiger Band performs selections from Disney movies at halftime of the Clemson-Florida State game on Oct. 19. The band typically performs three different shows throughout each season.



STAFF PHOTO BY HALEY HUGHES

This historic house on Chesterfield Street is the former home of Aiken matriarch Ola Hitt. St. John's United Methodist Church owns it now.

Home of Ola Hitt has long history

BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER
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As "Miss Ola" Hitt opened her arms to so many in need, the City of Aiken opens its arms to stories of the matriarch's great deeds.

The daughter of John Martin Hitt and Abbie Shuler Hitt, Ola was born in Marietta, Ga., in 1910 on a plantation. Hitt died this year on May 10 at the age of 103.

She was the sister to four: Frances Hitt Fulmer, Abbie Neal, Margaret and Wayne.

In 1915, Hitt moved to Pascallina in Mountmorenci. Pascallina was named for her great grandmother's uncle, Cyril Pascall. When Hitt was 16, she moved to Aiken at 823 York St. to rent the home from her Uncle Ken and Aunt Lizzie Shuler.

Hitt loved Aiken, according to an autobiography compiled and edited by Wanda Payne.

Hitt and her mother later lived at 939 York St., then had to leave the house and figure out their next move. A house was for sale on Chesterfield Street—14 bedrooms and nine bathrooms, perfect for boarding. They paid \$11,000 and paid a loan for \$30 a month.

The home the Hitts built

One Sunday afternoon, a woman came looking for a room for her friend of hers who was a veteran. Hitt and her mother could not take the men; there were not any vacant rooms.

Then the Veterans Administration started a residential care program asking individuals to sponsor veterans, many who had psychological wounds.

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'Hunting a Cure'

About 500 people attended a Spartanburg fundraiser for cystic fibrosis research, where "Duck Dynasty" star Jesse Robertson spoke Sunday night. **PAGE A4**

Ice Age relics

Small discoveries — plants, insects, rodents — in the La Brea Tar Pits of Los Angeles are shaping scientists' views of life in the region 11,000 to 50,000 years ago. The museum today celebrates 100 years of digging there. **PAGE A5**

Sweet victory

The University of South Carolina is basking in its comeback victory over No. 5 Missouri Saturday. The Gamecocks fell behind at 17-0 before beating Missouri in double overtime. **PAGE B1**

New parkway trails

Three new trails have opened along the Blue Ridge Parkway near Linville, N.C. The trails are designed for casual hikers and families and are well-marked and accessible from the parkway and nearby roads. **PAGE A4**

How Sandy became a 'monster'

Run-of-the-mill tropical storm merged with an ordinary cold front to form giant threat against America's biggest city

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — It was the moment a run-of-the-mill hurricane mutated into a monster named Sandy.

Paradoxically, it was the same time Sandy lost much of its wind power, dropping from a hurricane to a tropical storm. It was a Friday

night, and Sandy had just passed the Bahamas and was being enveloped by an ordinary cold front coming off the Southeast. It was changing how it got its power, where its highest winds were and even what it looked like.

But mostly it was getting bigger. Dangerously large. And then it merged with a second storm,

turned record huge and pivoted toward the nation's largest city.

It was that enormity that set off alarms in the people who knew weather, especially those living in the New York area. For a week, forecasts placed Sandy on its path toward New York, and it was it sticking to it.

Months earlier, Princeton University professor Michael Oppenheimer had written a scientific study about the dangers of storms hitting the nation's largest city, and now he was watching one develop. He was enthralled but fearful,

hoping that the forecasts would change.

"It was just this monster coming at us," he said.

Solitary event or warning?

In the year since Sandy blew through the East Coast, meteorologists have pored over forecasts, satellite photos, computer models, and even the physical damage to try to get a sense of what made Sandy the demon it was.

Put simply, what made the

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RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITY



The former Clifton Mill property includes 4,000 feet of land along the Pacolet River.

County to turn former mill site on Pacolet River into public park

By FELICIA KITZMILLER
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Spartanburg County now owns the Clifton 2 mill property it has been eyeing as a park location for years.

During the meeting Oct. 21, Spartanburg County Council voted to buy the property for \$226,000. It was listed for \$100,000.

development for the parks department. It likely will be a few years before any major development happens at the site, but it will not be closed to the public until then.

"We're trying to make it as safe as possible," Murff said. "We don't want to stop it from being used."

The 40-acre piece of property is the miller's not
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GOP fights to keep tax in health care law

Republicans in Senate say delaying \$63 fee favors unions

By STEPHEN OHLMACHER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans in Congress don't usually fight for tax increases, especially ones that are part of President Barack Obama's health care law.

But GOP senators balked when Democrats proposed delaying a new temporary fee on everyone covered by health insurance.

So employers, insurance companies and other health plan sponsors are in line to pay \$63 a person next year for everyone who has coverage. The temporary fee covers all workers, even those with government coverage.

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Health care change disrupts plans

Many insured residents in South Carolina must get new plan because of Affordable Care Act

By SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Nearly a month into the health care rollout, at least one group tasked with helping South Carolina's uninsured sign up for coverage in 2014 hasn't been able to assist anyone through the prob-

lem-riddled federal website. However, several thousand residents have sought Medicaid coverage through the state's new online application.

And many South Carolinians with health insurance are learning they too must buy a new policy. Despite President Barack Obama's promise that those who like their health

plans will be able to keep it, residents across the country are being notified they must switch to a more comprehensive, and often more expensive, policy that complies with the federal law.

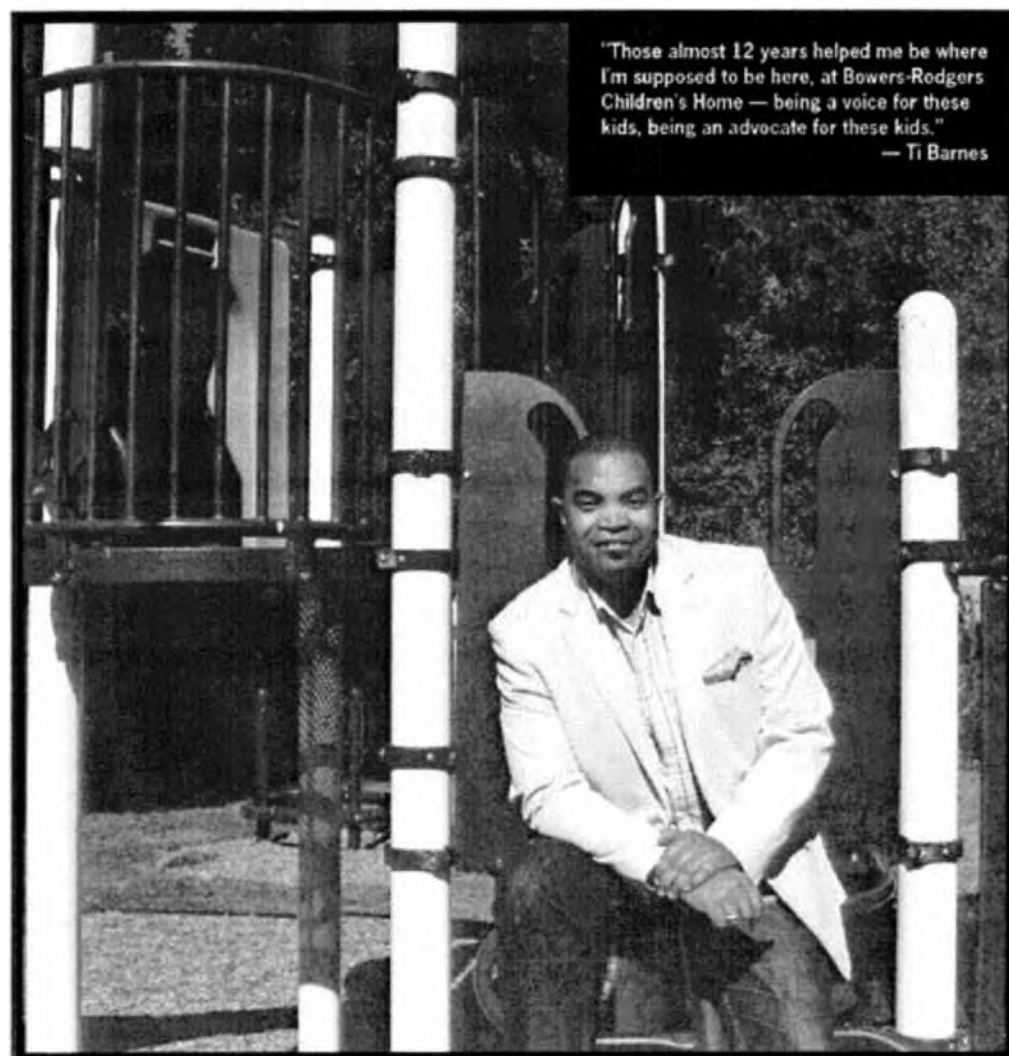
Policies sold or altered after the health care law passed in 2010 must meet its requirements. That means

many people who buy their own insurance will need to choose a new plan for 2014.

State law requires insurers to give policyholders a 90-day notice of discontinued plans. But how many letters are going out in South Carolina,

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Officials with Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina, the state's largest insurer, declined to answer any questions last week from the Associated Press on the issue.



■ RELIGION

Pastor retires after 50 years

By MATT BRUCE
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Hundreds were on hand to celebrate a man of the cloth and five decades of service.

Greenwood pastor Ulysses Parks preached his final sermon this weekend, and nearly 400 people turned out to send him off during a retirement ceremony Saturday at the Little River Multicultural Complex in Hodges.

"It's a great feeling," Parks said Saturday. "It lets you know that all these years have not been in vain."

Parks, who attained his license and preached his first sermon in 1963, has been a fixture at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, where he's presided for the last 22 years. His career of spreading the gospel spans 50 years, and has seen him stationed at churches in Due West, McCormick, Seneca, Abbeville and Atlanta. During that long tenure, he served as

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■ BOO BASH

Halloween event ready



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Coming Events

Richard Cash Meet and Greet: Today at 6 p.m. at Turner's Auto-Glass located at 2608 W. Palmella St. in Florence. This is the third in a series of events sponsored by Tea Party Patriots of Florence for the Florence residents to meet the aspiring candidates who will be competitors for Lindsey Graham's senate seat. Richard Cash will present his platform and ask your questions. For more information, call 843-413-2681 or email FlorenceTeaParties@gmail.com.

The Sound of Music Auditions: Today from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Blending Street Auditorium located at 125 S. Blending St. in Lake City, F.T.C. and The Lake City Community Theatre will be presenting "The Sound of Music" in March of 2014 at the Blending Street Auditorium. Auditions will be held Sunday for youth in 1st grade through 12th grade. Auditions for 18 and older will be held Monday and Nov. 3. Audition materials will be provided. For more information, call 843-374-8611.

Short Course-The Beauty of Bark: Tuesday from 9:30 to noon at Moore Farms Botanical Garden located at 100 New Zion Road in Lake City. This course will cover the different types of bark, plant selection and care. A tour showcasing many of our unique specimens will follow. Cost is \$15. Registration is limited to the first 20 people. For more information, contact Rebecca Turk at rturk@moorefarm.org.

Golf Ball Drop: Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Lake City Community Hospital located at 258 N. Bon McHair Blvd. in Lake City. The Lake City Healthcare Foundation at the Lake City Community Hospital will hold the Golf Ball Drop. Each chance is \$10. The goal is to sell 2,000 chances. The winner (closest to the hole) will receive 1/4 of the pot. Pot size is dependent on chances sold. The golf ball drop will take place on the front lawn of the hospital. This fundraiser is to support a new Breast Cancer Support Group, Outreach Education and Equipment to better serve the women in the community. All donations are tax deductible and checks may be made payable to: LCH Healthcare Foundation. To donate or purchase a chance please contact: Leesa Jensen 843-374-6127/843-409-0875 or Mrs. Hanna 843-374-6120.

Art 101 at Once: Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at ArtFields located at 110 E. Main Street in Lake City. The lecture will explore the rural rituals and urban realities of the African American community captured in the works of William H. Johnson during the

Investigators still search for origin of Ashton's fire

Oct. 1 fire destroyed Irby Street building that housed the club, former country buffet

BY TRACI BRIDGES
Morning News
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FLORENCE — Fire investigators are still trying to pinpoint the cause and origin of a blaze that destroyed an Irby Street nightclub earlier this month.

An early morning fire ripped through the building at 829 S. Irby St. that

housed the old Horne's Country Buffet and Ashton's Upscale Social Club on Oct. 1. City of Florence firefighters fought the fire for about four hours. The Horne's/Ashton's building was a total loss.

Florence Police Maj. Carlos Raines said his department is working with the State Law Enforcement Division's fire investigators to determine what started the fire.

"We've sent several things off to be processed, but these things can't be done overnight," Raines said. "The investigation

is ongoing. We're working with SLED and hope to know more soon."

Three years ago Craig Walker and his wife, Joy Walker, opened up Ashton's Upscale Social Club in a separate area of the Horne's building, close to where the fire is believed to have started.

"We're not 100 percent sure. We just know the fire started in the back side of the Horne's restaurant and it escalated into the back of the club," Walker said the day of the fire. "They



Firefighters walk past Horne's Country Buffet after a fire broke out Oct. 1. Fire investigators are still trying to pinpoint the cause and origin of the blaze.

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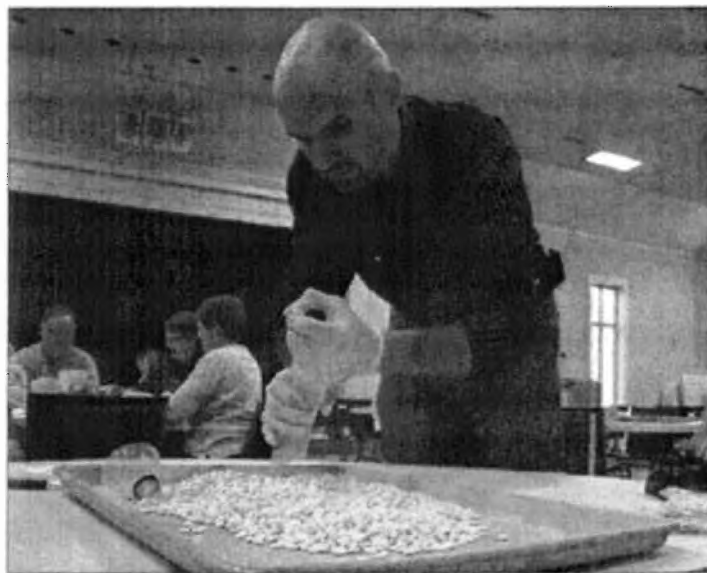


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Jed Bryant puts some pills in a bag Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church in Florence. Volunteers are collecting about 450,000 pills — ranging from vitamins to pain relievers — that will be shipped in December in advance of a mission trip to a Honduras village that church-goers from Florence, Myrtle Beach, Conway, North Carolina and Missouri will be taking next March. The group is in its fifth year making the trip.



Brunson appeals his life sentence

Rick's Pawn Shop killer says punishment is 'cruel and unusual'

BY TRACI BRIDGES
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FLORENCE — A Florence teenager who fatally shot a beloved local musician during a 2011 robbery at a local pawn shop is appealing the life sentence he received for his crimes.

Tavario Brunson, now 20, was convicted last year of murder, attempted murder, armed robbery, second-degree burglary and possession of a firearm in the commission of a violent crime in an April 12, 2011, robbery at Rick's Pawn Shop on U.S. 52/West Lucas Street that left 33-year-old Stephen Christopher "Chris" Deaver dead and 37-year-old Donna Robinson wounded. He was sentenced to life without parole by Circuit Judge William Seals.

In an appeal with the S.C. Court of Appeal on Oct. 17, Brunson claims "the trial court violated the 8th Amendment's ban on



Brunson



JADEN PUTS IN YEAR'S BEST RECORD
Nine-year-old Jaden Newcomer poses last Monday with the 100-pound pumpkin that was stolen from his family's front porch and the apology note that was attached to it upon its return to his home.

YOU'VE GOT TO READ THESE

Wife reports

■ An honest thief?

YORK, Pa. — A thief has returned a 100-pound pumpkin that a central Pennsylvania boy won by correctly guessing its weight — along with a note apologizing for the theft. Nine-year-old Jaden Newcomer of York won the pumpkin at an Oktoberfest celebration in Windsor Township. He had displayed the giant pumpkin on his family's porch until it was stolen recently.

But the York Dispatch reports the pumpkin was back on the family's porch last weekend after it returned from a weekend trip.

The thief also left a note saying, "I'm really sorry about taking your pumpkin. I was wrong of me, you earned the pumpkin. I didn't think my actions through. Now realize who they were affecting. Sincerely, Anonymous."

Any Newcomer says her son is "very excited. He's beside himself."

■ Hawaiian surfer punches shark in face, survives

HAULE, Hawaii — A 25-year-old Hawaiian surfer and former boxer went up to fin with a shark off Kauai and survived.

Ken Hansen was surfing with about 10 others near Haule when someone spotted a fin in the water. Twenty minutes later Hansen was sitting on his surfboard with his legs dangling in the water when he spotted a dark shape approaching from the left. He thought it was a shark — dark on top, white on the bottom. "It came flying straight toward me," he said.

He pulled his leg out of the water and the shark got a mouthful of surfboard.

The impact knocked Hansen off the board. He rolled onto the sand and grabbed a fin.

On top of the shark, holding on with one hand, he began punching at the eye. Hansen said, "I put some really good hits on it, for sure."

When his stomach jerked and the shark's eye, the shark got out the board and retreated. Hansen scrambled onto his

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GOOD TASTE, GOOD TIME



Local band Lug Nutz was one of several musical acts to perform during the 17th annual Taste of Orangeburg, a day where attendees could sample not only the local cuisine but musical talent as well.

Folks find pleasing fare on the square, tempting tidbits everywhere

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

A little bit of crab bites in my dish, a little bit of shrimp and grits is my wish, a little bit of pedo in the pan, a little bit of barbecue makes me your fan!

Gumbo served with chives? The food fan found fare on Sunday that ranged from shaved ice to shrimp and grits, which by itself took on an almost artistic element with its blend of ingredients and aroma of coastal cuisine.

There was crispy shrimp, boiled shrimp, shrimp gumbo. That food, grilled food, fried food, hot food, chicken wings and all manner of things. A jambalaya to cause your tongue to say, "Oh my ah!"

By the aroma of the sizzling pans in the Memorial Plaza arena, no one wearing an apron was a douch. They seemed worth their olive oil.

Matt Burkey said in the considerable number of cuisines he'd tried, there wasn't anything he wouldn't try again. Burkey, 8, was prepared to do just that — try them all again.

His six-year-old sister, Abby, was

right there with him in the sampling, giving her blue ribbon to the shaved ice maker.

Along with their mom and friends, Matt and Abby were just a couple of the more than 1,000 attending the event presented by DORA and hosted by the Orangeburg Country Club, Rock Ridge Plantation and S.C. Bank and Trust.

Among the 20 vendors making up this year's event, Norma Sells found her Holy Grail of grilling that she looks for every year — a steak kabob.

"If they didn't have them, I'd cry," she said laughing.

Creator of Krissy Lady Cakes, Lisa Duff said it takes about a week to prepare for the one-day event. For her, that means late nights and lots of frosting.

"She says she loves her craft and the opportunity it provides to live up to her nickname and create something new. She's done all manner of cakes, including a John Deere cake, to go along with her standard line."

"Last year I was up 48 hours frosting cupcakes," she said. "I so enjoy doing it."



Haley Arends of Cope was one of the more than 1,000 attending Sunday's Taste of Orangeburg, an annual one-day event that allows the area's finest chefs to shake their salt shakers with a background of live music. Arends, 10, and her mother came out to see family and friends in addition to sampling the fried shrimp.

In state, many must buy new health plan

By SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Nearly a month into the health care roll-out, at least one group tasked with helping South Carolina's uninsured sign up for coverage in 2014 hasn't been able to assist anyone through the problem-riddled federal website. However, several thousand residents have sought Medicaid coverage through the state's new online application.

And many South Carolinians with health insurance are learning they too must buy a new policy. Despite President Barack Obama's promise that those who like their health plans will be able to keep it, residents across the country are being notified they must switch to a more comprehensive, and often more expensive, policy that complies with the federal law.

Policies sold or altered after the health care law passed in 2010 must meet its requirements. That means many people who buy their own insurance will need to choose a new plan for 2014.

State law requires insurers to give policyholders a 90-day notice of discontinued plans. But how many letters are going out in South Carolina, and what they say, is unknown.

Officials with Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina, the state's largest insurer, declined to answer any questions last week from The Associated Press on the issue. According to the company's website, its short-term health plans and Personal Blue plans, including high-deductible options, won't be available after Dec. 15.

Elsewhere, about 100,000 Blue Cross Blue Shield customers in North Carolina are receiving notices. Florida Blue is discontinuing 100,000 policies.

Other health insurers in South Carolina include Aetna Inc., which bought out Coventry Health Care earlier this year. It's notifying about 1,600

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Governor Nikki Haley News:

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Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Job training for juvies

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131027/PC1002/131029453/1021/job-training-for-juvies&source=RSS>
Editorial

If job training is an important component of rehabilitating prison inmates, it may be even more essential to South Carolina's juvenile offenders. Many stand at the crossroads between a productive life and just more trouble, but next time as an adult. Learning a job skill can engage a young person at a critical time and can halt recidivism before it gets started. For those reasons, the state Department of Juvenile Justice is to be commended for undertaking its new Job Readiness Training Center in Columbia. The center was officially opened on Tuesday.

Note: "This job training is not only the right thing to do, but it is improving the lives of the at-risk youths within DJJ and will pay long-term benefits to our state as a whole," Gov. Nikki Haley said at the opening ceremonies.

Rock Hill Herald: S.C.'s inland port opens for business

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/10/27/5344522/scs-inland-port-opensfor-business.html#storylink=cpy>
Editorial

South Carolina's new \$50 million inland port, which began operating this month, is a monumental achievement for the state. Some say it could have as big an impact on the state, especially the Upstate, as the luring of BMW Manufacturing Co. BMW, in fact, will be among the top customers for the new shipping center. Both are located near Greer. Essentially, the huge inland port will both extend the reach of the port of Charleston by about 220 miles and significantly reduce truck traffic along Interstate 26. Instead of trucking goods from the Port of Charleston, the materials will be packed in huge, double-stacked containers and transported overnight by rail between Greer and Charleston.

Aiken Standard: Ryberg right choice for commission post

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131028/AIK02/131029639/1018/AIK02/column-ryberg-right-choice-for-commission-post>

Gary Bunker

The recent appointment of former Sen. Greg Ryberg as chief operating officer of the South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission was a shrewd move on the Commission's part. Ryberg's business sense and political experience are needed on the Commission, which has been rocked by infighting between State Treasurer Curtis Loftis, one of the commissioners, and the rest of the Commission. Established in 2005, the commission is responsible for investing and managing the assets of the South Carolina Retirement System. As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, Ryberg helped author the legislation creating the commission. His being present at the creation is an additional plus in his role as chief operating officer.

Aiken Standard: System needs strong fix for child support

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131028/AIK02/131029641/1018/AIK02/editorial-system-needs-strong-fix-for-child-support>

Editorial

South Carolina may need six more years and almost \$75 million to complete a long-delayed child support enforcement system, according to the Greenville News. It's been 25 years since federal law mandated that we put the system into effect, but embarrassingly, South Carolina remains the only state in the nation that hasn't completed implementation. This summer, the state terminated its contract with Hewlett Packard – the third company hired to finish the project that has been tinged with chaos and missteps. The company is now in a contract dispute with the state, a conflict that is being heard by the state's chief procurement officer and is expected to last more than a month.

Island Packet: Medicare drug plans increasingly problematic

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/28/2756654/medicare-drug-plans-increasingly.html>

Editorial

Selecting a Medicare Advantage provider is becoming more complex each year. When viewing the drugs available for 2014, the facts required to make the best selection are not easily found. We need to know the total cost of the drug to determine how we will be affected by Medicare's infamous doughnut hole. Without this information we could easily be using a product that costs far more but has the same co-pay as the less costly drug. It is the total drug cost that counts when figuring when the doughnut hole is reached. As the year progresses, this could make the difference between a period of self insurance in the donut hole or a continued co-pay only with the insurer picking up the major costs.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Many insured SC residents must buy new health plan

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7slnxyL9

Seanna Adcox

Nearly a month into the health care rollout, at least one group tasked with helping South Carolina's uninsured sign up for coverage in 2014 hasn't been able to assist anyone through the problem-riddled federal website. However, several thousand residents have sought Medicaid coverage through the state's new online application. And many South Carolinians with health insurance are learning they too must buy a new policy. Despite President Barack Obama's promise that those who like their health plans will be able to keep it, residents across the country are being notified they must switch to a more comprehensive, and often more expensive, policy that complies with the federal law.

The State: National utility leads state in violation of green laws

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/27/3063124/national-utility-leads-state-in.html#storylink=cpy>

Sammy Fretwell

A toxin powerful enough to cause vomiting and even death swam silently in the drinking water at Lakewood Estates in 2011, exposing residents to a hazard many thought had been eradicated several years earlier. The hazard was arsenic, and its discovery in the Chapin neighborhood resulted in the third state enforcement case in seven years against the subdivision's utility service for failing to meet drinking water standards. But the repeat offenses were nothing new for Utilities Inc., a national corporation that owns the Lakewood Estates water company.

Aiken Standard: Higher gas tax could raise more road improvement funds

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131028/AIK0101/131029508/1004/higher-gas-tax-could-raise-more-road-improvement-funds>

DeDe Biles

Bill Ross travels around South Carolina spreading his message that the state needs to find more money to fix its roads. On Oct. 24, he visited Aiken, where he spoke at a Kiwanis Club meeting in Cumberland Village. "Everything has got to be on the table," said Ross, who is the executive director of the South Carolina Alliance To Fix Our Roads. "I don't think there is any one answer." Members of Ross' Columbia-based nonprofit organization include the South Carolina Trucking Association, South Carolina Farm Bureau and AAA Carolinas. The Alliance supports increasing the Palmetto State's motor fuel user fee of 16 cents per gallon, which hasn't been raised since 1987 and is one of the lowest in the nation.

Note: "This past year, I've probably sat down across the table from at least half of the senators and probably a third of the House members in the state," Ross said. "Every one of them will tell you, 'Yes, we need to increase the motor fuel user fee.' But then they say that they, realistically, wouldn't be able to override a veto (by Gov. Nikki Haley)."

Post and Courier: College of Charleston met with InfiLaw on possible purchase of Charleston School of Law
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131027/PC16/131029401/1389/college-of-charleston-met-with-infilaw-on-possible-purchase-of-charleston-school-of-law>

Diane Knich

The College of Charleston and InfiLaw System have met about the purchase of the Charleston School of Law, but who attended that meeting and what was discussed there remains a mystery. In a prepared statement this month, InfiLaw officials said they had a binding contract to buy the Charleston School of Law, but they had reached out to the College of Charleston to determine if the college had the means and ability to purchase and manage the law school. Company representatives said they also were willing to talk to officials at the University of South Carolina's law school. They also said they would continue the process to obtain an operating license from the state's Commission on Higher Education, which would be required if they were to finalize the sale and take over the law school.

Post and Courier: S.C. spends plenty to educate doctors, but doesn't have enough of them
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131027/PC16/131029404/1006/>

Lauren Sausser

Lash Springs, 27, of Myrtle Beach, will graduate from the Medical University of South Carolina in the spring, which is why he's so busy these days planning his next move. Springs and thousands of other fourth-year medical students across the country are knee-deep in the process of interviewing for a residency position. Residents fall somewhere between medical students and full-fledged practicing physicians. Some medical school graduates will complete their residency training in a primary care field, like internal or family medicine. Others want to specialize in more lucrative areas, like dermatology or oncology, for which there are fewer available positions.

Associated Press: Officials participate in domestic violence meeting
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=AEOt83LB

A state representative from Columbia is sponsoring a town hall meeting on domestic violence. Democratic state Rep. Mia McLeod is holding the meeting Monday at Ridge View High School. Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott and Solicitor Dan Johnson are planning to serve as panelists. Various organizations partnering on the event include Sistercare and the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. South Carolina ranks worst in the nation for violence against women.

Local News:

The State: Mayor Races Dot Lexington County Ballot
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tiMKhIGB

Tim Flach

Time-for-change talk abounds in Lexington County communities as the Nov. 5 ballot approaches for several municipal races. As many as six of 14 towns and cities could have new leaders as challengers press for advantage with insistence that a fresh outlook is better than retaining experience at Town Halls. Those facing contests include two of the longest-serving mayors in the Midlands – Stan Shealy of Chapin with 32 years and Pat Smith of Springdale with 29 years. Lexington Mayor Randy Halfacre, a rising star in Midlands political and business circles, is in a match with another town leader running as an outsider.

Sun News: Reducing crime among top issues for all Myrtle Beach candidates
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/10/26/3794328/reducing-crime-among-top-issues.html#storylink=cpy>

Maya T. Prabhu

Any crime is too much crime. That's one thing all candidates running for election in Myrtle Beach agree on. Where they differ is whether Myrtle Beach has a higher tendency to see violent crime. All four incumbents running for reelection said crime information released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation statistics website

is skewed because Myrtle Beach's population grows exponentially during the summer tourism season and the rate is based on the city's permanent population. But some challengers said they believe the city is trying to downplay what they say is a major crime issue.

Island Packet: Beaufort County Council to discuss business license changes

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/27/2759952/beaufort-county-council-to-discuss.html#storylink=cpy>

Zach Murdock

Beaufort County Council will meet at 5 p.m. Monday to discuss initial changes to the way it handles business licenses. The changes would include changing the amount paid for a license to a tax from a fee, as it's now called. Changes also would include an exemption for agricultural businesses, such as those involved in crops, timber harvesting, livestock or fishing, county attorney Josh Gruber has said. Council has debated large-scale changes to county business licenses several times this year. On Oct. 14, council debated whether it should approve these initial changes and return to other ideas later or wait and approve any business license changes at once.

Rock Hill Herald: DHEC records show violations that could endanger residents at Catawba Community Care Home

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/10/26/5342690/dhec-records-show-violations-that.html#storylink=cpy>

Jonathan McFadden

A York County residential care facility where a 61-year-old man was recently slashed in the face by another resident was cited this year for 12 violations that might "present an imminent danger" for residents or "result in death," according to the state Department of Health and Environmental Control. During a routine inspection of the Catawba Community Care Home on Oct. 1, DHEC issued seven citations for Class 1 violations to the facility, which serves the indigent, records show. In June, DHEC cited the facility for Class I violations during a fire safety evaluation. DHEC provides oversight for all the state's nursing, retirement and community residential homes.

Sun News: Taste of Georgetown serving up food and awareness

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/10/27/3796410/taste-of-georgetown-serving-up.html#storylink=cpy>

Steve Palisin

Representatives from the Family Justice Center of Georgetown County hope everyone attending the fourth of Taste of Georgetown brings a hearty appetite to help a cause with a big heart. The eating extravaganza, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday on Georgetown's Front Street, between Queen and King streets, has become the Family Justice Center's main fundraiser, said Alicia Barnes, a board member for the Georgetown-based charity, which helps protect people countywide who cope with domestic violence. More than 20 restaurants, most from the city of Georgetown, but a few from the Waccamaw Neck, will serve up their trademark dishes.

National News:

Associated Press: A year after Romney loss, GOP woes run even deeper

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=y4BQnMSo

Charles Babington

A year after losing a presidential race many Republicans thought was winnable, the party arguably is in worse shape than before. The GOP is struggling to control tensions between its tea party and establishment wings and watching approval ratings sink to record lows. It's almost quaint to recall that soon after Mitt Romney lost to President Barack Obama, the Republican National Committee recommended only one policy change: endorsing an immigration overhaul, in hopes of attracting Hispanic voters. That immigration bill is now struggling for life and attention in the Republican-run House.

Associated Press: After shutdown, few talking about budget solutions

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Qv9iFgoC

Bill Barrow

Something is noticeably absent from congressional candidates' rampant finger-wagging over this month's bipartisan deal to extend the nation's borrowing limit and reopen government: concrete proposals to fundamentally alter the U.S. balance sheet. Blame politics as the chief reason for the lack of solutions offered by 2014 incumbents and challengers. Influential Democratic backers go to the mat to protect Social Security

and Medicare. Republicans love defense spending, while key GOP groups boast absolute opposition to higher taxes.

Associated Press: Here's a tax increase Republican lawmakers support
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tdDjzBs1

Stephen Ohlemacher

Republicans in Congress don't usually fight for tax increases, especially ones that are part of President Barack Obama's health care law. But GOP senators balked when Democrats proposed delaying a new temporary fee on everyone covered by health insurance. So employers, insurance companies and other health plan sponsors are in line to pay \$63 a person next year for everyone who has coverage. The temporary fee covers all workers, spouses and dependents covered by health insurance. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., proposed delaying the fee in recent budget talks with Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. McConnell and other Republican senators objected; the fee was left intact.

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