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Mayor-elect says rival's ads 'backfired'

Tecklenburg reflects on his path to victory against Stavrakis

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Charleston mayor-elect John Tecklenburg attributed his unofficial 15-point win Tuesday to many things, including last-minute attacks against him by state Rep. Leon Stavrakis and some high-profile endorsements.

"I think it backfired," Tecklenburg said Wednesday. "I've

Changing of the guard: Key dates

TUESDAY: John Tecklenburg defeats Leon Stavrakis by a 13,513-9,986 margin, according to unofficial results.

THURSDAY: The Charleston Election Commission will meet at 10 a.m. and certify the results, a step that would make John Tecklenburg the official mayor-elect.

FRIDAY: Tecklenburg and Mayor Joe Riley are scheduled to meet to discuss their coming transition.

JAN. 12: Tecklenburg will be sworn in as Charleston's mayor.

had a number of folks telling me they had seen these mailings and the general negativity.

... I just have to believe people see there's no validity in that kind of campaigning and put

it right in the trash."

One mailing — sent by a third-party group — described Tecklenburg as "a Democratic activist," without mentioning that Stavrakis has held office as a Democrat for years.

"It makes you scratch your head," Tecklenburg said. "I think the voters really responded to the fact that we kept a very positive campaign."

But Tecklenburg also said his

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Mayor-elect John Tecklenburg fields questions Wednesday at his home in Charleston about his upcoming plans.

Bush to cadets: 'This is the war of our time'

Candidate urges coalition ground fight against IS in Citadel address



Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush greets Citadel cadets and has his photo taken with them after speaking on national defense to the school's Republican Society. Republican candidates have traditionally discussed foreign policy goals at the school.

BY SCHUYLER KROPE
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Republican presidential hopeful Jeb Bush said the United States should not delay in leading a global coalition to take out IS "with overwhelming force," telling 400 cadets at The Citadel "this is the war of our time."

"While air power is essential, it alone cannot bring the results we seek," Bush said Wednesday inside a crowded auditorium less than a week after the deadly Islamic State-led attack on Paris.

"The United States — in conjunction with our NATO allies and more Arab partners — will need to increase our presence on

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the ground," Bush said, pegging the bulk of the required number of ground troops needing to come

"from local forces that we have built workable relationships with." Bush's comments came at South Carolina's famed state military college, where a string of GOP presidential hopefuls have traditionally come to set out their foreign policy intentions during election cycles.

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Revised county line could cost Dorchester

County might lose at least \$200K annually

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It will be up to each one of more than 300 property owners to ask to be annexed back into Dorchester County if they want to stay there. Either that or it will be up to the state Legislature to redraw its boundary line with Berkeley County.

That's what is expected to come from a state demand to reconcile county lines.

A 13-mile-long thin wedge of nearly 3,000 acres would be transferred to Berkeley County. The new line would run from the counties' existing line at Four Holes Swamp to W. 9th N. Street in Summerville. The revised lines could cost Dorchester hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not millions.

The boundary line dispute has stewed for 15 years. State geodetic

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If you lived within the disputed area of Berkeley and Dorchester counties, would you ask the state to allow you to remain in Dorchester County? Go to postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

Trafficking ring involved S.C. cities

Victims shuttled from one brothel to another

BY DAVE MUNDAY
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The recently busted eight-state sex-trafficking ring reached deep into South Carolina, perhaps even into the Holy City.

Women from Mexico and South America were kept at a brothel for a week to service more than 25 men a day, then transported to another one, according to federal investigators with Operation Safe Haven. The Oct. 29 sweep shut down brothels in 13 cities, including Columbia, Greenville and Myrtle Beach.

A local victims advocate says it's not unlikely that some of the women also did business in the Charleston area.

"It is very possible that the girls held in the brothels in Columbia and Myrtle Beach were also trafficked

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France targets terrorists in fierce raid

Ringleader's fate unclear; 2 people dead, 8 arrested

BY THOMAS ADAMSON
and KARL RITTER
Associated Press

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French police stormed an apartment in the heart of the northern Paris suburb of Saint-Denis before dawn on Wednesday in an attempt to find the Belgian man suspected of orchestrating the Paris terrorist attacks.



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Ag losses double from flood

Official: Farmers 'are to point of desperation'

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COLUMBIA - South Carolina's estimated agricultural losses from last month's floods have grown to almost

\$600 million and farmers statewide are hurting, state officials say.

State Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers initially estimated losses at \$300 million but officials with his agency told members of the House

Ways and Means Committee on Wednesday that the total agriculture-related losses are now estimated at \$587 million. Agriculture is the state's biggest industry. Farmers already faced a horrible year because of a late freeze and a summer drought, Assistant Agriculture Commissioner Clint Leach told the panel.

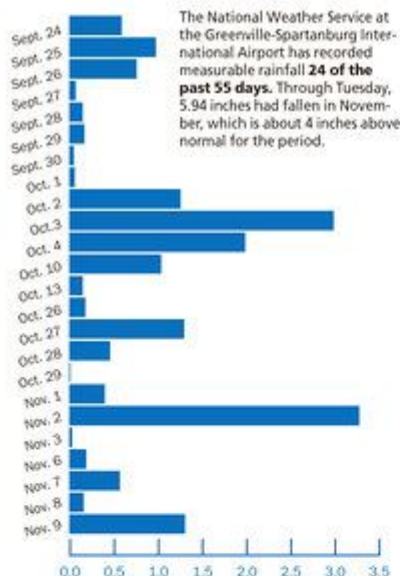
"They are to the point of desperation," he said.

The grim news came as the budget-writing committee heard final testimony from agencies as well as local officials on the impact of the flood, which killed 17 people, closed more than 500 state roads

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ARE WE CLOSE TO RAINFALL RECORD?

DAILY RAINFALL FIGURES



HEIDI HEILBRUNNSTAFF

A woman walks through One City Plaza in downtown Greenville as the rain and winds pounded the Upstate on Oct. 3. The Upstate area could add to its precipitation total with this week's storms.

Area already soaked this month could receive heavy precipitation

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We are nowhere near the record rainfall for the month of November, but it might feel like it and for good reason. And while we are only about two-thirds of the way through the month, the rain gauge at the National Weather Service in Greer already has recorded nearly 6 inches of rain, well above the 3.7 inches we normally see in the month.

And guess what? Get ready for more. The Upstate could see gusty winds, heavy rain and maybe even a tornado as a thick band of storms was forecast to sweep through the region late Wednesday.

Up to 2.5 inches of rain is forecast to fall in the Greenville area, which remains under a flash flood watch until 10 a.m. Thursday, the Weather Service said.

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Sewer agencies point fingers as development is stalled

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Independent government agencies blamed each other's inaction for pollution and stalled development in Taylors at a special meeting this week.

They pledged to work together but

face at least another month with more than 100 homes in multiple developments denied permits in the unincorporated community between Greenville and Greer.

And they face the potential of more heavy rain washing diluted but untreated sewage into the Enoree River, a trib-

utary of the Broad River, a source of drinking water for Columbia.

County and state representatives began progress stopped, tax revenue lost rather than helping pay for infrastructure improvements, and higher prices for home buyers and renters.

Local residents want a cleaner and

healthier environment soon.

The problem

High bacteria levels, such as those caused in part by overflowing sewer systems, can lead to illness for those who

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The just-lighted tree during the 48th Annual Governor's Carolighting of the South Carolina state tree at the State House.

A SEASON OF LIGHTS



Vista stores will be open late for Vista Lights from 5 to 9 p.m. today.

AFTER THE FLOOD

Cost to repair Columbia Canal: \$100M

City says overall flood-caused repairs will cost \$132 million

Council might have to tap reserves, get loans, find savings to offset expenses

Staffers hope FEMA, state aid will cover all of the canal costs and most of rest

BY CLIF LEBLANC
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Columbia is facing the prospect of having to dip into its reserves or seek short-term loans to help pay for \$132.5 million in flood damage, most of it to the Columbia Canal. City manager Teresa Wilson disclosed Wednesday, for the first time, that repairs to the breached and weakened canal are likely to cost \$100 million - most of which city officials expect to be covered by federal money.

"We've been told the canal mitigation is the largest in the state," Wilson said of damage reports that Columbia officials have received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and state flood-recovery au-

thorities.

So far, Columbia has paid \$10 million out of its own pocket to fix the canal, the primary water source for the downtown treatment plant that supplies water to about 188,000 customers. The city has asked FEMA to pay the entire canal bill, Wilson said.

FEMA has said it will pay at least 75 percent of most flood-damage costs. If it sticks to that figure, that could leave the city with a \$25 million bill just for the canal, Mayor Steve Benjamin said.

Asked if such a big bill would lead to higher water or sewer rates - beyond the nearly 10 percent increase that took effect in July - Benjamin said, "I'm not going to support any

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State must inspect dams more often, regulator says

BY CASSE COPE
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High-hazard dams that could cost South Carolinians their lives if they break should be inspected every year, the head of

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a failure could lead to the loss of lives. Heigel also said the



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Workers prep for crises in SRS drill

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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Regular Savannah River Site personnel played fake news media Wednesday during an emergency drill that scripted the hypothetical transport of three injured workers to local hospitals.

The media and other staffers were faced with a scenario which involved the release of radioactive materials at the Savannah River National Laboratory, a facility operated by the SRS management and operations contractor, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions.

Eyer

A severe weather event caused the downing of a power line resulting in damages to a waste drum and a chemical container, according to a mock media release.

Workers suffered injuries during the incident, including one who was transported to Georgia Regents Medical Center with a head laceration. Another employee suffered a broken arm and the final one an injured wrist. Those two were transported to Aiken Regional Medical Centers.

Precautionary measures were taken during the incident, which included closing down a portion of Highway 125, barricading site entrances and restricting rail, river and air traffic in the vicinity of SRS.

In addition, radiation monitoring teams were sent to various locations to provide assessments.

"We always keep the safety of our workers and the public in mind in a situation such as this," National Lab Deputy Director Dave Eyer said.

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Risky behavior



Did you know?

Percent of teens that sent sexually suggestive messages via text, email or instant messaging:

- 39 percent of all teens
- 37 percent of teen girls
- 40 percent of teen boys
- 48 percent of teens say they have received such messages

VIA GUARDCHILD.COM

Aiken Public Safety warns against 'sexting'

BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND
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With an abundance of smart phones now in their grasp, the amount of teens using their cameras and apps offered on the devices seems to grow year after year.

But with the gadgets, often comes a risky and dangerous side.

Students at a Colorado high school reportedly found themselves on that side of the technology this month after school officials discovered the students were

"sexting," or sharing graphic images of themselves, using a smartphone app.

The case involves an "unspecified number" of Canon City High School students, who were suspended after "exchanging hundreds of explicit photos of students as young as eighth-graders," according to reports by The Associated Press, which stated school officials

Sexting: What parents should know

• **Talk to your children:** If parents plan to send children to school with a smartphone, they should have conversations about how to use it properly.

• **Have the passwords to your kids' smart phones and devices:** Being able to get into the phone or device allows the parent to not only see their activity but to also make sure they're not the target of any online dangers.

• **Visit online resources** to learn about technology, smartphone applications. Burgess advises using the National Center for Missing

and Exploited Children's website www.netsmartz.org

• **Not all sexting cases will result in criminal charges,** but statutes do exist in South Carolina regarding those that involve minors.

• **Sexting could affect a student's future** resulting in possible suspension or expulsion, college eligibility or loss of scholarship.

— Information provided by Capt. Maryann Burgess from the juvenile division of the Aiken Department of Public Safety

Local authorities have since been investigating the case and prosecutors are deciding which students could face criminal charges.

Since the story has made headlines, many have found the case isn't just unique to Colorado.

The AP reported in a matter of weeks this month, two 14-year-old boys on New York's Long Island were arrested on felony child mole

brier, Tennessee, were charged with sexual exploitation of a minor after exchanging explicit photos on their cellphones.

The issue is also familiar to Aiken authorities, according to Capt. Maryann Burgess, who works in the juvenile division of the Department of Public Safety.

"We deal with it quite frequently," Burgess said. "We have had cases



AP PHOTO/CHRISTOPHE BNA
Police forces and soldiers patrol in Saint-Denis, a northern suburb of Paris on Wednesday.

Fate of leader of Paris attacks unclear

BY THOMAS ADAMSON
AND JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

SAINT-DENIS, France — Heavily armed French SWAT teams swooped in Wednesday and neutralized a cell that was ready to launch new attacks, leaving at least two people dead after firing 5,000 rounds during an hours-long siege, a prosecutor said. Eight people were arrested.

The raid had targeted the suspected planner of the attacks, 27-year-old Abdelhamid Abaaoud, but his fate remained unclear.

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Salah Abdeslam was in custody.

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Molins said heavily armed police squads initially were thwarted by a reinforced door to the apartment in the Saint-Denis neighborhood north of Paris and faced nearly incessant fire as they worked to enter.

The prosecutor said the raid was launched after information from tapped telephone conversations, surveillance and witness accounts indicated that Abaaoud might be in a safe house in the Saint-Denis suburb.

Investigators have identified



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Venables not entirely pleased with defense

Despite the Tigers' success, Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venables has been expressing some disappointment with his unit's recent showings. **B1**

UPSTATE



Still hoping case will be solved

The families of the four people killed in the Superbike Motorsports shop in Chesnee 12 years ago still hope the case will be solved. **C1**

Allegations dropped

The State Ethics Commission dropped allegations Wednesday that Attorney General Alan Wilson took eight donations exceeding the legal limit during his re-election campaign. **C1**

Gaffney man caught in Mississippi

A Gaffney man has been arrested in Mississippi after local authorities say they connected him to a kidnapping and attempted murder case last month. **C3**

BUSINESS

PARIS ATTACKS

Fate of mastermind unclear

By Thomas Adamson
 and Karl Ritter
 The Associated Press

SAINT-DENIS, France — The hunt for the mastermind of last week's attacks took a bloody turn Wednesday to a Paris suburb where a fierce gunbattle with police left at least two people dead and eight arrested. The fate of the alleged ringleader was unclear, with authorities saying he was not taken alive and they were trying to determine if he died in the raid.

Police launched the operation after receiving information from tapped phone calls,

surveillance and tipoffs suggesting that 27-year-old Abdelhamid Abaaoud was holed up in an apartment in Paris' Saint-Denis neighborhood.

Terrified residents awoke to gunfire and explosions as a SWAT team swooped in and "neutralized" what Paris Prosecutor Francois Molins called a "new team of terrorists" that appeared ready for a new attack.

Molins said the identities of the dead were still being investigated, but that neither Abaaoud nor another fugitive, Salah Abdeslam, was in custody.



Residents are evacuated by police in Saint Denis, north of Paris, on Wednesday. THIBAUT CAMUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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OUTDOOR ICE RINK

Skating on the Square prepares for opening

Local businesses anticipate uptick in visitors, sales

By Alyssa Mulliger
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Ice skating crews are preparing Morgan Square for the fourth season of Skating on the Square in downtown Spartanburg.

Grading and installation of cooling coils for the ice started this week. The skating rink is scheduled to open Wednesday.

City spokesman Will Rothschild said the city has operated the open-air rink on Morgan Square the past three years. He said the city has handled everything from skating hours, rentals and ticket sales to sponsorships, advertising and staffing for the nearly \$200,000 endeavor.

This year, Rothschild said the city is providing \$35,000 to assist in setting up the rink and handing the operating reins to Magic Ice USA, Inc. As with prior years, Magic Ice is providing its equipment and construction services for the skating rink.

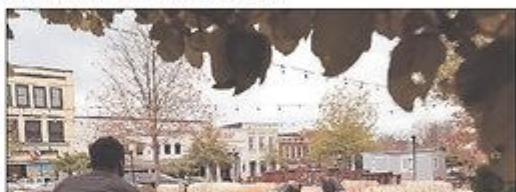
"Magic Ice is doing it all



Workers, including Travis Syphert, left, and Jon Tubbs, right, put up cooling coils for the ice skating rink on Morgan Square in downtown Spartanburg on Tuesday afternoon. Skating on the Square will be returning for a fourth year; it is scheduled to open Nov. 25. TIM KIMZEY/TIM.KIMZEY@SHJ.COM

first year, which saw 14,225 skaters. In 2013, the city tallied 11,612 skaters and last year there were 9,560 skaters.

The city attributes the decline to inclement weather during the 2013 and 2014 seasons which caused the rink to close early or open late some



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Sheriff's Office continues investigation into fatal shooting in Lynchburg

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Sumter County Sheriff's Office is investigating a shooting incident in the Lynchburg area that left one man dead and another man seriously wounded on Monday evening.

About 10:45 p.m. Monday, deputies responded to a call at a residence in the 3300 block of Narrow Paved Road

in Lynchburg.

Braden Bunch, sheriff's office public information officer, said multiple weapons, make and caliber not disclosed, were found at the scene and investigators continue to search the residence for more evidence.

Upon arrival, deputies found the resident, Joseph Frey, 70, unconscious and suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was later pronounced

dead at the scene by Sumter County Coroner's Office, according to a news release from the sheriff's office.

Another man, George Shine, 33, of Florence, was also injured during the incident and was airlifted to a Florence-area hospital for treatment for a single gunshot wound to the chest.

Bunch said Shine is now in the intensive care unit at McLeod Regional Medical Center.

A third man, Travis Byron Jones, 43, of Florence, who was at the scene when officers responded, is being questioned about the incident.

Bunch said Jones, a person of interest, has been taken into custody but has not been formally charged at this time.

The investigation is ongoing, and investigators are still determining what took place, Bunch said.

Third Army dad surprises kids



Jordyn, 7, Khalil, 12, and Kierra Hicks, 16, rush to greet their father, Sgt. Wesley Hicks, as he surprised them by coming to Thomas Sumter Academy's Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday. Their mother Tamesha, background, was in on the surprise.

Hicks homecoming an unexpected gift for 3 children

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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While families prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, one local family has an unexpected gift for which to be thankful.

U.S. Army Sgt. Wesley Hicks surprised his three children Wednesday

afternoon at Thomas Sumter Academy after returning home from Kuwait one month early.

Hicks, a human resources non-commissioned officer with the Third Army, spent five and a half months overseas and was supposed to return to the states in December but his supervisor

moved up his arrival date.

"I'm stoked about being here and seeing my babies," he said.

Hicks left Kuwait Tuesday morning and arrived in the states about 2 a.m. Wednesday.

Paris raid: 2 dead, new attacks thwarted

SAINT-DENIS, France (AP)

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Tax agency to reduce amount withheld

BY CASSIE COPE
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COLUMBIA — South Carolina's tax agency plans to leave more of your money in your paycheck.

Starting on Jan. 1, 2017, the agency will reduce the amount withheld from South Carolina taxpayers for state income taxes

throughout the year, said director Rick Reames.

That is the good news.

The bad news?

The withholding change will reduce the amount South Carolina taxpayers get back in state tax refunds each spring.

"This is going to put \$1 billion back in people's paychecks, rather than having them loan it to the

government on an interest-free basis," Reames said.

The first year of the changes would leave \$73 more in the paychecks of a married couple filing jointly with two children and a combined taxable income of \$10,000 or more, according to initial estimates by the Department of Revenue.

While the first year will see a

relatively low amount left to paychecks, a greater amount will be left in paychecks in future years.

For example, the same couple would see \$365 more to their paychecks in Year 5 and \$730 more in Year 10.

However, the added take-home pay will vary depending on a taxpayer's filing status. For example, the amount would change if a

taxpayer is single or files with a different number of exemptions.

The changes will benefit primarily lower, income taxpayers, married taxpayers and taxpayers with children, Reames said. Those taxpayers now have a greater portion of their paycheck withheld, he said.

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Wilson students help needy families

BY MELISSA ROLLINS
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FLORENCE — Students at Wilson High School have been working for a month on an initiative to bring attention to hunger and homelessness in Florence School District 1. That

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» **What:**

Threads of Change Pop-Up Shop

» **When:**

5:30-7 p.m.

» **Where:**

Wilson High School Commons Area, 1411 Old Marion Highway

project will come to a head tonight at the Threads of Change Pop-Up Shop.

Threads of Change will allow families in need in Florence to shop for winter clothing free.

"We have been working to bring awareness to the students about serving and giving back, said Shemia

Yearwood, a Freshman Academy teacher at Wilson. "Each class, club or sports team got a box to donate and collect items for one month. Individuals who are homeless or families who are in need are able to shop for winter clothing before it gets too cold, for free."

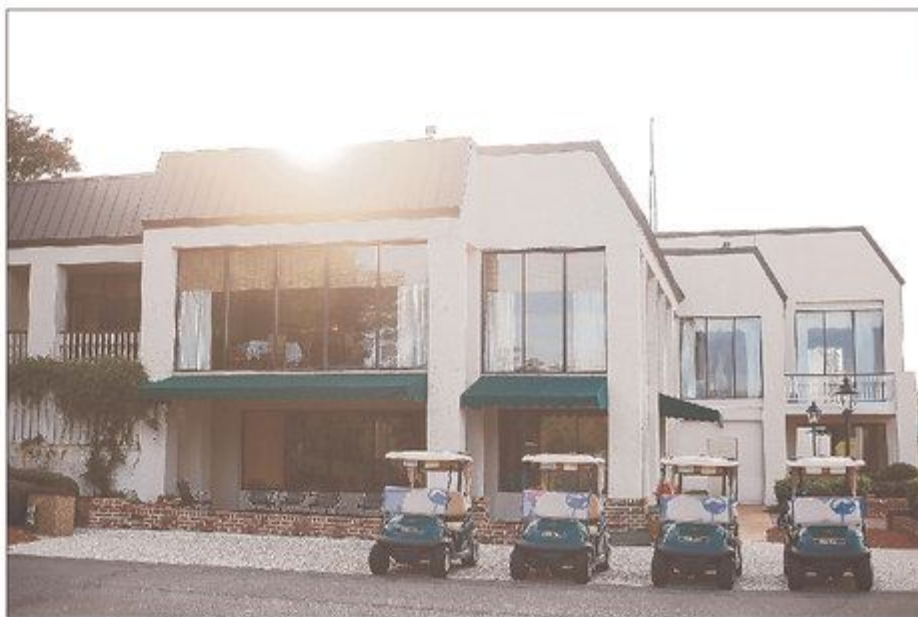
Yearwood said the effort has gotten a lot of support from the community.

"We were able to get a lot of organizations to help us," Yearwood said. "Goodwill donated the clothing racks; Stefano's is bringing the hot dogs that we are giving out for dinner. They will also get a meal to go that was provided by eIden Ministries. It really has been a partnership with the community."

Having students understand the plight of others in their community was important to Yearwood and the Freshman Academy administration.

"I wanted us to do a hands-on service project that the students could actually understand and be able to participate in," Yearwood said. "This

Country club seeks buyer



The Country Club of South Carolina in Florence has been listed for sale. The facility includes an 18-hole golf course, pro shop, restaurants, fitness center, tennis courts, ball room and a junior Olympic-sized and kids' pool.

Golf course, clubhouse, dining facilities and more

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FLORENCE — The Country Club of South Carolina is for sale.

An Ellis Maples designed 7,062-yard, 18-hole golf course with a fully stocked pro shop and practice facilities touted as the largest in Florence top the list of amenities. Six lighted Har-Tru clay tennis courts — two with stadium seating

— a fitness center accessible around the clock, a junior Olympic-sized swimming pool and a kiddie pool are selling points aimed at the sports-minded crowd. Duffers Bar & Grill, the Grille Room and the Palmetto Room offer ascending levels of

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Foster Care Clothing Closet provides for families in need

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FLORENCE — Jennifer Gray received her foster care license on Aug. 6. The next day a 3-week-old baby was placed with her.

Her foster baby came with a half-empty package of diapers and a bottle with the wrong nip-

WANT TO HELP?

» The Foster Care Clothing Closet is located at 1811 S. Irby St. Hours and availability are posted daily in the Foster Care Clothing Closet Facebook group.

» The closet accepts most items, including clothing, school uniforms, prom dresses, sporting equipment, strollers, high chairs,



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Big boon coming to Abbeville

New company will create 48 new jobs, investment brings \$2.3 million

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Advanced Manufacturing & Power Systems Inc., a manufacturer of generator enclosures, is establishing its first South Carolina operations in Abbeville County, the state Department of Commerce announced Wednesday.

The company is investing \$2.3 million in the project, which is expected to create 48 new jobs in Abbeville during the next five years.

"We are honored AMPS selected Abbeville County to be their new



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manufacturing home in South Carolina. We look forward to working with them in the coming years to help their business grow in our great county," County Council Chairman Bryan McClain said.

Established in 1999, the DeLand, Florida-based company is a specialty severe power systems integrator, servicing the power generation industry.

The company will be leasing 10,000 square feet in the county's incubator building, located in the Lakelands Commerce Park, which was built last year to help businesses grow.

"It's a soft landing. It's for businesses that want to locate to South Carolina and kind of dip their toes in the water, which is exactly the intention of the incubator building," County Director David Porter said.

Porter said the previous county administration showed great foresight in constructing the building.

"I think it just shows that the county

is very aggressively marketing itself. Community and economic development have been huge priorities of County Council," Porter said. "I think we're starting to see some of the fruits of our labor."

The company was the first, and is currently one of two, high velocity hurricane zone-rated manufacturers certified by the state of Florida. The firm is owned by Pacific International LLC, which is an affiliate of the Triple Five Group, which also owns and operates The Mall of America.

The plant is expected to be fully

operational by January. Those interested in employment can visit www.amps.cc.

"The pro-business environment in South Carolina and, in particular the helpful effort put forth by Abbeville County, is noted and greatly appreciated. This is just a first step as we look forward to hopefully significantly expanding this and other businesses into the state," Ira J. Perlmutter, chairman of AMPS and managing director of T5 Equity Partners LLC, said in a news release.

GOBBLING THEM UP



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ABOVE: Dennis Waters, member of the Neil "Gobbler" Cost chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, gets out of his truck to unload 100 frozen turkeys the chapter donates to local nonprofit organizations each year around Thanksgiving. **LEFT:** People unload the truck full of turkeys. During the last 14 years, the local NWTF chapter has donated more than 22,000 pounds of turkey to local charities and nonprofits, including The Greenwood Soup Kitchen, The Salvation Army, Bowers-Rodgers Children's Home, Connie Maxwell Children's Home and Faith Home.



NWTF chapter donates frozen turkeys to local charities

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Turkeys were flying Wednesday afternoon in the Farmers Market parking lot on Highway 72/221 E. Representatives from seven area charities and nonprofits gathered and waited for members of the Neil "Gobbler" Cost chapter of the

National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) to roll into the parking lot at 1 p.m. sharp with a truckload of frozen turkeys.

On Wednesday, the NWTF local chapter members helped nonprofit executive directors, staff and volunteers feed those in need on Thanksgiving.

Dennis Waters, local NWTF chapter member and volunteer, said money is raised locally in order

to give back to the community. He said the chapter chose "the seven most important charities in the community" 14 years ago and has continued to donate turkeys to them.

He said they just have to show up and haul the turkeys back to their agencies.

The Greenwood Soup Kitchen, The Salvation

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FATAL WRECK

Attorney: Student hadn't drank

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A car with alcohol containers strewn across the floor "had been all over the road" before striking a tractor-trailer, according to witnesses and a trooper cited in a report. But the driver's attorney said it did not appear she had been drinking before the crash.



COURTNEY HAGEDORN

Courtney Hagedorn, a 22-year-old Lander student, faces a felony DUI charge after her passenger died in the Oct. 25 wreck on Interstate 26. Samantha Giana Striano, 27, died at the scene.

Hagedorn was a member of the Lander Women's Soccer team, and voluntarily left the team to focus on her current situation and her studies, said Megan Price, a spokeswoman for the college.

When the state Highway Patrol trooper who filed the Oct. 25 report arrived on the scene, paramedics were placing a sheet over the passenger in the Volkswagen Golf Hagedorn had been driving, according to a report filed by Highway Patrol Trooper Christopher Nicholls.

"I was told we had multiple witnesses and that they stated the driver of the Volkswagen had been all over the road prior to the collision," the trooper said in the report.

After collecting evidence and witness statements, the trooper concluded Hagedorn

Duncan sponsoring amendment to 'pause' refugees

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ing from Syria and other countries with known radical

Homeland Security.

"The good news is we're much better

National Intelligence must certify every refugee is not a threat. If any of

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PARIS ATTACKS

Mastermind not arrested in raid

French SWAT teams neutralize a terrorist cell that was prepared to launch more attacks

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SAINT-DENIS, France — The hunt for the mastermind of last week's attacks took a bloody turn Wednesday in a Paris suburb where a fierce gunbattle with police left at least two people dead and eight arrested.

The fate of the alleged ringleader was unclear, with authorities saying he was not taken alive, and they

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For more on the attacks on Paris and Wednesday's developments, go to **6A**.

were trying to determine whether he died in the raid.

Police launched the operation after receiving information from tapped phone calls, surveillance and tipoffs suggesting that 27-year-old Abdelhamid Abaaoud was holed up in an apartment in Paris'

Saint-Denis neighborhood.

Terrified residents awoke to gunfire and explosions as a SWAT team swooped in and "neutralized" what Paris Prosecutor Francois Molins called a "new team of terrorists" that appeared ready for a new attack.

Molins said the identities of the dead were still being investigated but that neither Abaaoud nor another fugitive, Salah Abdeslam, was in custody.

"At this time, I'm not in a position to give a precise and definitive number for the people who died, nor their identities, but there are at least two dead people," Molins said.

The site of Wednesday's raid is not far from the Stade de France soccer stadium; three suicide bombers blew themselves up outside the stadium during an international soccer game as part of the attacks last Friday that left 129 peo-

ple dead and hundreds wounded.

Molins said police units including snipers threw grenades and fired 5,000 rounds in an hourlong gunbattle that began before dawn on Wednesday. The dead included a woman who was believed to have blown herself up with a suicide belt, though Molins said "this point needs to be verified by an analysis of the body and human remains."

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SC to change income tax rate

The state plans to lower withholdings, which will put more money in paychecks and reduce state tax refunds.

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COLUMBIA — South Carolina's tax agency plans to leave more of your money in your paycheck.

Starting on Jan. 1, 2017, the agency will reduce the amount withheld from S.C. taxpayers for state income taxes throughout the year, said director Rick Reames.

That is the good news.

The bad news?

The withholding change will reduce the amount S.C. taxpayers get back in state tax refunds each spring.

"This is going to put \$1 billion back in people's paychecks, rather than having them loan it to the government on an interest-free basis," Reames said.

The first year of the changes would leave \$73 more in the paychecks of a married couple filing

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SHARK TRACKER

Another tiger shark tagged by DNR in Port Royal Sound



OLD SYSTEM

The state withholds too much because it has not

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