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## Autistic kids who slip off at risk

Fascination with water  
leads many to drowning

By David Crary  
Associated Press

**EAST GRAND FORKS, Minn.** — The 3-year-old girl wandered away from her grandmother's home in Wareham, Mass., in mid-April. A frantic search began almost immediately, and within an hour Alyvia Navarro was found unresponsive in a nearby pond. She was pronounced dead the next day.

A month later, a larger search unfolded over three days as hundreds of emergency service personnel and volunteers fanned out around Clearlake, Calif., looking for 9-year-old Mikaela Lynch after she vanished from her backyard. A dive team found Mikaela's body in a muddy creek.

The two girls were the first of at least 14 children with autism known to have died this year after slipping away from their caregivers. All but one of them drowned, evidence of a fascination that many autistic children have with water. The body of the latest victim, 11-year-old Anthony Kuznia, was found Thursday in the Red River after a 24-hour search near his home in East Grand Forks, Minn.

The tragic phenomenon goes by various names — wandering, elopement, bolting — and about half of autistic children are prone to it, according to research published last year in the journal *Pediatrics*.

That would be a huge number. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated last year that 1 in 88 children are affected by autism, and a federal survey this year pegged the

## MISSING TEEN



### TIMELINE

**AUG. 4:** Authorities near San Diego find the burned bodies of 42-year-old Christina Anderson and a child after extinguishing flames at James Lee DiMaggio's rural home. An Amber Alert is issued for Anderson's two children, Hannah, 16, and Ethan, 8.

**AUG. 7:** Oregon state police say there was a possible sighting of DiMaggio's blue Nissan Versa in northeast California near the city of Alturas.

**AUG. 7:** Shortly after the sighting near Alturas, Calif., the Nissan is spotted again 50 miles away along the same highway near Lakeview, in south-central Oregon.

**AUG. 9:** Idaho authorities locate the car belonging to the suspect at a trailhead near Cascade, Idaho. San Diego County Sheriff Bill Gore also said that a man on horseback reported seeing two people matching the description of the suspect and girl near Morehead Lake about eight miles inside the boundary of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. The rider reports the girl appeared healthy and was not being held against her will.

**AUG. 9:** A coalition of local, state and federal law enforcement teams begin combing a 300-square-mile area of the rugged, remote wilderness area. The search is initially done on foot. Explosives teams, initially concerned DiMaggio may have rigged his car with explosives, conclude there is no risk.

**AUG. 9:** Authorities in California identify the child's body found in the fire as that of the teen's younger brother, Ethan.

**AUG. 10:** More law enforcement teams are dispatched to Cascade to help in the search. Police also set up a series of checkpoints at trailheads and question other hikers.

The Nissan Versa that authorities believe was abandoned by James DiMaggio as he fled is towed Saturday in central Idaho. JOE JASZEWSKI/AP

## Dad to reunite with girl saved in kidnapping

Sheriff says 16-year-old  
gone since Aug. 4 appears  
to be in 'good shape'

By Gary Strauss  
USA Today

A San Diego father and the daughter whose disappearance set off a tense, weeklong manhunt were expected to be reunited Sunday, a day after she was rescued and her accused kidnapper was shot and killed in rural Idaho.

Authorities on Sunday continued to swarm the wilderness area where James DiMaggio, 40, was killed by an FBI agent after law enforcement officials spotted DiMaggio's isolated campsite in Idaho's Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness Area.

San Diego Sheriff William Gore said Hannah Anderson, 16, was "successfully rescued and appears to be in good shape."

Hannah's grandmother, Sora Britt, said the family was ecstatic to hear she was safe — and that DiMaggio was no longer a threat.

"No one wants to go through years of jury trial," Britt said. "I wouldn't want to see anyone dead, but it happened. We're excited to have our granddaughter home."

The tragic saga, which kicked off Amber Alerts in at least four states, be-



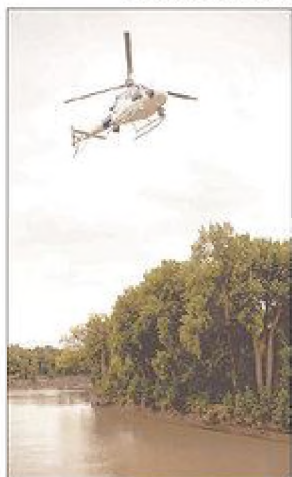
James Lee DiMaggio and Hannah Anderson

fornia home near the Mexican border. After her rescue Saturday, Hannah was taken to a hospital for evaluation. Her father, Brett Anderson, described a range of emotion in a text message to CNN.

"I am nervous excited saddened 4 my wife and son and worried what my daughter has been through," he wrote to the network. "It's now healing time. Keep us in your prayers."

Authorities said DiMaggio was "infatuated" with Hannah. Her father said his kids had referred to DiMaggio as "Uncle Jim" and that he promised to watch over his family.

FBI victim specialists will work with Hannah and her family to get them the resources they need as they come to terms with the tragedy, FBI Special Agent Mary Rook said. "As grateful as we are that she is recovered safely, we also remember the victims who lost



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## A MAJOR FIRST MAJOR

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### YOUR WEEK

#### Quentin Baxter Quartet

Charleston's Quentin Baxter Quartet will perform at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Township Auditorium, 1703 Taylor St., in the last performance of the Summer Sets Jazz Series. Tickets: \$5.

available at the Township  
Box Office. (803) 576-2350;  
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#### Home show

Find the latest ideas in home improvement, gardening and landscaping at the annual Home Improvement Show, Friday through Sunday at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Sponsored by the HBA of

Greater Columbia, the show features hundreds of vendors, programs and speakers. Show hours are 1-8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.  
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USC star defensive end Jadeveon Clowney signs autographs Sunday during Fan Appreciation Day at USC. Athletics officials restricted signing to only posters.

Several thousand Gamecock fans came to the Colonial Life Arena Sunday for the annual Fan Appreciation Day. Because of a recent flap over autographs being sold on eBay, USC athletics officials restricted signing to only



Fans line up Sunday before the doors are opened at Colonial Life Arena for Fan Appreciation Day.



Tayshurn Jackson, 8.

### BULL STREET PROPERTY

## Benjamin is boosting city's hopes on baseball

Mayor says he is in talks with  
a minor-league team's owner  
about coming to Columbia

By JEFF WILKINSON  
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Benjamin said.

#### BACK TO 1892

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin says he is in serious talks with a minor league baseball owner to bring a team to Columbia and could present a stadium funding proposal to City Council as early as this fall.

Benjamin told The State he plans to visit later this month a stadium that the undisclosed owner has built in the Midwest. It and its public/private funding model could serve as a template for a new stadium here, he said.

The stadium would be the centerpiece of the redeveloped 181-acre State Hospital campus on Bull Street, considered to be the most significant land deal in the city's modern history. Bull Street developer Bob Hughes of Greenville has said a stadium is a key to the development's success.

"We have a rich baseball history here and we have to find a way to perpetuate it,"

Professional baseball in Columbia stretches back to 1892 when the Columbia Senators played for one season in a very early version of the South Atlantic League, commonly known as the "Sally" league.

Teams were fielded under various names through the early years - Skyscrapers, Gamecocks, Comics and Comers - most often with Sally League affiliation.

In 1927, the Comers were a Sally League affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Pirate owner Barney Dreyfuss built a new stadium off Assembly Street, now known as Capital City Stadium.

Except for a brief period in the 1930s, Columbia was a Sally League town.

In 1983 the Columbia Mets began playing in Capital City Stadium and in 1993 they became the Capital City Bombers.

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### EXCLUSIVE

## Injured coroner back on the job 'soon,' aide says

By TIM FLACH  
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weeks, medical websites say.

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## Schools may retool 5-year strategy

Mixed results prompt new discussion on Vision 2016

BY DIETTE COURRÈGE CASEY  
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Vision 2016 and digital billboards posted across Charleston County last year touted the start of Vision 2016, the school district's five-year plan to improve all students' achievement.

The plan spelled out specific goals for third- and eighth-graders in English and math, as well as high school students' graduation rates. The school board since has added fifth and seventh grades, end-of-course exams and

its report card rating to those goals. Vision 2016 clearly outlined what the board and superintendent wanted to achieve by 2016, as well as annual goals they aimed to meet.

Results from the district's second year of effort under that plan are trickling in, and the news is mixed. Although schools made progress, it wasn't enough to hit most of the 2013 goals. And in a few cases, the district's scores worsened.

"It shows that we need to accelerate progress," said Superintendent Nancy

McGinley. "We made good progress, and we need to take stock as a district of what more could we be doing so we're making even more progress."

To make Vision 2016 a reality, the district has to make up considerable ground during the next three years. Students would need to improve an average of nearly 13 percentage points in English and math in three years; the average this year was 1.7 percentage points.

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One of Charleston County School District's Vision 2016 billboards.

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## Rain brings farms a torrent of trouble

State hit hard, and prices could reflect the damage



PHOTOGRAPHS BY PAUL ZOELLER/STAFF

Discarded peaches containing a fungus caused by excessive rain lie on the ground at Elliott Shuler's farm in Holly Hill.

BY DAVID SLADE  
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Peach trees are drowning in Holly Hill, mildew and squash has been plowed under in Conway, and melons have been ruined on Johns Island.

Following two years of drought, South Carolina farmers got something arguably worse this year — far too much rain, with some areas seeing a year's worth by August.

"It's been too much water at one time, that's what it is," said Joseph Fields, of Fields Farms on Johns Island. "We lost a lot of stuff — watermelon, cantaloupe, tomatoes."

At local farmers' markets brimming with South Carolina peaches, better beans, hot-season tomatoes and much more, it's hard to tell that anything has gone wrong back on the farm. But supplies of locally grown fruit and vegetables have taken a hard hit, and price increases are expected to follow.

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Elliott Shuler checks hay he recently cut to see if it's too wet to bale.



### POLL

Have you lost a garden this year? Go to [postandcourier.com](#) to vote.

## Surfer tangles with shark in Folly contest

10-year old unharmed; Governor's Cup delayed

BY ANDREW KNAPP  
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An 8-foot bull shark attacked a 10-year-old surfer during a contest Sunday on Folly Beach, a competition official said.

But as the shark's jaws snatched Tyson Royston's surfboard, the Myrtle Beach boy escaped unscathed about 5:30 p.m. when he unhooked the leash connecting his ankle to the board. That allowed him to paddle away from the ferocious fish.

"The shark got tangled in his leash," said Nancy Hussey, a director of the Southern South Carolina District of the Eastern Surfing Association, who watched the scene unfold. "He had the presence of mind to remove his leash, and I think that's what saved him."

Two other surfers helped Royston to shore as five lifeguards also came to his aid. He was shaken, but not hurt.

After Royston's brush with the shark, his surfboard "bombstoned," lying referring to when a board turns perpendicular to the ocean surface and pops skyward out of the water. It later floated to shore.

The rest of the 2013 S.C. Governor's Cup of Surfing, a two-day competition at The Walkout on Folly Beach's northern end, was postponed.

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## Veronica's father fails to surrender, to appear in Okla.

BY ANDREW KNAPP  
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Just as law enforcement officials thought Dusten Brown would surrender Sunday for not turning over his 3-year-old daughter, Veronica, to her adoptive parents, the father left a military base and returned to his home state of Oklahoma.

That's where he plans to appear this morning for an emergency hearing in Cherokee Nation District Court in Tahlequah, where a judge could claim the authority to decide who should care for the toddler.

But South Carolina judges already have ruled that Veronica should live with Matt and Melanie Capobianco of James Island, and the U.S. Supreme refused to stop the adoption by the duo who raised the girl until she was 27 months old.

Some of the Capobiancos' supporters labeled the unexpected turn of events as a maneuver to avoid the authorities who have a warrant for his arrest.

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## School Board to vote on TIF

Meeting will include public input on Project Jackson development initiative

BY ROB NOVIT  
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If Aiken County Board of Education members accept the recommendation of their administration on Tuesday,

they will approve the School District's limited participation in the City of North Augusta's Project Jackson redevelopment initiative.

The Board will meet at the district office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, on

Tuesday at 7 p.m.

During a public participation period, those supporting the project and others opposing it are likely to speak.

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SUBMITTED IMAGE

A rendering of the Project Jackson initiative in North Augusta.

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## What's in your local governing budgets?

Aiken County budget structured to avoid negative impact on taxpayers

BY AMY BANTON  
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### DIGGING DEEPER BUDGET BREAKDOWN

*Editor's note: This is the first of three articles in a series that delves into the budgets of local governing bodies. Today's article covers the Aiken County budget.*

Aiken County is working with a budget of about \$36 million for this fiscal year.

The County approved the 2013-2014 budget in June that is \$4.1 million higher than last year's budget. Council passed the budget without a tax increase.

"We've structured it all to avoid a negative impact on the taxpayer, and that's really been our focus," said County Administrator Chy Killian.

This is a look at projected expenditures in the coming months.

### New positions and restructuring

The Aiken County budget included several new positions and reclassifications with a net impact on the budget of about \$245,000.

Council approved two additional appraisers for approximately \$94,000 and an operation supervisor in the treasurer's office for about \$60,000, which covers salary and benefits.

"It was decided to hire a few appraisers because that's a busy office (County Assessor's Office), particularly during reassessment time," Killian said. "We have not

added a lot of new positions, and we're glad we were able to do that."

### Employee raises

County employees saw a pay increase in this year's budget.

The budget passed with a 1.5 percent cost of living increase for all County employees, and another half percent was reserved for merit increases to be distributed after annual performance reviews.

This was made possible due to additional funds that were not anticipated in the last fiscal year's budget, including approximately \$240,000 more in delinquent taxes, \$367,000 in surplus personal property tax revenue and about \$576,000 from the reinstated Local Government Fund from the state budget.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sarah Andrea, left, a Peace Corps volunteer from Aiken, is joined by one of her host sisters from the village of Koba Kundo in the West African nation of The Gambia.

## Aiken resident enjoying Africa

Peace Corps volunteer Sarah Andrea training teachers in The Gambia

BY ROB NOVIT  
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Fourteen months ago, Sarah Andrea made the commitment to train teachers in a school near the village of Koba Kundo, where she is living in the West African nation of The Gambia.

The Peace Corps volunteer from Aiken works at a school of 1,500 children, the only government-sponsored facility in the region. Forty teachers serve all the children through sixth grade.

"I can't work with all of them, as there isn't enough time," Andrea said. "I just had to narrow it down to those who really want to work and that I have a good rapport with."

She spent a few days last week with her folks, The Rev. Fred Andrea and Barbara Morgan. She and her boyfriend Peter Tylliszczak, also a Peace Corps volunteer, returned to The Gambia on Thursday. Tylliszczak will complete his assignment in March 2014, and Andrea will do so in June.

As much as Andrea enjoyed her visit in the States, she appreciates the opportunity to try her best to overcome the challenges that the Gambian people face.

She previously taught at Byrd Elementary School. Her close friend there, Jodie Lintner, said earlier this year that Andrea "has an adventure

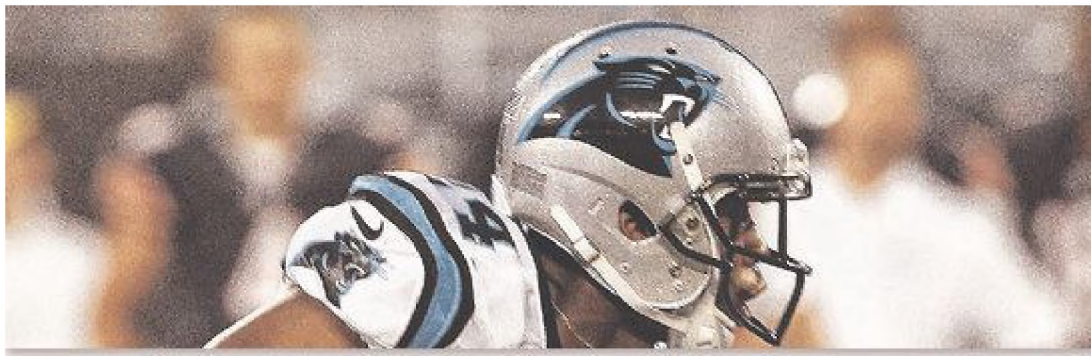
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## Militants strike oil, gas projects in Yemen

US reopens embassies; suspected terror group kills 5

By AHMED AL-HAJ  
The Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen — Suspected al-Qaida gunmen killed five soldiers early Sunday in a southern province of Yemen, an official said, as U.S. embassies across the Muslim and Arab world reopened after a terror threat emanating from the region.

The U.S. Embassy in Yemen's capital,

Sanaa, remained closed Sunday after American officials flew its diplomatic staff out of the country over fears of attack. Eighteen other diplomatic posts in the Middle East and Africa were to reopen, the State Department said, though the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr saw many businesses closed.

An intercepted message between al-

Qaida officials about plans for a major terror attack triggered the closures.

On Sunday, attackers in Yemen surprised the soldiers at their post guarding oil and gas projects in the Radhum area of Shabwa province, the official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

Pipelines carrying oil and gas to coastal terminals in Yemen's mostly lawless south have been repeatedly attacked by al-Qaida militants and tribes with whom they have ties. Yemeni officials also suspect tribes-

men allied with former President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

The Radhum checkpoint is close to the Balhaf liquefied gas export terminal, which was a target for a failed car bomb attack on June 2. The car exploded before it reached its target, killing only the attacker.

A Yemeni government spokesman said this past week that the country had foiled a plot to target other oil ports on the coast.

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### WATER SPRITE



ALEX C. HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@PHI.COM

**M**yAsia Jeter, 3, of Moore plays in the water at the Barnet Park Fountain Plaza on Sunday. With temperatures reaching 90 today and Tuesday, the fountain will continue to be a popular place.

## Deaths on the rise for autistic children

By DAVID CRARY  
The Associated Press

The 3-year-old girl wandered away from her grandmother's home in Wareham, Mass., in mid-April. A frantic search began almost immediately, and within an hour little Alyvia Navarro was found unresponsive in a nearby pond. She was pronounced dead the

after she vanished from her backyard. The outcome grimly echoed the Wareham search: A dive team found Mikaela's body in a muddy creek.

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The tragic phenomenon goes by various names — wandering, elopement, bolting — and about half of autistic children are prone to it, according to research published last year in the Journal Pediatrics.

That would be a huge number. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated last year that one in 88 children

## Retailers tracking returns

Stores try to prevent fraud, but shoppers say privacy violated

By JENNIFER C. KERR  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's not just the government that might be keeping tabs on you. Many retailers are tracking you, too — or at least your merchandise returns.

The companies say it's all in the name of security and fighting fraud. They want to be able to identify chronic returners or gangs of thieves trying to make off with high-end products that are returned later for store credit.

Consumer advocates are raising transparency issues about the practice of having companies collect information on consumers and create "return profiles" of customers at big-name stores such as Best Buy, J.C. Penney, Victoria's Secret, Home Depot and Nike.

The practice led to a privacy lawsuit against Best Buy that eventually was tossed out.

Each year, consumers return about \$264 billion worth of merchandise, or almost 9 percent of total sales, according to industry estimates.

Many buyers aren't aware that some returns, with and without receipts, are being monitored at stores that outsource that information to a third-party company, which creates a "return profile" that catalogs and analyzes the customer's returns at the store.

"I had absolutely no idea they were doing that," said Mari Torres of Springfield, Va., during a show-







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## Acting against autism

Deaths of wandering children prompt response from advocates

By DAVID CRARY  
Associated Press

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Members of the Marshall County Sheriff's Posse search a sugar beet field Thursday in East Grand Forks, Minn., near the home of Anthony Kuznia, 11, an autistic boy who was reported missing Wednesday.

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■ **McCORMICK**

## Board likes IKE

New promotion  
policy for students  
nears trustees vote

By MICHELLE LAXER  
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**McCORMICK** — After more than a year of revisions, the McCormick County school district nears approval of a revamped student promotion and retention policy following a board of trustees work session Wednesday night.

At the end of the one-hour session, board chairman Jim Lambeth said the board will approve the updated policy, officially known as IKE, in its regular meeting tonight.

Directors of elementary and secondary education, Mary Greene Thomas and Kelly Coxe, walked the board members through the policy and its changes.

"The policy we're going to give you (Wednesday) is the way we looked at it from your input, from legal input as well as what we received formally through the survey and informally through comments," Coxe said.

Initial review of policy IKE began in the 2011-12 school year. The policy was voted on several times this past year as the district moved and added promotion criteria and high school classifications. Officials also rewrote parts of it into a more parent-friendly language.

The board was scheduled to vote again on the policy in a July 8 meeting, but it was deferred to collect public comment.

The policy now says promotion through the grades will be in line with all applicable state and federal laws and the district's administrative rule. Standardized test scores and attendance might be included. Also, K-12 students must not have more than 10 lawful and/or unlawful absences to be eligible for promotion.

The policy discusses conferences during the year and an



**JIM LAMBETH**



**GEORGE YELDELL**

### NEW COMMISSIONER

## Art of public service

Bush settles into new role as  
Greenwood CPW board member

By CHRIS TRAINOR  
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**A**rt Bush followed a long, winding road to where he is today.

He is now looking to make the most of the opportunities he was presented.

Bush is the newest member of the Greenwood Commissioners

of Public Works board. He was appointed to the board earlier this summer following the death of longtime commissioner Gene Hancock, who died in May following a bout with cancer.

Late last week, Bush was elected secretary of the CPW board. Henry Watts is the chairman, and Mike Monaghan is the

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### The Bush File

■ **Name:** Art Bush.

■ **Age:** 68

■ **Position:** Greenwood CPW board member.

■ **Family:** Married with a daughter and two grandchildren.

■ **Background:** Engineering and manufacturing.

■ **Originally from:** Pennsylvania

■ **Education:** Penn State.

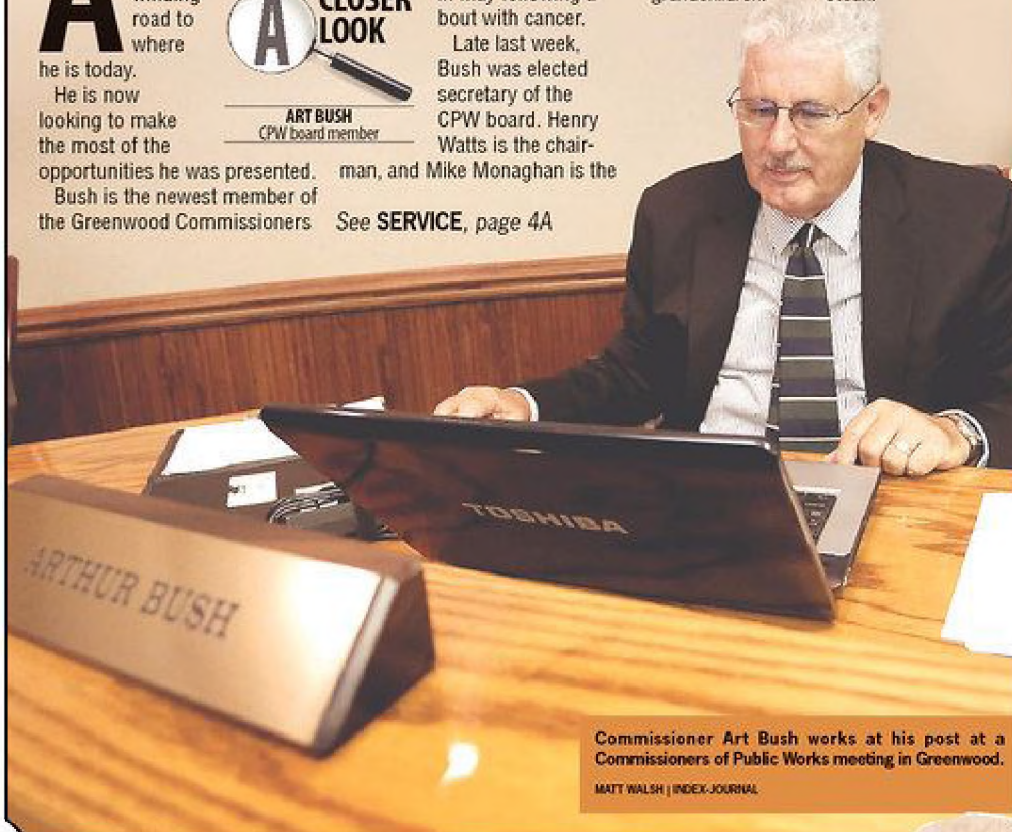
■ **Hobby:** Hunting.

■ **Favorite food:** Steak.



**CLOSER  
LOOK**

**ART BUSH**  
CPW board member



Commissioner Art Bush works at his post at a Commissioners of Public Works meeting in Greenwood.

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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

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## Coming Events

### Internet Basics Class:

Today, 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation Library, Florence. Class takes place in computer classroom on second floor. Participants should be comfortable with a mouse and keyboard before registering. Class covers Internet browsers, searching the Internet, safety and setting up an email account. Space is limited, so registration is required. For more information and to register, call 843-413-7074.

### Hewn Timber Cabin Tours:

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Francis Marion University. Tour the hewn timber cabins. Admission is free. For information, call 843-661-1311.

### Affordable Care Act Seminar:

Tuesday, 3-4:30 p.m. at Florence Chamber of Commerce, 238 S. Coit St. Jim Smith of Insurance Services S.C., Inc. will head the seminar. Registration is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. For more information, call 843-665-0515.

### Computer Basics: Excel Class:

Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursday, 10-11 a.m. at Dr. John M. Thomason Public Library, Olfanta. Excel is a spreadsheet program used for organizing and maintaining information, managing finances, and developing charts and graphs. Tasks such as entering and formatting data, adding and adjusting columns and rows and using the summation feature will be covered. Each session is the complete class. Participants must have basic computer skills. To sign up, call 843-396-4287 or visit the library.

### Reptile Program:

Thursday, 1 p.m. at Florence Area Humane Society. The reptile zoo, Cold Blooded Encounters from Monroe, N.C., will bring many of their fascinating animals to the shelter for an hour-long program. Program is free and ideal for school age children. Space is limited. To register, visit [www.florencehumane.org](http://www.florencehumane.org).

### McLeod Safe Kid's Pee Dee/Coastal Kohl's Child Safety Seat Check:

Thursday, 4-6 p.m. in Florence Kohl's parking lot. Check is held third Thursday of each month at same time and location. Safe Kids certified child safety seat technicians check installation of child safety seats, correct those in need and educate on proper installation and use. Participants should have child safety seat and child present. Expecting parents, please bring seat. Technician will determine if a new child safety seat is needed. If so, one per car is available while supplies last. Child safety seats are funded by Kohl's Cares for Kids. In case of rain, event will be cancelled. For information, call Safe Kids Pee Dee/Coastal at 843-777-5021.

**Third Thursday at the Renaissance Dining Court:** Thursday, 6-9 p.m. on

## Not vacation: Summer learning programs crucial

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For many students and teachers, summer vacation was more like summer term.

Reading lists. Science camps. Portfolio development. The to-do list for kids and teachers sound remarkably alike. Schools are on the hook to improve student performance on high-stakes tests, administrators are eyeing more science and technology instruction, and parents are demanding more for their children.

Some studies suggest students lose as much as two months of knowledge over the summer. Advocates say educators can't expect their students to succeed if they, too, spend the summer months poolside.

"Summer learning space is

time for innovation," said Gary Huggins, chief executive officer of the National Summer Learning Association. "Innovation doesn't flow easily into the school year."

That's why summer programs used the past few months to try new things.

Teachers in one of Chicago's struggling elementary schools huddled for two months this summer to retool the reading curriculum for first- and second-graders.

Elsewhere, more than 4,000 teachers turned to a weeklong lesson on water purification to see if parts of it could work during the school year.

In New York City's Harlem neighborhood, students spent six weeks flipping through



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LitCamp, a summer reading program offered through the nonprofit literacy organization LitWorld, in New York's Harlem neighborhood. "Our work really focuses on helping our kids form their own personal narratives," said Graboyes, a global administrator with LitWorld. "And to see their story as a tool they can use to achieve their dreams," she added.

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## CAROLINA BROTHERHOOD



PHOTOS BY LINDSAY S. BUCHANAN/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Members of the Carolina Brotherhood take a spin around the track "Too Tough to Tame" at Darlington Raceway on Sunday at the end of their second day of a 700-mile, seven-day journey to honor six police officers who died last year. This is the second Carolina Brotherhood ride to honor fallen firefighters and police officers in the Carolinas.

## Band of brothers reaches out to families

Among firefighters and police, taking care of one another extends to families of the fallen

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### DARLINGTON

After her husband Jeff died, Stacy Bowen of Asheville, N.C., was surprised to see a group of men she didn't know at the funeral, but maybe she shouldn't have been.

Jeff Bowen was an Asheville firefighter, and among their kind exists a brotherhood that extends beyond city limits or personal connections.

The group of men who showed up to his funeral that day were part of a Charlotte, N.C., fire department, but they didn't stop there. One year later, they arrived in Asheville to honor Bowen and show his family support again — this time as the Carolina Brotherhood.

They arrived on bicycles after completing a 400-mile ride from Wilmington, N.C., to Asheville — all to honor Cpt. Jeff



Caleb Lewis with the Raleigh, N.C., fire department shows his tribute to one of the fallen firefighters he is riding for in the second Carolina Brotherhood ride.

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## Dems vie for Ford's seat

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Six Democrats crowd Tuesday's primary ballot as the party chooses a nominee to replace longtime Democratic state Sen. Robert Ford of Charleston.

Ford, who served in Columbia for 20 years, resigned at the end of May. He cited high blood pressure and cardiovascular issues. At the time, he was the focus of a Senate Ethics Committee probe.

The committee found probable cause to support allegations that the 64-year-old lawmaker violated state ethics laws. Among the findings, Ford was alleged to have used campaign donations for personal expenses and failed to report expenses, donations and personal loans.

The committee referred the case to the state Attorney General's Office. Spokesman Mark Powell said the State Law Enforcement Division is still investigating.

Ford was a voice in Columbia for black South Carolinians, and his successor in the strongly Democratic district is expected to become the same. Ford served on Charleston City Council from 1974 until his election to Senate. He easily won a sixth Senate term last November.

Senate District 42 includes the northern end of the Charleston



Members of the brotherhood come together at Darlington Raceway at the







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Six-year-old Riva poses for photographs beside a pair of large-scale Victorian leather "Ivy Brand" Exhibition Balmoral boots, circa 1880, at Christie's auction house in London Aug. 5. The boots are part of an "Out of the Ordinary" sale on Sept. 5.

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### ■ A real stiff

As part of an effort to cut crime at the Alewife MBTA subway and bus station in Cambridge, Mass., transit police placed a cardboard cutout of a police officer in the bicycle cage. Hundreds of people use the racks daily. Deputy Chief Robert Lenehan says the fake cop, along with video cameras and a new lock, has cut bike thefts by 67 percent. The cutout is actually a picture of real MBTA Officer David Silen. Silen says the split second thieves take to glance at the cutout is enough to discourage them.

### ■ Not big enough for both of us

The owner of a tattoo shop in North Bend, Ore., is accused of trying to shoot the owner of another tattoo parlor to eliminate his competition in the coastal town. Court papers say the Bay Area Ink owner assaulted the Flying Chicken tattoo owner as he drove up to his shop. The Flying Chicken tattoo owner told police that the Bay Area Ink owner pointed a gun at him and said, "You're in the wrong town." The gun apparently jammed, but the suspect hit the victim's head with the butt of the weapon, drawing blood. The suspect then fled and was arrested the next day.

### ■ Smear campaign

A 34-year-old man from Union was arrested and charged with malicious damage to property after a neighbor accused him of smearing buttered toast on her SUV. The woman said she saw the man wiping something on the back windshield of her SUV. She found a greasy film on the glass and a piece of buttered toast on the ground nearby. Damage to the SUV was estimated at \$1. A sheriff's report did not mention a motive.

### ■ Bad idea, hands down

A Northern California man is accused of stabbing his father with a pair of scissors before using a power saw to cut off his own hands. The 27-year-old pleaded not guilty to an attempted murder charge in the attack on his father. According to court records, deputies who went to a home on June 17 found the elder man lying in the driveway with multiple stab wounds and his son standing nearby with both of his hands severed at the wrists. The younger man acknowledged stabbing his father with scissors and cutting off his own hands with a circular saw mounted on a stand. He said he and his father had been in an argument. The younger man appeared in court with his hands reattached, but heavily bandaged.

### ■ Second term

Robert "Bobby" Tufts hasn't made it to preschool yet, but he's already been elected twice as mayor of a tiny

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## COLD-BLOODED BUSINESS



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Two South Carolina men, including one from Holly Hill, are facing federal and state charges related to the sale of protected turtles. The spotted turtle, pictured above and below, is considered a threatened species in South Carolina.

## Turtles protected by more than their shells

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Authorities don't think there's a large market for South Carolina's protected species, but they're not really sure how big that market is.

"The nature of things is that they are clandestine," S.C. Department of Natural Resources herpetologist Will Dillman said. "It is difficult to say how big the trade is. So many animals move that we never know about."

A Holly Hill man was recently charged with violating federal and state laws prohibiting the sale of protected species. Authorities claimed he illegally sold spotted and yellow belly turtles, plus had diamondback terrapins and an American alligator in his possession.

Also, a Cottageville man has been charged with selling yellow belly, Eastern box, spotted and mud turtles.

"The reptile trade in the United States has been growing over the past decade and it is estimated in the United States to be over a \$1 billion a year industry," Dillman said. "Trade in illegal animals is a smaller portion of that."

Dillman said in South Carolina there are lists of species that are considered either endangered or threatened.



Turtles on South Carolina's list of endangered species include the gopher tortoise and all the sea turtles. On the threatened list, Dillman said, are the bog turtle and spotted turtle.

"We don't have hard numbers for South Carolina," he said, noting the number of spotted turtles can vary. "In good habitats it is not an uncommon turtle, it seems."

The bog turtle, which occurs only in the Blue Ridge part of the state, is not as well known.

"It is considered to be one of the most endangered turtles," he said.

"They have a particular habitat and we are not sure how many are here. They develop and fragment, but it is a relatively small population."

Dillman said the gopher tortoise's northern range is the southern tip of the state. There are estimated to be fewer than 500 gopher tortoises in the state.

Turtles found on the rare, threatened and endangered species list in The T&D Region include the spotted turtle and striped mud turtle. Both can be found in Bamberg County.

Dillman said turtles such as the

spotted and bog turtles have been targeted for many years as part of the pet trade.

"They are small, very attractive and easy to maintain in captivity," Dillman said.

These turtles' rarity means they can bring a nice return on the black market.

"They are somewhat rare and depending on where you are, they are very, very rare which has driven up the prices," Dillman said. Most states also limit the sale of legal turtles, which can also drive up prices.

Dillman said the concern is that continued collection of endangered or threatened turtles could harm their future.

"The potential to decimate their population is possible," he said. "Turtles are typically long lived and they mature very slowly. They have a very low survival rate until they reach adulthood."

DNR spokesman Brett Witt said most illegally traded or sold animals are considered game animals and fish. These animals are distinct from those that are considered endangered.

Witt said the department averages somewhere between 10 to 15 charges

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## Shaw Air Force Base helps new dads cope with children

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER  
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SHAW AIR FORCE BASE — New parents have a hard enough time dealing with crying, up-at-all-hours babies. Add to it, being a father in America's 24/7 military,



But "Dads 101" fills a niche for the men, and is taught by other men in the Air Force.

Airmen based at Shaw have been in the thick of the past decade's repeated deployments, since it is home to the 20th Fighter Wing and the 9th Air Force, whose units



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