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Obama, Christie tour Sandy's wreckage

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BY DAVID ESPO
and JULIE PACE
Associated Press

BRIGANTINE, N.J. — President Barack Obama solemnly toured the destruction wrought by Superstorm Sandy on Wednesday in the company of New Jersey's Republican governor and assured victims "we will not quit" until clean-up and recovery are complete. Six days before their hard-fought election, rival Mitt Romney muted criticism of Obama as he toured the battered town of Florida. Forsaking partisan politics for the third day in a row, the president

helicoptered with Gov. Chris Christie over washed-out roads, flooded homes, boardwalks bobbing in the ocean and, in Seaside Heights, a fire still burning after ruining about eight structures. Back on the ground, the president introduced one local woman to "my guy Craig Fugate." In a plainspoken demonstration of the power of the presidency, Obama instructed the man at the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a 7,500-employee federal agency, to "make sure she gets the help she

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Part of a home rests upside-down in Seaside Heights, N.J., on Wednesday, after Superstorm Sandy made landfall there Monday evening. The rest of the home sat away from its original spot and in the middle of a street.

JAVIER CORTEZ/AP

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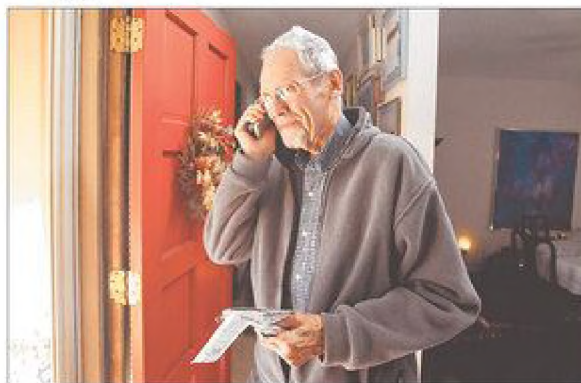
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Coming Sunday

Use our Voting Guide to find out everything you need to know on Election Day, including information about the candidates, the referendums and where to vote.

HACKED || THE AFTERMATH OF THE CYBER ATTACK

Hacking victims get runaround



Richard Bronk of West Ashley waits on hold for someone from Experian to talk with him. Bronk has carried his phone around with him for days as he waits for an operator to enroll him in credit monitoring and identity protection that the state of South Carolina is offering.

Credit-monitoring help is elusive

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Charleston attorney Carolyn Blue spent nine months straightening out her credit after thieves swiped her purse, stole her identity and went on a spending spree in the 1990s.

So Blue is especially protective of her personal information these days. She never shops online and avoids sharing any financial or identifying information over the Internet.

Like hundreds of thousands of South Carolina taxpayers, Blue wanted to avail herself of free

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credit monitoring from Experian after learning Friday that hackers had raided a state database for sensitive taxpayer information.

But given her past, Blue wasn't about to register for the service online. So she picked up the phone and called the toll-free number provided by the state.

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Wednesday's developments

FIRST LAWSUIT: A former state senator from Spartanburg filed a class-action suit against Gov. Nikki Haley and the S.C. Department of Revenue.

BUSINESSES HACKED: Up to 657,000 businesses had information in the breached database.

FRAUD MONITORING: Starting at 8 a.m. Friday, Dun & Bradstreet Creditbly Corp. will provide free fraud monitoring service for S.C. businesses that have filed a tax return since 1998. Businesses should visit www.dandb.com/sc/ or call 800-279-9881 to sign up.



KIM KOMANDO
Tech Tips

Protect your ID, credit

It's a bad time to be living in South Carolina if you value your privacy. A hacker struck the state Department of Revenue and exposed 8.6 million Social Security numbers and data from 387,000 credit and debit card accounts.

The sad part is that this was the third successful attack in two months! That doesn't really inspire confidence.

South Carolina is providing those affected with one year of free credit monitoring, but that's a small comfort when hackers have your information.

If you don't live in South Carolina and think your data is safe,

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Police: Danger sparked chase

Chief says driver a threat; video to be released

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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A man who died after a pursuit with St. Stephen authorities had studied NyQuil, Sudafed and Alka-Seltzer Plus in his pants after plucking the items from a dollar store's shelves, the town's police chief said Wednesday.

But the 53-year-old man's alleged crimes didn't require a high-speed chase until he weaved at two officers and a civilian vehicle during his attempt to get away Tuesday.

Chief John Waters said, "But when he took it to the level of endangering lives, it's our job to eliminate that threat."

Bonneau's resident Ronald Smith, a felon with a history of theft but of little violence, died after his pickup crashed into trees in rural Berkeley County.

Waters aims today to release a video that he said justifies his two officers' chase through a town with fewer than 2,000 people and a four-member police force.

The Post and Courier requested the video, as well as a incident report, under the S.C. Freedom of Information Act.

The St. Stephen Police Department was called after 5 p.m. to a Dollar General store on Byrnes Drive. Officers spotted a GMC pickup at Byrnes Drive, or U.S. Highway 52, and Ravenel Street that matched a description of a shoplifter's vehicle.

The pickup stopped at first. But as an officer walked toward it, the GMC lurched at him, Waters said. That officer leaped from the pickup's path.

A pursuit began. At one point, the GMC reached 70 mph.

The only other officer on patrol at the time was waiting for the GMC when it



Ronald Smith, 53, of Bonneau, died after his pickup crashed.

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HACKING OF S.C. TAX RECORDS

657,000 BUSINESSES ALSO EXPOSED

Companies eligible to sign up for lifetime record monitoring starting today; attorney files lawsuit, says state caused 'unnecessary worry and heartache'

By ANDREW SHAIN
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As many as 657,000 S.C. businesses had their tax information stolen in the massive security breach at the state Department of Revenue that also claimed the records of up to 3.6 million people,

Gov. Nikki Haley said Wednesday.

Since Friday, when they announced the hacking publicly, state officials had said that they did not think business records were exposed.

But Mandiant, a consultant hired by the S.C. Department of

Revenue, found Tuesday night that business tax records had been compromised, too, Haley said. The discovery came after a two-hour Senate Finance Committee hearing, where Revenue Department director James Eiter pointedly was asked whether business records also had been

taken by the hackers.

State officials still are learning more about the data theft, which is affecting four times as many people as all previous breaches combined in the state over the past seven years. "It is honestly

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A Q&A with staff reporter Andrew Shain about what happened and how to protect yourself. Also, read previous stories on the Department of Revenue hacking at thestate.com

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How betting ring worked

By NOELLE PHILLIPS
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Three sports bookies admitted Wednesday in federal court that they accepted bets through an online service and then collected cash payments at a liquor store.

The bookies also said they would leave winnings in marked envelopes for their clients to pick up at Tony's Party Shop on St. Andrews Road, according to testimony given as the three pleaded guilty to conducting an illegal gambling business.

Lanny Ray Gunter II, Harry B. Bennehaley and

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MASSIVE DESTRUCTION



MIKE COOK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This aerial photo taken Wednesday shows destroyed homes left in the wake of superstorm Sandy in Seaside Heights, N.J. Nationwide, the storm killed at least 63 people, caused billions of dollars in damage and left millions without power.

SEE STORIES ON THE STORM'S HUMAN AND FINANCIAL TOLL ON PAGES A4 AND B6.

ELECTION 2012

Is Romney answer to gridlock?

By CONNIE CASS and
JENNIFER AGIESTA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just about everybody agrees Washington is a gridlocked

Fort Jackson pooch is Hero Dog of the Year

By JEFF WILKINSON
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Gabe, a weapons sniffing dog at Fort Jackson, was crowned

last month's award ceremony at the Beverly Hills Hilton in Los Angeles. The ceremony will air at 8 p.m. on Nov. 8 on the Hallmark Channel.



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HACKING NIGHTMARE GROWS

Haley reveals 657,000 businesses exposed, also residents' bank data

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COLUMBIA — Another day of stunning revelations brought a disclosure by Gov. Nikki Haley that the hacking of the state's computer system includes the exposure of the records of as many as 657,000 South Carolina businesses.

She also disclosed for the first time that in addition to

3.6 million Social Security numbers and 387,000 credit and debit card numbers, the breach of the Department of Revenue computers also exposed residents' bank account numbers, bank routing numbers and any other information that was on checks used to pay taxes.

Haley said all businesses filing returns since 1998 will be offered free credit moni-

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For a timeline of events in the hacking scandal as well as tips on what you can do to protect yourself, go to GreenvilleOnline.com.

First suit filed in hacking case; Haley dismisses action as opportunistic

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The first legal salvo has been fired in South Carolina's massive computer breach that exposed millions of citizens' sensitive information, but legal experts said it's unclear whether Wednesday's lawsuit would be the first of many legal challenges.

Former state Sen. John Hawkins, a Spartanburg lawyer,

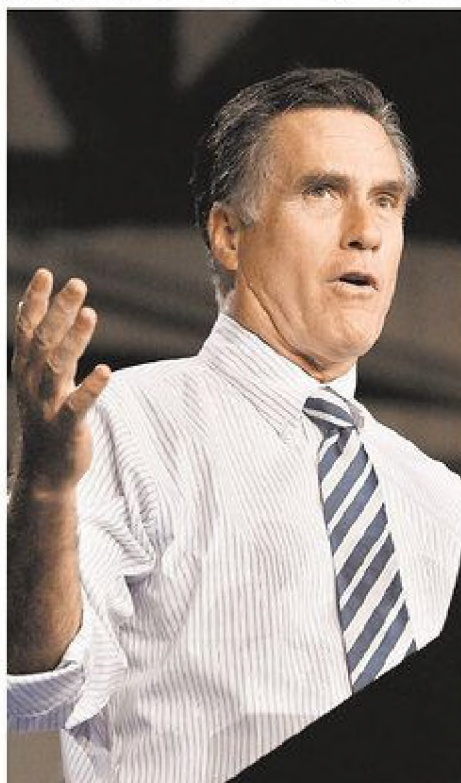
filed suit in state court against Gov. Nikki Haley and the Department of Revenue, alleging that they didn't "expeditiously" disclose a hacker's theft of 3.6 million residents' Social Security numbers.

The suit also alleges that Haley and the Department of Revenue failed to encrypt the sensitive computer data it stored on taxpayers filing state tax returns since 1998, exposing them

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Board races may hold surprises

Redistricting, open seats add drama to school elections

By Ron Barnett
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New boundaries for Greenville County School Board representation and the departure of two long-time incumbents have changed the dynamics of a race that has been marked by stability for more than a decade.

You have to go all the way back to 1996, the year four incumbents got swept out the door, to find a sitting board member getting the boot.

This year, only two current board members have opposition in the election for six seats, but it comes in an environment heated by contentious presidential politics and tea party fervor.

Six of the 12 seats on the board that governs South Carolina's largest school district are up for grabs.

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You've been hacked, now what?

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After a week of questions raised, frustrations running rampant and information leaked out as it has become available, the picture has become more clear on what happened and what residents should do following last week's S.C. Department of Revenue breach.

Up to 3.6 million returns from as far back as 1998 may have been compromised by the international hacker, who likely penetrated the Department of Revenue's system a month before the breach was detected by the U.S. Secret Service.

Anyone who has filed a tax return in South Carolina since 1998 is urged to call or go online and sign up for free credit monitoring by Experian by the Jan. 31, 2013, deadline.

The process can be a bit tedious to some, but Gov. Nikki Haley has urged residents not to feel rushed to sign up. The protection is retroactive through the entire time residents have been filing S.C. tax returns.

"People have to do this themselves," Haley said in a Wednesday press conference, while adding her office will contact all agencies to ask for help informing the public. "This is an issue of personal responsibility."

There are two ways to sign up for monitoring, either by calling or getting on a computer. For those wishing to call, dial (866) 578-5422, where you will enroll in a customer protection service. The call center is open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Haley said in a Tuesday press conference that the wait time on the call is down to 10 minutes, and the process it takes to sign up is roughly nine minutes. There are 300 assigned employees working the call center.

Sign up for credit protection

BY PHONE: Call (866) 578-5422 to enroll in a consumer protection service. The call center is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

ONLINE: Visit www.protectmyid.com/scdor.

Enter the code SCDOR123 when prompted.

DEADLINE: South Carolina taxpayers have until the end of Jan. 31, 2013, to sign up.

For those wishing to bypass the call, there is an online service available by visiting www.protectmyid.com/scdor. Enter the code SCDOR123 when prompted, and then click the button that

says "Click to redeem your activation code" instead of hitting "Enter."

After announcing earlier in the week

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Emma Jean Jones Dustin,
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Zombies, princesses take to streets in search of candy

BY STEPHANIE TURNER
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Superheroes, princesses and zombies were just among those to walk the streets this Halloween.

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Trick or Treat event "Pacerville: When Vampires Fly" and held it throughout Pacer Crossing, Pacer Commons and Pacer Downs, said Nick Pattillo, assistant director of housing.

At the event, children could get scared in a haunted house, enjoy a hayride or play games like finding eyes in a bowl of spaghetti.

They could also meet some of the residents by trick-or-treating at the participating rooms.

Senior nursing major Avin Harris was hanging out with a couple friends as she passed out candy to the stream of children.

"I love kids," she said. "It's something fun and a way to give back to the community. I love to see them with their costumes on."

While some trick-or-treaters enjoyed the college's activities until 7 p.m., others

While some may have dressed as invincible characters, USC Aiken and Gateway, in particular, made efforts to keep trick-or-treaters safe.

USCA Resident Student Association themed this year's Safe



The Toy Story gang, from left, Owen Parr, Laura Parr, Brian Parr and Simon Parr, was joined by ninja Noah Carlson during USC Aiken's "Pacerville: When Vampires Fly" event.

braved the windy weather under the golden moon and hiked out to the Gateway neighborhood.

Scream, Death and a scary clown

accompanied each other on a hunt for candy and a good night.

Dylen Joint, who chose Scream because of its easy dress-up, and his

cousin Gavin Norman, who impressed neighbors with his cool Death costume.

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Campaign buttons on display at museum

BY HALEY HUGHES
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A collection of buttons at the Aiken County Historical Museum showcases the nation's political history.

Dozens of election campaign buttons are on display in the front parlor room of the museum and will be available for viewing by the public through the Nov. 6 general election.

The buttons were generated from a variety of campaigns, including the campaign of James Garfield, who was elected to the White House in 1880, and Thomas E. Dewey who was the Republican candidate for president in 1944 and 1948. Dewey lost both times.

Garfield's presidency lasted only 200 days. He died in September 1881 after being shot by an assassin. "A lot of these buttons were at the museum," said museum executive

Want to go?

WHAT: Election Campaign button display

WHEN: Now through Nov. 6

WHERE: Aiken County Historical Museum, 433 Newberry St. S.W.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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private collection of S. Taylor Garrett and are on loan to the museum.

The first mass production of metal buttons dates to the 1896 William McKinley campaign for president.

There are also buttons for President Calvin Coolidge, who succeeded to the presidency after the untimely death of Warren G. Harding, and for the campaign of S.C. Gov. Strom Thurmond, who was nominated for president by the States' Rights Democratic Party, and his



Elliott Levy, executive director of the Aiken County Historical Museum, talks about the exhibit on display of campaign and political buttons.

Adams (Stevenson) button, and a

pieces, it would have been very expensive," Levy said.



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PORT ROYAL BURGLARY

Suspect accused in fatal DUI case

Steven Jason Kuehner, who was arrested last week on burglary charges, was accused of a deadly hit-and-run last year.

By ANNE CHRISTNOVICH
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A man arrested last week for allegedly stealing thousands of dollars in jewelry and collectibles from Laurel Hill Apartments in Port Royal also is accused of causing a deadly drunken driving accident in Charleston last year.



Kuehner

Steven Jason Kuehner, 32, was charged with felony driving under the influence after he allegedly hit 25-year-old Yuri Babenko of Russia with his car in West Ashley on May 20, 2011, according to a report from the Charleston Police Department.

Babenko died of his injuries. Kuehner, who authorities say kept driving after striking Babenko, was pulled over by Charleston City Police officers later that night, the report said.

Kuehner posted \$50,000 bond two days after his arrest, according to Charleston County court records.

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FATAL SHOOTING IN BURTON

Police say multiple victims involved

Authorities said Quantize Greer was robbed and killed while attempting to buy drugs with two other victims.

By ANNE CHRISTNOVICH
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Quantize Greer thought he was going to Taylor's Mobile Home Park in Burton to purchase about \$2,500 worth of marijuana, authorities say.

Instead, he was robbed and fatally shot.

And he didn't go there alone, according to a report released earlier this week

BACK, BUT NOT NORMAL

Northeast begins recovery after devastating storm



BEBETO MATTHEWS • The Associated Press

Raymond Palermo, left, wears a protective mask as he helps remove debris from his cousin's electronics store Wednesday on Mermaid Avenue in Brooklyn, N.Y. In the aftermath of superstorm Sandy, Palermo said "everything is lost," and he said he was disappointed the Red Cross didn't come through his neighborhood with help.

By JENNIFER PELTZ and LEANNE ITALIE
The Associated Press

Lights resumed, but slowly. The New York Stock Exchange got back to business, but on generator power. And with the subways still down, great numbers of people walked across the Brooklyn Bridge into Manhattan in a reverse of the exodus of Sept. 11, 2001.

Two days after Superstorm Sandy raged across the Northeast, killing more than 70 people, New York struggled Wednesday to find its way. Swaths of the city were still without power, and all of it was torn from its daily rhythms.

At luxury hotels and drugstores and Starbucks shops that bubbled back to life, people clustered around outlets and electrical strips, desperate to recharge their phones. In the Meatpacking District of Manhattan, a line of people filled pails with water from a fire

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■ President Barack Obama took a third day off the campaign trail as he traveled to New Jersey to see the damage left by Sandy. Mitt Romney campaigned in Florida but mostly shied from criticism of the president. **6A**

■ Travel in the Northeast resumed Wednesday, but the recovery will be slow. **10A**



SARAH WELLIVER • Staff photo

Hilton Head's John Rumsey looks over memorabilia from his time as captain of the HMS Bounty on Wednesday afternoon at his Sea Pines home.

Area man 'treasures' time on HMS Bounty

By RACHEL HEATON
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He sailed the HMS Bounty to New York City — a trip with its own sort of mutiny — and on voyages through the Great Lakes, the Panama Canal, and to Seattle, Nova Scotia and a movie set.

As someone with a deep connection with the ship — he was its captain from 1986 to 1990 — Hilton Head Island resident John Rumsey was shocked to hear she'd sunk Monday during Superstorm Sandy.

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SUPERSTORM SANDY'S DESTRUCTION

THE DEATH TOLL

At least 74 people in the U.S. were killed by the storm, including 22 in New York City.

OUTAGES

Power outages now stand at more than 5.6 million homes and

businesses, down from a peak of 8.5 million. New Jersey reported 21 million outages Wednesday, down from 2.7 million.

HALLOWEEN

Trick-or-treating was postponed until Mon-

day in New Jersey.

GOVERNMENT

In Washington, D.C., the federal government asked people to return to work Wednesday, and transit systems resumed full service.



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Residents to return to ravaged land

Scenes in the storm-stricken Northeast inspire solidarity, heartbreak and awe

By Molly Hennessy-Fiske,
Brian Bennett and Scott Gold
Los Angeles Times

SEA BRIGHT, N.J. — President Barack Obama and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, an unlikely pair thrust together by a national crisis, toured ravaged stretches of the coast on Wednesday. The sun came out, the stock exchange reopened and the electricity crisis ebbed — but the rolls of the dead rose, and some areas were still

coming to grips with Sandy's staggering destruction.

In pockets of New Jersey, in particular, the storm's scope was just becoming clear.

Half of Hoboken, N.J., birthplace of baseball and Frank Sinatra, was covered with a stew of river water, sewage and oil. Roughly 20,000 people were stranded in the flood but were warned to stay put because of live wires. In little Union Beach, where a flood surge pulver-

ized some houses, the principal of the local elementary school said it couldn't reopen for three weeks.

Some small beachfront communities instituted new evacuation orders after gas leaks erupted amid the wreckage. In Sea Bright, a barrier beach borough of 1,800 people south of Coney Island, officials labored to shut down gas lines.

"If we had a fire now, it would just burn," said Sea Bright's emergency management coordinator,

Danny Drogin. "All it takes is someone lighting a cigarette." Of Sandy, he offered this assessment: "It's like Katrina without alligators. The damage is catastrophic."

There were numerous signs, however, of relief and reinforcement.

The Pentagon said more than 10,000 National Guard troops in 13 states had been mobilized.



JASON DEGRON - AP

A National Guard vehicle drives along Broadway in Long Beach, N.Y., where violators of the 7 p.m. curfew are subject to arrest.

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All dressed up for Boo-Haha

The annual Boo-Haha returned to Rock Hill's Main Street on Wednesday for a night of trick-or-treating. Children were featured in a costume contest, while a dance party was on tap for adults. More than 25 businesses participated. Above, children wait to participate in the costume contest. At left, Mina Talford, 2, dressed as cotton candy, participates in the costume contest. See more photos at heraldonline.com



Wingate says Ballou 'padding' his resume

Rock Hill school board candidate defends role in 2005 campaign

By Shawn Cetrone
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Rock Hill school board candidate Wayne Wingate accuses one of his opponents, Dan Ballou, of overstating Ballou's role in a 2005 school bond campaign.

Ballou's claim that he was co-chairman of the committee that oversaw the effort to spark voter support for a \$92 million Rock Hill schools building program is "false," Wingate wrote in an email to The Herald on Wednesday.

"I am extremely disappointed that Dan continued to take credit for something he did not do," Wingate wrote.

Ballou said Wednesday he had inadvertently misstated his role and corrected his campaign material after Wingate brought it to his attention earlier this fall.

"I'm disappointed it has become an issue," he said.

On his campaign website and in fliers, Ballou listed among his volunteer roles: "Co-Chaired School Bond Referendum Citizens Committee in 2006."

More than 30 people joined the school district's Citizens for Children committee in 2005. Their job was convince voters the district needed to build new schools and update older campuses to keep up with a swelling student population. The effort was successful and led to the construction of Mount Holly Elementary, Dutchman Creek Middle and other projects.

Wingate and Hamp Atkins were co-chairmen of a steering committee that oversaw the bond promotion campaign, Rock Hill school district documents show.

"They were the two head guys," district spokeswoman Karen Vinson said.

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Online data-mining helps target political ads to voters; privacy advocates alarmed

By Lindsay Wise
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Every time Nella Stevens logs on to her computer, ads for President Barack Obama or Mitt Romney follow her from site to site, dogging her every digital step as if begging for her vote.

"If I go to one site to research or I start Googling his views on things, then for the next day Obama just

scrolls across my screen, and the same thing for Romney," said Stevens, 52, of Charlotte. "I started noticing it, and it's very funny after a while. I was like, 'This is very strange.'"

Stevens is an undecided registered voter in a swing state. Both campaigns would love to find that one issue or argument that will finally get to her, and they're hoping that data collected from her Web

browser and mobile devices can help.

Political campaigns are taking advantage of the same data-mining and consumer-profiling techniques that retailers commonly use to customize ads for certain audiences.

"You can say, 'I want to reach a registered Democrat who has voted in three of the last four elections with an age 30-50, with an income

of \$50,000 plus and target ads only to people who are registered and exactly in that population," said Jim Walsh, a senior partner at USPolitical, an online advertising network that works with Democratic candidates and liberal organizations.

Ad agencies and data management firms say this "microtargeting" gives campaigns more bang for their buck and ensures that they

reach the right people with messages tailored to their interests. But privacy advocates say they're alarmed.

"Powerful interests across the political divide are compiling comprehensive digital dossiers on individual citizens," said Jeffrey Chester, the executive director of the nonprofit Center for Digital Democracy in Washington. "If this was the FBI or national security

agency, there would be a huge uproar."

Chester worries that politicians who get elected using such technologies will be reluctant to press for greater scrutiny and regulation of data brokers, the companies that compile personal information about consumers and sell it to marketers — or to campaigns.

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D50 denies records request

FOIA experts say state law doesn't shelter information



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Greenwood District 50 superintendent Darrell Johnson denied a Freedom of Information Act request Oct. 12, a move several FOIA experts say is inconsistent with state law.

On Oct. 2, the Index-Journal requested access to former Emerald volleyball coach Gina Sargent's personnel file. District offi-

School board reax

■ When reached Wednesday afternoon, Greenwood District 50 school board chairman Shell Dula said he was unaware of the Index-Journal's Freedom of Information request and the district's subsequent denial.

cials said Sargent resigned her volleyball coaching post Oct. 1.

Sargent, however, said she'd characterize her departure as a resignation and firing. "It was a little bit of both," Sargent said

Oct. 1.

Upon learning of Sargent's possible dismissal, the Index-Journal filed the FOIA request, asking for access to her personnel file, as well as emails related to Sargent

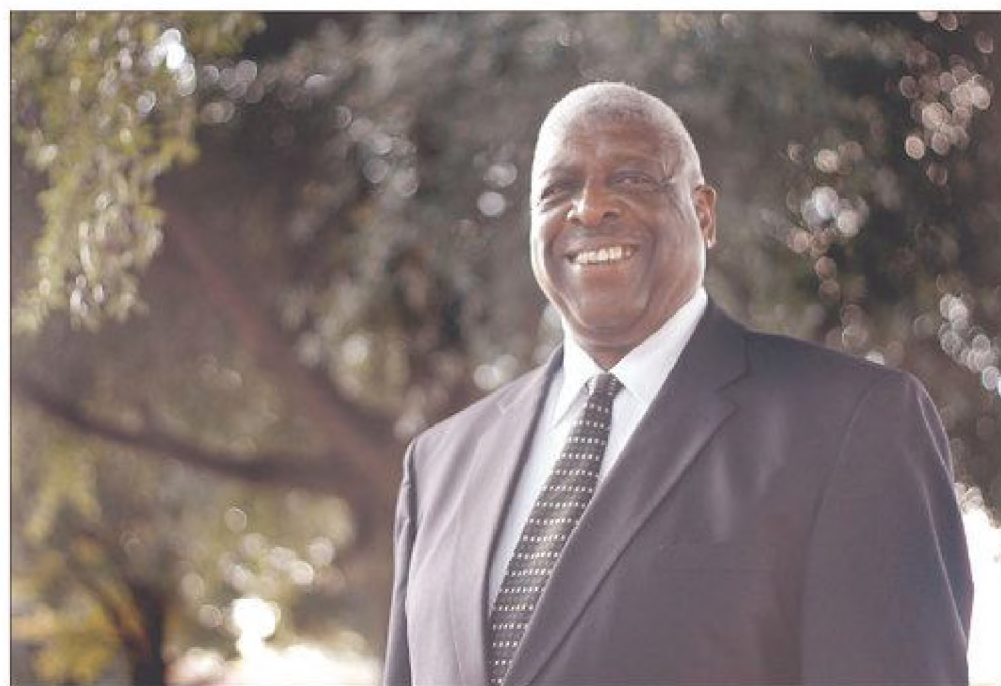
from Johnson, other District 50 administrators, assistant superintendent Randy Vaughn, Emerald principal Brad Nickles, Emerald assistant principal T. Carter and Emerald athletic director Tim McMahon.

On Oct. 12, Johnson sent a letter to the Index-Journal.

"Your request for personnel records is denied because the requested materials are

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District 10 state Sen. Floyd Nicholson seeks to secure four more years in office.

'TOGETHER WE CAN'

Democratic state Sen. Floyd Nicholson seeking re-election in District 10

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District 10 state Sen. Floyd Nicholson has been an elected official, in some capacity, for almost three decades.

He's currently working to secure at least four more years in that line of work.

The Democratic Nicholson is set to meet Republican challenger Jennings McAbee in next

week's general election. Nicholson just completed his first term as District 10's senator.

State Senate District 10 includes parts of Greenwood, Abbeville, McCormick and Saluda counties.

Nicholson is originally from and currently resides in Greenwood. He graduated from Brewer High School and South Carolina State University. He was a football player at SCSU.

The senator has a background in education, having worked as a teacher, coach and middle school administrator. He also has done work

with the Barton Center. He currently is a student life advisor at Lander University.

Prior to becoming a state senator, Nicholson, who is married and has three sons, served 11 years on Greenwood City Council and 14 years as Greenwood's mayor.

As he thought back on what initially led him to seek elected office nearly three decades ago, Nicholson said he simply had a desire to serve. "At the time, I said, 'I need to get involved

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■ EIGHTH CIRCUIT

Candidates compete for solicitor job

Stumbo, Shealy key in on drug crimes issue

By **MATT BRUCE**
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One of the common mantras in law enforcement is drug crimes beget a litany of other crimes.

It is a problem plaguing towns and cities across the nation. In the Eighth Judicial Solicitor's Circuit, which serves four counties in South Carolina, one of the candidates vying to be the district's lead prosecutor estimated 75 percent of the circuit's case load is drug related.

Both hopefuls in the solicitor's race have plans for how to handle the docket of drug cases tried in Laurens, Abbeville, Newberry and Greenwood counties.

Republican candidate David Stumbo has a two-pronged approach to fight the war on drugs in Eighth Circuit courtrooms. The first part of his strategy will be to work with narcotics units to identify the worst drug offenders in each county and fervently prosecute those suspects.

"We have to really make examples of the worst drug dealers," Stumbo said. "We need to go after them as aggressively as we can in the courtroom, and get stiff results and long sentences on the worst drug dealers we have who are spreading this poison out on the streets."

Stumbo also wants to institute a drug court program to help quell the drug addiction problem in the



DAVID STUMBO



BEN SHEALY

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ON HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Town Council OKs hike in its pay

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Hearing no objections from residents, Hilton Head Island Town Council members gave themselves a raise Wednesday.

BY THE NUMBERS

\$13,900
Current rate of pay for mayor

\$30,000
New, approved rate of pay for mayor

\$10,800
Current rate of pay for council members

\$16,800
New, approved highest rate of pay for council members

Beginning in December, Mayor Drew Laughlin's pay will more than double to about \$30,000 a year from \$13,900.

Council members' pay will increase from \$10,800 to as much as \$16,800.

Pay for the mayor pro tem increases from \$10,800 to up to \$17,800. That increase will not affect current Mayor Pro Tem Ken Heitzke, who is not seeking reelection.

The increase takes effect after winners of Tuesday's council elections are sworn in

Dec. 4.
The pay increase vote was 6-1, with Lee Edwards opposed.

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Utilities issue plea: Call first, dig later

Recent digging mishaps have led to a sewage spill and a cable outage right before a big USC football game.

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On Oct. 13, hours before one of the biggest University of South Carolina football games in recent memory, more than 1,000 television sets across Bluffton went black.

SUPERSTORM SANDY: THE AFTERMATH

SLOW RECOVERY BEGINS

Battered Northeast takes tentative steps on long road back



Raymond Palermo, left, wears a protective mask Wednesday as he helps remove debris from his cousin's electronics store in Brooklyn, after Superstorm Sandy slammed the Northeast. "Everything is lost," Palermo said.

BEBETO MATTHEWS • The Associated Press

By JENNIFER PELTZ and LEANNE ITALIE
The Associated Press

Flights resumed, but slowly. The New York Stock Exchange got back to business, but on generator power. And with the subways still down, great numbers of people walked across the Brooklyn Bridge into Manhattan in a reverse of the exodus of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Two days after Superstorm Sandy rampaged across the Northeast, killing at least 74 people, New York struggled Wednesday to find its way. Swaths of the city still were without power, and all of it was torn from its daily rhythms.

At small shops that bubbled back to life, people clustered around outlets and electrical strips, desperate to recharge their phones. In the Meatpacking District of Manhattan, a line of people filled pails with water from a fire hydrant. Two children used jack-o'-lantern trick-or-treat buckets.

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- Current death toll: 74
- Current number without power: 5.6 million, down from peak of 8.5 million
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Hilton Head's John Rumsey looks over memorabilia from his time as captain of the HMS Bounty on Wednesday at his Sea Pines home.

SARAH WELLIVER
Staff photo

Hilton Head man 'treasures' time as captain of storied HMS Bounty

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He sailed the HMS Bounty to New York City — a trip with its own sort of mutiny — and on voyages through the Great Lakes, the Panama Canal, and to Seattle, Nova Scotia and a movie set.

As someone with a deep connection with the ship — he was its captain from 1986 to 1990 — Hilton Head Island resident John Rumsey was shocked to hear she'd sunk Monday during Superstorm Sandy.

The ship, a replica of the 1787 Royal Navy sailing vessel built in 1960, went down off the coast of North Carolina. Fourteen of 16 crew members, including a Savannah woman who had just joined the crew in May, survived, but one crew member died and the Bounty's current captain is still missing.

The U.S. Coast Guard continued the search for the Captain Robin Walbridge on Wednesday. Rumsey hopes Walbridge is found alive.

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Florence County Council Election

Council candidates say 'Not Rusty'

Panel praises chairman for his work, but unsure if making Smith administrator is appropriate

BY JOHN SWEENEY
AND CHRIS MCKAGEN
Morning News

FLORENCE — It wasn't with the same fervor as protestors a year ago, but the majority of candidates running for Florence County Council said they would not be in favor of making council Chairman K.G. "Rusty" Smith Jr. county administrator.

Just one week before voters head to the polls, the Morning News asked candidates in the county council district races about Smith's quest for the administrator position in the summer of 2011. It was almost certainly the most controversial decision that council has faced in the past two years, even though it never actually came to a vote. Smith, the long-time council chair, did put his hat into the ring for the administrator's

post, but withdrew it at the last minute, just before the council offered the job to Thomas Robinson, the current administrator.

But even though candidates didn't think the circumstances were right for Smith to assume the administrator's post, that doesn't mean they thought

he was wrong for the job.

All but the two incumbent candidates — Roger Poston, District 2, and Mitchell Kirby, District 4 — said having a former council member transition to a high-paying county job would be inappropriate. The majority of candidates praised

the chairman for his work service to council but said they were unsure whether Smith was qualified for the position.

"I just don't think it seemed right," said petition candidate for District 4 Mary Floyd Springs. "In the community, there appeared to be cynicism. And because it appeared to be there, it would have diminished the council and

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DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS



PHOTOS BY REBECCA L. DUCKLEY/MORNING NEWS

Yanni Jemison and Matishia Knight laugh as the friends create masks as the South Florence Spanish Club prepared for the Day of the Dead on Oct. 24. It may appear a little gruesome to some, but the Day of the Dead celebration — Día de los Muertos in Spanish — is all about celebrating friends and family members who have died. The Mexican holiday is Nov. 1 and 2; events on the first day focus on children who have died. Holiday traditions include building altars with the deceased's favorite items, decorating skulls and bringing gifts and possessions to the graves of the dead.



Skulls and skeletons are some of the main symbols used in the Day of the Dead celebration, they often elaborately decorated and crafted into dolls or made of sugar to be eaten after the celebration.

SC hacking largest attack against state tax agency

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Millions of Social Security numbers and business records from tax returns as far back as 1998 were hacked in South Carolina, and experts said Wednesday it might be the largest cyber-attack against a state tax department in the nation's history.

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tax returns filed since 1998 included Social Security numbers and about 387,000 credit and debit card numbers that also were exposed, 6,000 of those unencrypted.

In her daily update Wednesday, Gov. Nikki Haley said up to 657,000 businesses have also been compromised.

"I believe it might actually be the largest against a state government, but certainly of a state tax department," said Paul Stephens of the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse based in San Diego.

"We've never heard of anything like this so I think you can say that," agreed Verenda Smith, the deputy director of the National Federation of Tax Administrators in

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Big Apple, Northeast struggling in aftermath of Sandy

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East River had been pumped free of water, removing a major obstacle to restoring full service.

"We are going to need some patience and some tolerance," he said.

On Wednesday, both were frayed. Bus service was free





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S.C. State off Gamecocks' 2013 schedule; Bulldogs to play Clemson instead, meet both teams in 2016

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Water problems led to the closure of South Carolina State University's Camp Harry Daniels. Now that water lines have been extended to the site, the university is seeking to repair and reopen its buildings.

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Camp Harry Daniels

SCSU's 1890 Program seeks new life for center after water problem solved

By DALE LINDER-ALTMAN
T&D Staff Writer

Eight years after the state Department of Health and Environmental Control closed Camp Harry Daniels because of problems with the water, South Carolina State University's 1890 Research and Extension Program is moving to renovate the Elmore area facility.

On Tuesday, the S.C. Budget and Control Board approved 1890's request to spend \$46,500 in grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to hire an architectural and engineering firm to design a 9,000-square-foot facility at the camp and plan renovations on the original extension building at the university's Orangeburg campus.

"This is the very first step in the plan," Extension Administrator Delbert Foster said.

The project will be completed in many phases, he said. Tuesday's decision simply means the board has approved hiring an architectural and engineering firm to develop a master plan for the renovations.

Foster noted that the camp's water

problem has been solved.

He said earlier that water lines were run to the camp in 2009 from the Elmore water system with \$320,000 in state and federal grants.

Though there are no longer any problems with the camp's water, there are problems with some of the buildings, he said.

While some of the structures, including a 9,900-square-foot conference center and a 30-room motel-type structure, were built as recently as the late Eighties or early Nineties, others were built in the 1940s, he said.

Once an architectural firm has been hired, a structural analysis will be carried out on the buildings to determine which are still usable, which can be repaired and which will have to be torn down, he said.

"That's why it's so critical to move forward with the design - so we can answer those questions," he said.

Another step will be to create a committee made of stakeholders from Orangeburg and Calhoun counties, the university, extension staff and alumni, according to Foster.

"We also want some members who live in the area and people who participated in activities at the facility in the past," he said. "The people use the facilities, and we're inviting them to be involved."

Foster said he's not sure what how the facility at Camp Harry Daniels will be used. Decisions like that will depend on the committee, he said. Renovating the camp is going to be a long-term process and will be completed in a number of phases, according to Foster.

Once the master plan is completed and a decision is made on what phase will be done first, the extension will have to go back to the Budget and Control Board for approval to begin construction, he said. Additionally, the State Engineer's Office has to approve the plans.

"They want to make sure you have the funds identified and that you do only the part you have the money for," he said.

Before each of the phases is approved, many questions will be raised

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Huge sawmill could bring up to 300 jobs

By GENE ZALESKI
T&D Staff Writer

ROWESVILLE — If Orangeburg County lands the state's largest sawmill, it could gain up to 300 jobs and a better option for its timber owners, according to forestry and business officials.

German-based Klausner Holding USA Inc. is considering placing a lumber mill on approximately 248 acres at 3374 Rowesville Road, between Rowesville and Orangeburg.

"If we do land the mill, it would be an absolute positive factor for our landowners," Orangeburg County Forestry Commission Area Forester Walt Woodrum said.

"It will mean an additional market for their wood and it could possibly lead to better timber prices for landowners in our area."

An air permit application filed with the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control says the company wants to produce multi-dimensional, dried lumber and byproducts, such as bark,

wood chips, sawdust and dry shavings.

The facility, which could operate around the clock, will have a maximum annual production of 700 million board feet per year.

The proposed mill will include log storage and processing; sawmill operations; sorter line operations; biomass-fired hot water heaters; natural gas-fired hot water heaters; drying kilns; planer mill operations; lumber load out and miscellaneous support equipment, such as emergency engines.

Orangeburg County Development Commission Executive Director Gregg Robinson declined commenting on specifics of the project, noting that he has signed a confidentiality agreement with the company. But he did say in general the plant would be a significant investment above the county average. He also said there is spin-off potential.

"That is not uncommon with these larger, more successful companies," he said.

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S.C. hacking largest vs. state tax agency

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Northeast struggling back, 2 days after killer superstorm

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