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ERWIN FOUNDER STEPPING DOWN

Namesake of ad agency plans resignation after 'gut-wrenching' round of employee layoffs; successor to be named by end of year



Erwin Penland held their groundbreaking ceremony for their new downtown space on September 24.

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Joe Erwin, the founder and namesake of the Erwin Penland ad agency, will be stepping down from his position as president of the Greenville-based company at the end of this year — a long-planned departure accelerated after a "gut-wrenching" round of layoffs and in the midst of a large-scale expansion of its headquarters.

The resignation takes effect Dec. 31. The company will name a successor likely by the end of the year, Erwin said.

The recent layoffs of 30 employees — which came as Verizon Wireless,

the agency's largest client, cut its marketing budget — weighed heavily on his decision, Erwin told *The Greenville News* on Tuesday.

Erwin had a plan in place to retire within the next two years, but the layoffs prompted him to give up his salary as the agency re-positions itself, he said.

"To do that was so gut wrenching," Erwin said. "I just thought, 'I can't do this.' I'm lucky. I don't need a paycheck."

Erwin founded the ad agency in 1986 with his wife, Gretchen, and business partner Allen Bosworth after buying Penland Advertising.

The agency expanded with an of-

fice in New York, bought in 2004 by sister agency Hill Holliday under the umbrella of holding company IPG, and has about 400 employees between the two offices.

The 1979 Clemson University graduate has long been a political activist for the Democratic Party, serving two terms as state party chairman and as a strategist for President Jimmy Carter, U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, U.S. Sen. Fritz Hollings and Gov. Jim Hodges.

However, while Erwin has in the past been rumored to run for political office, he said he has no plans to run

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JOE ERWIN
ERWIN PENLAND FOUNDER

Council objects to refugee relocation

Members reached the vote unanimously

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THE GREENVILLE NEWS

Greenville County Council members unanimously voted in favor of a resolution opposing the relocation of refugees to the county Tuesday evening. The resolution also rejected state funding for refugee relocation.

Amendments were added by Councilman Willis Meadows to oppose the renewal of the state's authorization of refugee resettlement in 2016 until proof can be provided that all refugees will be vetted with standards similar to those applied to applicants to jobs at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; that state services provided to refugees would not increase the S.C. Department of Social Services' budget; and that refugees would not be a burden on schools.

The resolution, put forward by Councilman Sid Cates, specifically mentions refugees from the Middle East and Syria. On Monday, more than a dozen governors, including S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley, objected to refugees' relocation to their states. The Obama Administration has said that 10,000 Syrian refugees would be relocated to the U.S. in the next year.

The resolution cannot legally stop the federal government from relocating refugees to Greenville County. Councilman Joe Baldwin, acknowledging this, asked fellow council members what should be done to help refugees who are being persecuted and do not pose a threat to the U.S.

"What should Christians who are being holed up in Syria do? While we're doing this, we're doing something that doesn't have any real legal affect," Baldwin said. "We should discuss what should be done with people who are coming out of Syria."

The Greenville resolution says refugees would pose security risks and "unfunded burdens" to public services including schools and law enforcement. It comes on the heels of deadly attacks in Paris attributed to Islamic State (ISIS) fighters that have stoked international concerns about terrorists slipping in among legitimate refugees.

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Crimson Tide should not be in Top 4 ... yet.

Does the rise in Alabama's standings show SEC bias?



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it from the rest of the Top 6.

Its loss dings. Although its lone defeat looks worse as the weeks end by, Alabama remained No. 2 in the College Football Playoff

At this point, no one-loss team, regardless of its proclaimed preeminence, should be ranked ahead of an undefeated team from a Power Five Conference—the Atlantic Coast, Southeastern, Pacific 12, Big 12 or Big Ten.

Defenders of the four-team playoff argue that this format turns the regular season into a 12-round bracket. Apparently, Alabama is the only school play-



The University of Alabama may be the best team in college football. Alabama crushed Georgia by 28 points in Athens. It hammered Texas A&M by 18. It pummeled LSU by 14.



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Tecklenburg cruises to runoff victory

Businessman to succeed Mayor Riley, tackle challenges of booming Charleston after double-digit runoff win over lawmaker Stawrinakis



Photo: David A. Kelly

Mayor-elect John Tecklenburg greets supporters at the Marion after defeating Leon Stawrinakis during runoff elections Tuesday.

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John Tecklenburg, a piano-playing businessman with a steady smile and a scintillating campaign style, was elected Tuesday as Charleston's first mayor in 48 years.

Tecklenburg, who narrowly took the top spot in the Nov. 3 election, sealed the deal with a double-digit runoff win against state Rep. Leon

Charleston mayor

John Tecklenburg	75,513
Leon Stawrinakis	59,816

with 10th-place runoff
SOURCE: STATE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Stawrinakis

"ASK IT FIRST," Tecklenburg told hundreds of cheering supporters inside the Charleston Marriott. "I look forward to serving the city." The mayor-elect thanked "God our creator," his family and his campaign

volunteers, particularly former mayoral candidate Ginny Deatin. She finished third in the election two weeks ago and knew her full support behind him in the runoff.

Tecklenburg also thanked his opponents, saying Stawrinakis "ran a confident and spirited campaign" and "has been a real public servant for Charleston."

Stawrinakis conceded the race about 8:40 p.m. at his campaign party.

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'Soft target' worries on rise

Will Lowcountry, nation be safe?

BY JAKE PEARSON
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Apostrophe Post

From cafes in New York to tailgate parties in South Carolina, the harassment in Paris is forcing Americans to consider the as-of-yet possibility of terrorist attacks on "soft targets" in the U.S., such as restaurants, bars and other ordinary gathering spots.

"It's a little more jittery," said Jordan Weisman, dining at La Colombe cafe in Manhattan's SoHo neighborhood. He said that when a car exploded shortly after the attacks in France, he immediately thought of himself.

Counterterrorism experts say well-coordinated assaults carried out by foreign forces are less likely in the U.S., in part because of tougher accessibility to the mainland and better intelligence-gathering since 9/11. But they acknowledge such attacks cannot be ruled out.

They worry even more about the possibility of "lone wolf" attackers who may have no direct connection to extremist groups such as Islamic State but embrace their ideology.

"It's impossible to protect everything and everyone all the time," said Lauren C. Anderson, a retired FBI official who served in Paris and headed the international terrorism program for a New York task force.

She said social media gathering and sharing it created, but adds that everyone has a role. "The front line when we're talking about terrorism is people being aware of what's going on around them."

Lowcountry efforts

A soft target is any place that is largely unprotected, and the auxiliary installation on a government building.

It's a global issue, but one local authorities must take seriously, Charleston County Sheriff Al Cannon said.

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Poll

Have the terror attacks in Paris made you more concerned about another terror attack on U.S. soil? Go to [postandcourier.com/poll](#) to vote.

Upper peninsula may get clearer school lines

Proposal matches North Charleston-Charleston border

BY PAUL BOYERS
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When Latronia Johnson moved her family a few blocks north from the East Side in the Bridgeview Village apartment complex in December, she had no idea her 10-year-old son James would have to transfer from Burke High School to North Charleston High.

Bridgeview Village sits within Charleston city limits, just south

of Magnolia Cemetery in the upper peninsula. So why was the district sending James 6 miles up the road to South CB school when Burke was just 289 miles away? She called the district office in Blenheim.

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PC Poll

Should the state redraw school attendance lines to reflect annexations at Charleston's southern end, eventually keeping Charleston students in Charleston schools? Go to [postandcourier.com/poll](#) to vote.

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Unlike Sheen, local HIV patients mostly black, poor

Positive tests climb in Lowcountry, with record number this year at AIDS center

BY LAUREN SAUSSE
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Charlie Sheen may be the new face of HIV, but he looks nothing like most patients diagnosed here in the Lowcountry. The former "Two and a Half Men" star announced Tuesday that he is HIV positive. Lowcountry AIDS Services Director Brad Childs pointed out that Sheen is rich, white and famous. Now local patients who test positive for HIV are black and poor.

"When a celebrity has a report like we come out and announces they're



Actor Charlie Sheen said he paid blackmailers to keep his HIV diagnosis a secret.

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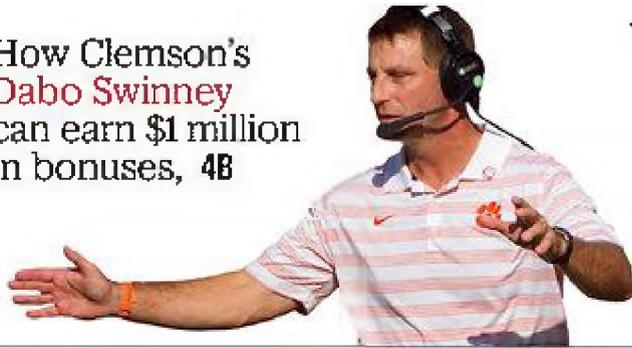
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S.C. plans to leave more money in your paycheck

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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 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 in 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

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COLUMBIA ELECTIONS

2 new faces to change balance on City Council



Winners Howard Duvall, right, and Ed McDowell celebrate Tuesday after winning seats on Columbia City Council. Their victories could alter political influence on a council that often makes decisions by one-vote margins.

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Columbia voters changed the political balance on City Council on Tuesday, handing Mayor Steve Benjamin an election setback.

Retired municipal specialist Howard Duvall swept a runoff for a citywide council seat by a 2-to-1 landslide. Ed McDowell, Duvall's campaign teammate, took council's District 2 seat by 51 votes, according to preliminary results in the nonpartisan

race. Benjamin had endorsed newcomer Andy Smith in the at-large race and Richard I school board member Ann Bishop in the race for District 2, which stretches from neighborhoods near Bonser Shopping Center, through the city

center and south into Olympia. "We didn't dream that it would be this strong," the 72-year-old Duvall said once uncertified totals were released by the Richland County Elections & Voter Regis-

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2016 ELECTIONS

Experts: Paris attacks could reshape presidential politics

BY DANIEL SHERIDAN
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Terrorist attacks that killed 129 people in Paris on Friday are driving the presidential debate, at

least temporarily, political experts say. Those attacks — claimed by Islamic State, a terrorist organization that S.C. residents cited in March as a top problem facing the nation — could thrust

foreign policy and immigration to the top of the presidential debate. Thursday marks the 100-day countdown to the state's Feb. 27 Democratic presidential primary. S.C. GOP voters will go to the

polls a week earlier, on Feb. 26. That gives South Carolinians a long time to decide what issues matter most to them, experts said, adding the holidays could shift voters' focus to other issues. But the attacks have given that "terrorism is less of an abstraction and it's clearly an ongoing threat," said Winthrop University political scientist Karen Kedrowski.

Economic issues usually drive campaigns, said Clemson University political scientist Dave Woodard said. But this campaign cycle could be different, he added. "We've had very few elections that were about war and peace," he said. "I'm wondering if foreign policy might play a larger role this year. It's not something that's going to

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THE STATE.COM What S.C. political leaders are saying about the Paris attacks

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Council hears public request saying 'no' to Syrian refugees



STAFF PHOTO BY MARIAN SCHENKEL

Aiken County Republican Party President K.T. Ruthven listens along with more than 100 audience members attending Tuesday night's Council meeting.

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley sends letter to John Kerry refusing Syrian refugees

BY DAN BROWN
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What was seen as a potential publicity opportunity of "Not here!" lost a little of its luster with Governor Nikki



Haley

Haley's Monday letter to Secretary of State John Kerry asking that South Carolina not be considered for any Syrian refugee resettlement.

"As Governor, it is my first and primary duty to ensure the safety of the citizens of South Carolina," Haley said in her letter. "We are a state that has proudly welcomed refugees from around the world as

part of the United States' Refugee Resettlement Program."



STAFF PHOTO BY MARIAN SCHENKEL

County Council members Andrew Siders and Phil Napier listen to discussion about Aiken County's stance on Syrian refugee resettlement during a Council work session before Tuesday's County Council meeting.

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part of the United States' Refugee Resettlement Program."

The Governor said until she can be assured that all potential refugees fleeing Syria have no ties to terrorist organizations, she is requesting

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Republicans urge U.S. to close border

BY ERICA WERNER AND
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Republicans urged an immediate closure of America's borders to Syrian refugees Tuesday, drawing angry denunciations from some Democrats and igniting an emotional debate about U.S. values in the wake of the deadly Paris terror attacks.

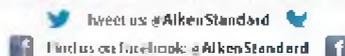
"Paris" was the word used by both new House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, urging at least a temporary halt to the resettlement of Syrians and dispelling Obama administration claims that the small numbers making their way here so far are being thoroughly investigated.

The administration showed no sign of backing off its plans to bring an additional 10,000 Syrian refugees to the U.S. and mounted a

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What do you think?

Share your opinion about Syrian refugees online via Twitter and Facebook



Board wants levied funds for SRS waste work

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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NEW ELLENTON — A proposal to take millions of dollars levied from missed waste cleanup milestones at U.S. sites owned by the Department of Energy and use the money for those same cleanup missions was passed Tuesday by the Savannah Board of Environmental

Citizens Advisory Board passes proposal to use milestone fees

Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, or EMSAB — a board that embodies the interests of eight local boards in DOE commitments such as the O'Roark site

that there needs to be accountability for missed milestones, said CAB member Duane Gillis who voted in favor of the recommendation.

"If there's going to be missed milestones, which we hope there's not, the best way to spend that money is to put it back into making sure something gets done instead of it going to a pile of money we don't have control over," Gillis

said. Supplemental Environmental Projects which would fund cleanup missions, rather than an outright fine levied by state agencies such as the S.C. Department of Health



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Scoutmaster Bill Ervin, left, gives John Matthews direction during Saturday's project.

Eagle Scout to install benches at bus stops

BY DEBORAH SWEARINEN
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DARLINGTON — John Matthews got the idea for his final Eagle Scout project after driving around Darlington and realizing how many people had to stand while waiting for public transportation. "I saw people stand-

ing by the bus stops," he said. "You know, older ladies and stuff, and I just thought they should have somewhere to sit."

With the help of his Eagle Scout troop, the Hartsville High School senior plans to install benches at five of the Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority's SMART route bus stops around Darlington.

Bill Ervin, Matthews' scoutmaster, said he thought the idea was fantastic.

"He's a good guy, but I honestly I was surprised when he suggested it," Ervin said, laughing.

Ervin said he knew some of the folks at the transportation authority, so he went to them with the idea after Matthews first presented

it. "They were excited," he said.

"Chuck MacNeil, the executive director, he said, 'Man, that's fantastic,'" Ervin said.

Matthews said he and Ervin worked with the authority to find the stops that needed seating the

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Robinson Nuclear Plant Duke Energy offering information on cleanup

From staff reports

Duke Energy Progress officials hosted an open house Thursday to provide information and answer questions about the company's plans to excavate and relocate coal ash from the company's Robinson Plant near Hartsville to an on-site lined landfill.

The open house was held at West Hartsville Elementary School. It was aimed at giving the public and surrounding property owners who live near the plant a look at how the company handles coal ash at its facilities.

Company representatives said the process of relocating the coal ash will take considerable time. The process involves a lengthy permitting process with the S.C. Department of

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HARTSVILLE FARMERS MARKET



PHOTOS BY ARDE ARMONSON/HARTSVILLE MESSENGER

A Wreaths across America booth to remember our veterans was visible at the Hartsville Farmers Market in downtown Hartsville on Saturday. All spaces were full for the November market.



Ken Hughes, member of the Hartsville Community Players, explains to a visitor at the farmers market about the Players' membership drive with discounts on season tickets for donations to Carolina Kids.



Bargains were plentiful at the downtown farmers market and many shoppers took advantage of the wide variety of items for sale to get a head start on their holiday shopping.



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Two Darlington men die in Sunday evening Hartsville crash

From staff reports

Todd Hardee in a Monday morning release identified Hardee's release.

Carolina Avenue, according to utility pole. Neither man was wearing a



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NEWS DIGEST

Paris flight diverted after bomb threat

SALT LAKE CITY — Officials say an Air France flight bound for Paris from Los Angeles was diverted to Salt Lake City because of a phoned-in bomb threat. The plane landed without incident.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Allen Kenitzer says Air France Flight 65, an Airbus A-380, had taken off from Los Angeles International Airport on Tuesday night for Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris.

Salt Lake City International Airport spokeswoman Bianca Shreve says the empty plane is a safe distance from the terminal, and the FBI is taking over the investigation with assistance from airport police and K-9 units.

She did not yet know whether the plane had been searched or have any further details on the phone threat.

— The Associated Press

NATION/WORLD



Sheen says he's HIV-positive

Actor Charlie Sheen said his bad-boy days are over and, with Tuesday's declaration that he's HIV-positive, he aims to become an inspiration to others. "My partying days are behind me," Sheen said in a letter posted online. "My philanthropic days are ahead of me." A5

UPSTATE

Viney defeats Burton

PARIS ATTACKS

French hunt 2nd fugitive

Russia aids France in launching new airstrikes on IS targets in Syria

By Lori Nimman and Jamey Keaten
The Associated Press

PARIS — French police hunted Tuesday for a second terrorist believed to have escaped after the bomb and gun massacres in Paris, while a U.S. official revealed that the suspected mastermind was part of an Islamic State cell that American intelligence agencies had been tracking for months.

Meanwhile, France and Russia unleashed a new wave

of airstrikes against IS targets in Syria, while fears of further terror attacks deepened in Paris and beyond. The Eiffel Tower closed to the public just a day after it had reopened and a soccer match between Germany and the Netherlands was canceled due to a bomb threat just 90 minutes before kickoff.

Islamic State militants have claimed responsibility for the Friday the 13th attacks that targeted France's national soccer stadium, a packed concert hall and popular restaurants and

cafes in one of Paris' trendiest neighborhoods, killing 129 people and wounding more than 350.

French authorities had previously said that at least eight people were directly involved in the bloodshed Friday; seven who died in the attacks and one who got away and slipped across the border to Belgium. However, there have been gaps in officials' public statements, which have never fully

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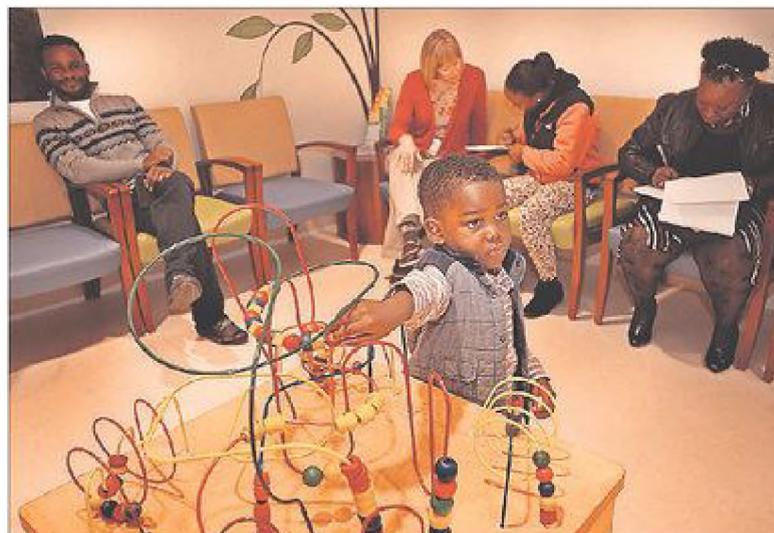


This undated picture released Tuesday by French Police shows a portrait of an unidentified suicide bomber wanted by police. POLICE NATIONALE VIA AP

There have been gaps in officials' public statements, which have never fully disclosed how many attackers took part in the deadly rampage.

ANXIETY MELTS AWAY

Children's center complete at North Grove



Greenville Health System has opened the Children's Hospital Outpatient Center at North Grove Medical Park in Spartanburg. Here, Augustus Howard, 3, plays while waiting for his exam at the center Tuesday.

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By Trevor Anderson

More than 200 patients and their parents



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Mayoral race results in tie; City Council seats headed for recount

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Hines



Stone

DARLINGTON — The unofficial election results from Tuesday's runoff elections in Darlington proved too close to call. The battle for the mayor's spot ended in a tie, and three of the four candidates in the at-

large City Council race were close enough to demand a recount.

Gloria Hines, a city councilwoman, and Jim Stone, a former county councilman and longtime city fire chief, both held 814 votes throughout the city's six precincts.

The director of elections and registrations for Darlington County, Hoyt Campbell, said there are several contested bal-

lots that will be reviewed Thursday during the vote's verification. A recount will be held Friday morning.

Campbell said there's a possibility that the race will be decided by a single vote. He said there's also a chance that the election will end in a tie, which will force a tiebreaker election in two weeks.

"Just a handful of votes can make a difference. It might cause someone to move up or down; either way, it's going to be real close," he said. "Tiear vote counts."

Both Hines and Stone expressed abatement in Tuesday's results.

"It's puzzling to me. A tie, 814 to 814, doesn't sound

too right to me," Hines said. "Something is wrong here. We both did good and both worked hard, but I've got some challenge votes that I don't think they've added yet. I hope after they recount and add the challenges, I'll be the winner."

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Florence-Darlington Technical College

Student success on display at meeting

BY MELISSA ROLLINS
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FLORENCE — Members of the Florence-Darlington County Commission for Technical Education heard from students Tuesday night about the success of recent programs held at Florence-Darlington Technical College.

Dr. Suresh Tiwari, vice president of academic affairs for the college, said the student success event held in October offered a wide range of topics for students to learn about.

"The purpose of this was simply to introduce students to topics that aren't covered in curriculum," Tiwari said. "These are extracurricular or co-curricular activities. You can think about, for example, students going on financial-aid suspension. What are the consequences, and what does it actually mean? How can they remediate that situation? Another topic was college study skills. These are not things that are part of any particular curriculum."

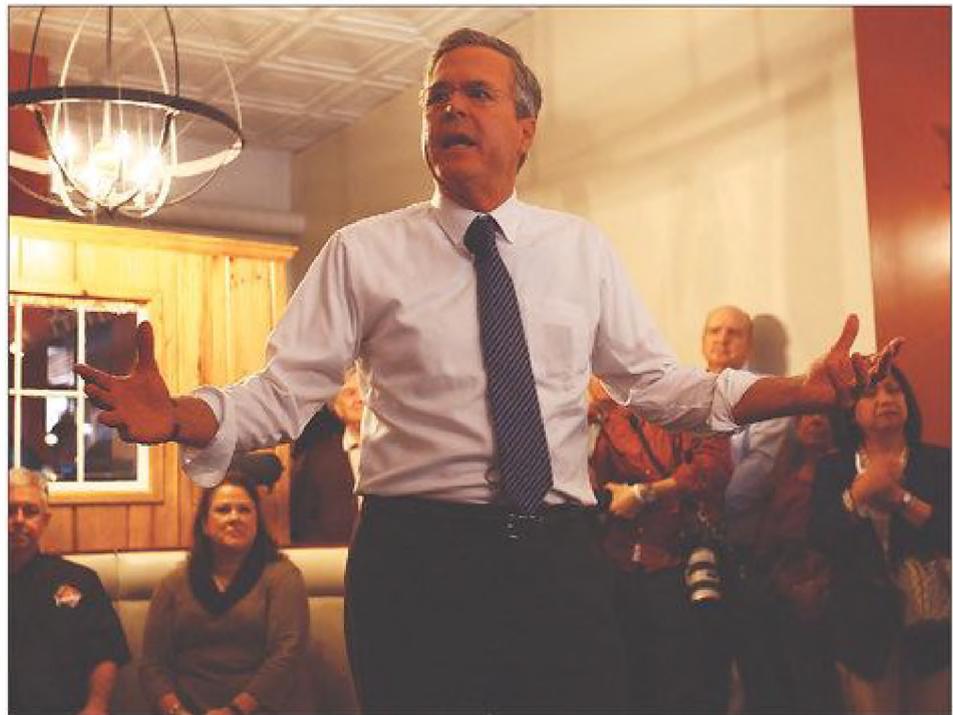
More than 2,000 students participated in the student success day. One student, Marquis Mumford, told the commissioners that he attended two sessions during success day and received a lot of valuable information.

"My first session I attended talked about social media and your job," Mumford said. Outside (of college), when you're applying for a job, the first thing they are going to look at is your social media, which is really heavy on focus today. Before they see you, they will see your Facebook, your Instagram, anything you put out there."

Mumford said he learned ways to use social media to have a positive effect, including listing previous job experience, references, any awards he has won and possibly even photos of him with his awards.

The student Career Exploration Day was another successful event recently held at the college. Around 800 students from local high schools learned about jobs that are available to them and the educational tracks at the college that will get them the skills they need for those jobs.

Jeb Bush visits Florence



Jeb Bush addresses a crowd on Tuesday at Wholly Smokin' Downtown in Florence.

'Not our obligation to take in all the challenges of the world'



Jeb Bush stopped in Florence for a small campaign event Tuesday at Wholly Smokin' Downtown.

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FLORENCE — At a campaign stop in Florence on Tuesday afternoon, 2016 GOP presidential candidate Jeb Bush told constituents that there should be a pause in the placement of Syrian refugees in the United States.

The former governor of Florida told supporters at Wholly Smokin' Downtown he agrees with the governors of at least 30 states — including South Carolina — who have opposed let-

ting Syrian refugees past their state borders.

"I think they're doing the right thing because they haven't gotten any information about what the screening process is," Bush said. "I like Speaker (Paul) Ryan's idea of creating a pause to take the existing refugee screening process and vet it against the threat that we now see."

He said he vetting process isn't where it needs to be to keep America safe right now. He said he's open to allowing Syrians who pose no threat, like orphans

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School explains test results, how parents can be involved

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said the school likes to have a meeting with parents at least once during each nine-week period.

"Even for educators, the scores can be hard to read and under-

FLORENCE — Bright and early

Tips for helping students prepare for tests:

• **After watching TV or a movie, have children give a summary of the story.** Having them tell the story in sequence helps prepare for reading and language classes.



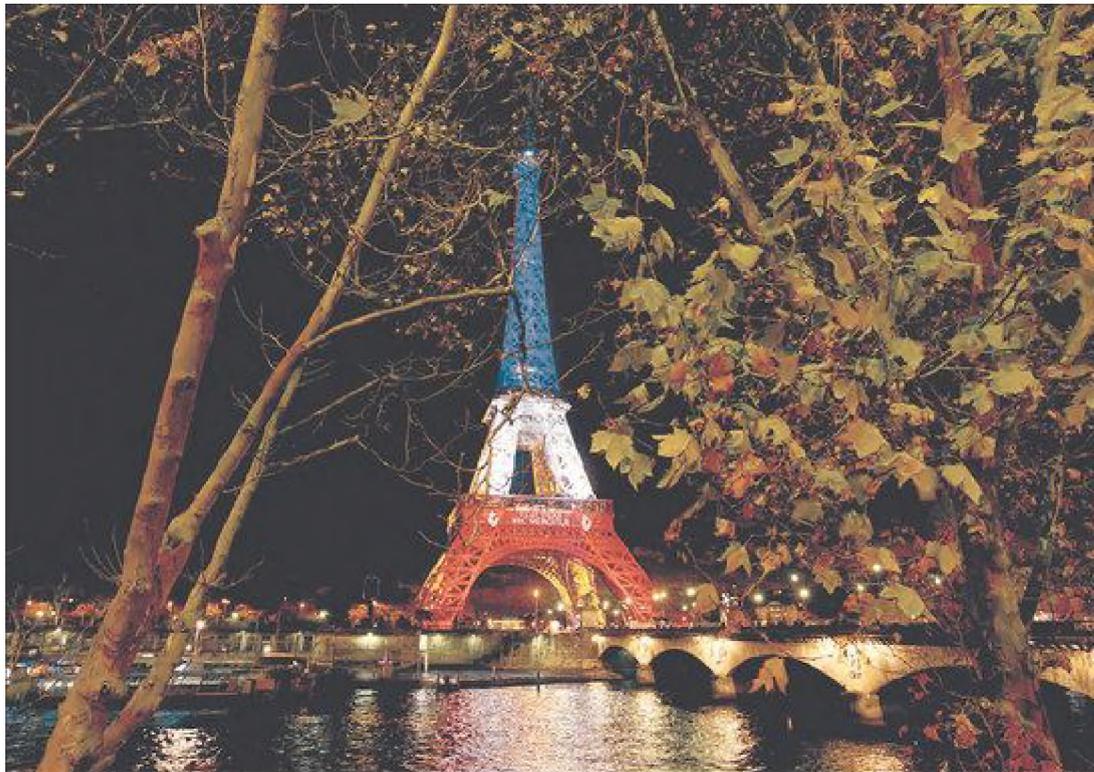
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HILTON HEAD COUPLE WERE ON HONEYMOON IN PARIS DURING ATTACKS



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The illuminated Eiffel Tower in the French national colors of red, white and blue in honor of the victims of the terrorist attacks last Friday and Seine River are seen in Paris on Tuesday.

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Andre Cilliers

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For Andre and Joann Cilliers of Hilton Head Island, Friday started out the way every day had since their honeymoon began.

They were together — in Paris, walking home to the villa they had rented on the Seine.

Then the sirens began, the sound followed by a seemingly endless stream of police vehicles and ambulances speeding past.

It was clear something awful was happening.

Back at the villa, Andre Cilliers



Andre and Joann Cilliers

the city.

Less than a mile away, a restaurant had been attacked by gunmen, one of several assaulted

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hundreds more injured.

Just minutes from some of the areas targeted in the terror attacks, the Cilliers stood at the balcony

— reports of scores dead, scores of people running from the Bastille theatre, and police storming the building.

"It was pretty horrific," he said. "It was kind of like Sept. 11 in a sense. It wasn't on the same scale, but the emotions were the same. You didn't know what was going to be next. ... It was very surreal to be right there. It happened right around the corner from us."

The couple quickly let friends and family know they were safe. The Cilliers also used the Facebook safety check implemented after the attacks, but it didn't get off

BOUNDARY STREET UPDATES

5 things you need to know

Redevelopment project will begin in January in Beaufort

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Beaufort's long-awaited Boundary Street redevelopment project should officially break ground Jan. 4, though movement will be seen before then.

The \$33.6 million project, meant to make one of the city's main thoroughfares more welcoming and spur development in the area, will begin this month surveying work, marking utilities and possibly removing buildings targeted for demolition. The redeveloped area will stretch more than a mile — from Neil Road east of Robert Smalls Parkway to Greenlawn Drive near Outback Steakhouse.

The actual street work is expected to begin the first week of 2016, and the project should take two years.

"This is a fantastic project, and it's a monumental undertaking," project manager David Coleman said Tuesday. "Some days I wake up thinking I'm crazy; some days I wake up thinking this is the opportunity of a lifetime."

The work is being paid for with \$12.6 million in federal funding, local road impact fees, special city tax district funds and money from the county's 1 percent sales tax in 2006. Savannah-based contractor Preferred Materials Inc. was awarded the \$18.7 million construction contract.

Here are some key things area residents and visitors need to know about the undertaking, from project manager David Coleman:

There will be no roundabouts

Early plans called for roundabouts, also called traffic circles, where Boundary intersects Ribaut Road in front of City Hall and also at the intersection of Robert Smalls Parkway. Traffic studies showed a traffic circle at Robert Smalls to be impractical because of too much traffic. The circle at Ribaut Road has been postponed. The bottom

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