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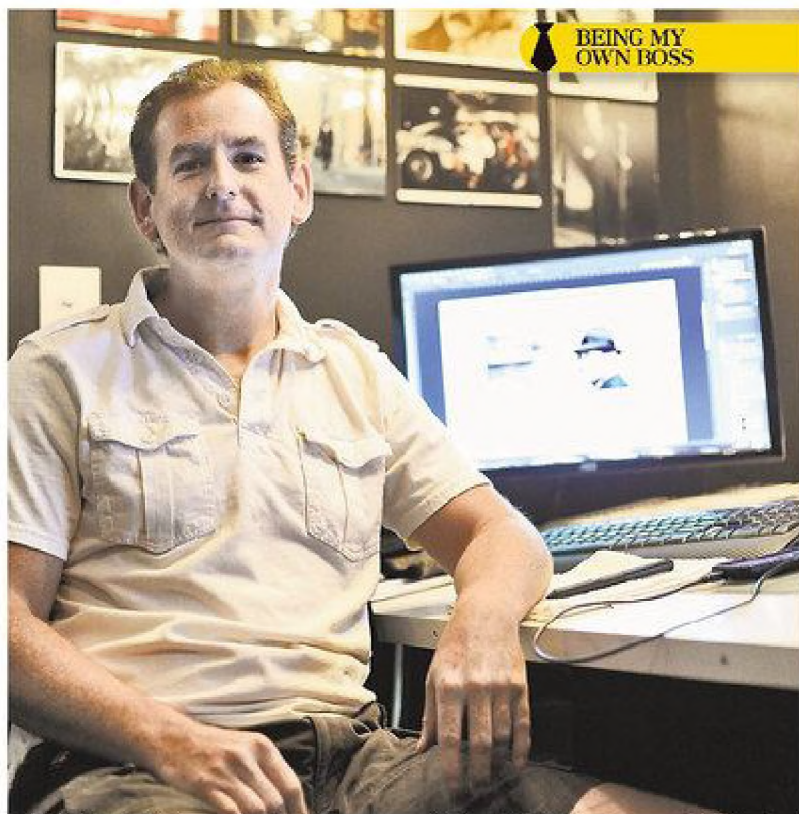
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Travis Goodwin decided to stay away from the corporate world after losing his advertising agency job. Now he works for himself in his basement office. MYRA MCLEOD/NEWS STAFF

GOING SOLO

'Solopreneurs' enjoy freedom but face challenges being in business alone

By Amy Clarke Burns
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Travis Goodwin wakes up in the morning, stretches, brushes his teeth and heads to the office — downstairs.

The commute from the bedroom to the basement is a short one for the web developer who several months ago went from employee to entrepreneur, taking a leap of faith to start his own one-man operation.

He sidles up to his computer desk, which sits in the corner that used to hold his poker table, and begins his projects for the day. There's no office banter, no idle chatter around the coffee pot but also no boss to answer to.

Goodwin is among a growing cadre of those going solo in the world of entrepreneurship, a group that in the last few years has garnered the term "solopreneurs."

According to IRS data, more than 23 million sole proprietorship tax returns were filed in 2010, the last year for which numbers are

"I like the idea of trying to launch into it on my own and really try to make it a success. One hundred percent me, from start to finish."

GRAHAM COLEMAN, owner of Bike the Rabbit

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SELF-MANAGEMENT

Bike the Rabbit owner Graham Coleman talks about his path to solopreneurship in a video at GreenvilleOnline.com.

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CHURCH PLANS DEALT SETBACK

Clemson had opposed NewSpring parking rule exemption request

By Rudolph Bell
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Plans by the NewSpring megachurch to build a 1,400-seat church next to Clemson University's International Center for Automotive Research hit a snag Thursday night when Greenville's Board of Zoning Appeals rejected the church's request to be excused from a parking regulation.

The ruling was a victory for Clemson, which opposes NewSpring's plan to build a 67,000-square-foot church surrounded by 874 parking spaces on about 30 acres next to ICAR's Technology Neighborhood I.

Still, it wasn't clear following the vote whether NewSpring would abandon the site.

Howard Frist, the church's campus development pastor, told members of the appeals board before the vote that NewSpring wouldn't be able to use the site for its intended purpose if the zoning variance wasn't granted.

Following the vote, he said NewSpring would continue to examine the situation. "We're disappointed with the outcome of the vote, but our team will take a further look at this and consider the options," Frist said.

John Boyette, director of Clemson's Office of Land and Capital Asset Stewardship, spoke against the church's request before the appeals board but declined to comment after the vote.

Clemson said in a statement last month that the ICAR area should focus on education, research-driven economic development and job creation and the location picked by the church "might not be the best fit."

The university's statement referred to development covenants that jointly govern ICAR land and the NewSpring development site, which is controlled by Miami developer Cliff Rosen.

Thursday night, however, Frist told appeals board members that the development covenants don't prohibit use of the site for a church.

Frist said a variety of uses have already been permitted on land formerly controlled by Rosen and governed by the development covenants — medical offices, a public school and Hubbell Lighting's headquarters — and "discrimination against the church at this point would look offensive and suspicious."

Rosen told appeals board members that there are hundreds of trees and a creek between ICAR and the site where NewSpring wants to build.

If NewSpring isn't allowed to build, Rosen said, a parking garage and hundreds of thousands of square feet of office space would likely end up on the site, and that would generate much more traffic directly across the street

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\$399 MILLION MIDLANDS WINNER

"This is a whole lot of zeros this person will get."

Paula Harper Bethea, S.C. lottery director



Paula Harper Bethea, director of the S.C. lottery, announces the winning Powerball ticket was purchased at the Murphy Express in Lexington.

LOTTERY LUCK STRIKES AGAIN

But the winner has yet to step forward

By ANDREW SHAIN
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Fortune struck the Midlands again on Wednesday night with the area's second big lottery win in four

bought at a Lexington convenience store.

The Murphy Express on U.S. 1's Augusta Road, near Interstate 20, sold a ticket that matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night —

INSIDE

See a chart listing the nation's biggest

LACK OF COOPERATION CITED

House panel blasts VA in death probes

Report details deficiencies at Columbia, Augusta hospitals

By SARAH SEXTON
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — A House of Representatives committee on Thursday sharply criticized what it described as a lack of cooperation and transparency by the Department of Veterans Affairs that's made it difficult for Congress to adequately investigate delays and deaths at VA hospitals, including Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia.

At a House Committee on Veterans' Affairs hearing, lawmakers expressed their frustration with the VA, saying it had failed to submit hearing testimony in a timely manner and was slow to respond to requests for information.

The committee has 70 such requests pending with the VA, some of which

are more than a year old, according to chairman Jeff Miller, R-Fla.

Rep. Mike Coffman, R-Colo., was particularly interested in a report that detailed delays in diagnoses and treatment at VA facilities in Columbia and Augusta.

Mismanagement of the Columbia VA medical center's gastroenterology program caused delays that left a backlog of nearly 4,000 patients waiting to be examined at one point in 2011, according to a report this month by the VA's inspector general.

Concern about the backlog at the Columbia facility surfaced in 2009. Since then, at least 280 patients have been diagnosed with malignancies, 52 of which were associated with the delay in treatment, according to the report.

The VA investigation led to "institutional disclosure" letters, which indicate patients suffered

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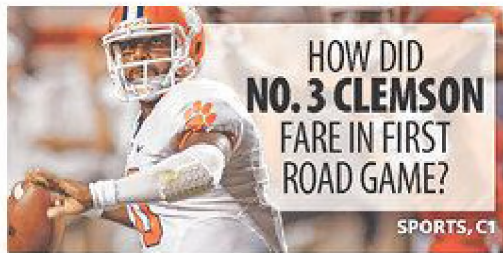
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Francis Marion campus in E. Cooper?

Mt. Pleasant mayor invites school to fill void in community

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Mount Pleasant Mayor Billy Swails says he was tired of hearing parents tell him that the area lacked a local public option for their children to earn bachelor's degrees.

His response? Courting Francis Marion University in Florence to open a satellite campus in the College of Charleston's backyard.

The upscale community east of the Cooper River is the fourth-largest

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city in the state, and it has a great public high school, Swails said. But many of its graduates have to leave the area to earn a four-year degree from a public institution, despite having decent grades, he said. For many students, "it's hard to go a long

way away to go to school."

Many local students aren't accepted at the College of Charleston, a liberal arts school on the peninsula with a growing national reputation, Swails said. The college enrolls large numbers of high-achieving, out-of-state students, who pay higher tuition rates, and in most cases it requires students to have high SAT scores, he said.

Francis Marion, on the other hand, has demonstrated success educating

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FILE PHOTO BY RUSSELL LAMORNING NEWS

A plan is being studied to bring a satellite campus of Florence's Francis Marion University to Mount Pleasant.

Colonial Lake

soon will be a nicer reflection on city



PHOTOGRAPHY

Callie Baxter of Charleston soaks up the sun for a few minutes Thursday while walking Lenny around Colonial Lake. Baxter said she is a big supporter of anything to beautify the area.

\$5.2M to improve water quality, beautify surroundings

BY ROBERT REHRE
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Colonial Lake, one of Charleston's iconic public places, looks much like it did when it was built about 125 years ago.

That could change soon. The Charleston Parks Conservancy, the Historic Charleston Foundation and the city are kicking off a \$5.2 million push to improve its water quality, raise its level and upgrade its surrounding walkways, trees and plantings. There's a little something for everyone: Birds, bees, butterflies, fish — and the thousands of people who enjoy it every day. It's the highest-profile project to date for the conservancy, which businesswoman and



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This rendering shows how the northeastern corner of Colonial Lake would look after a planned \$5.2 million upgrade. The corner at Rutledge Avenue and Beaufain Street — like other areas — will have new trees, paths and plantings.

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Schools get jump on jobs of future

High-profile partners launch high-tech effort

BY DIETTE COURRÈGE CASEY
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A new, extensive collaboration focused on Charleston County schools hopes to be a national model for preparing students from kindergarten through college for STEM-related jobs.

The potentially multimillion-dollar effort involves high-profile partners from across the country. More than 20 officials representing those groups met this week in Charleston to hammer out specifics on what they would contribute. "This is phenomenal," said Janet Simmons, president/CEO of a cyber-security company based in Maryland, who participated in the meetings. "You could see it all coming together."

Inside

Common Core: What it is and why some want the education initiative pushed aside. **B1**

STEM is shorthand for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, and there's been a national emphasis on preparing more students for careers in those fields.

The number of STEM-related jobs is growing, and employers such as Simmons often struggle to find qualified workers.

The country will have 1.4 million computing-related jobs by 2020, but only 400,000 computer science students to fill them, according to Code.org. Some also say STEM is key to the nation's global competitiveness in the future.

That's part of the impetus behind this new partnership, and those involved say the long-term solution is education. That means building a pipeline of STEM exposure and

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Compass Academy up for auction

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A court-appointed receiver has announced plans to market and auction Compass Academy, the 53,000-square-foot school co-founded by Jonathan "Jay" Brooks, who has been accused of illegally selling unregistered securities to fund it.

Receiver Sherri Lydon has selected Leonard Bracken Real Estate to market the property, which is 70 percent complete, according to a press release pro-



Brooks

for late October.

vided by the real estate company.

The property on Toolebeck Road, which was meant to serve as a private school, is currently on the market for \$1.5 million until an auction date is established. The auction is tentatively scheduled

We believe the facility will be of tremendous benefit to the Aiken community, but we simply do not have the funds to complete construction.

Sherri Lydon, court-appointed receiver for Compass Academy

"We believe the facility will be of tremendous benefit to the Aiken community, but we simply do not have the funds to complete construction," Lydon

stated in the press release.

Lydon, an attorney based in Columbia, was selected as the receiver of all frozen assets belonging to Compass

Academy, Jay Brooks, his wife Tracy Brooks and related companies.

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Convicted murderer Rivera files final appeal

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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A death-row inmate who admitted to raping and killing four women in the CSRA has begun his final round of appeals. Reinaldo Rivera filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in U.S. District Court in Georgia last week. The writ orders that Rivera be brought before a court so that his detention can be justified.



Rivera

Rivera was convicted in January 2004 of malice murder, three counts of rape, four counts of aggravated sodomy, four counts of aggravated assault, burglary and possession of a knife during the commission of a crime. He was sentenced to death.

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Clemson escapes Raleigh



AP PHOTO/KARL S. DEBLAKER

Clemson's Tajh Boyd, left, looks to pass the ball during the first half of an NCAA college football game against North Carolina State in Raleigh, N.C., on Thursday. For more information about the game, Sports | 1B.

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WEATHER

Pope warns church must find balance or fail

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
AND RACHEL ZOLL
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis has warned that the Catholic Church's moral structure might "fall like a house of cards" if it doesn't balance its divisive rules about abortion, gays and contraception with the greater need to make it a merciful, more welcoming place for all.

Six months into his papacy, Francis set out his vision for the church and his priorities as pope in a lengthy and remarkably blunt interview with *La Civiltà Cattolica*, the Italian Jesuit magazine. It was published simultaneously on Thursday in Jesuit journals in 16 countries, including *America* magazine in the U.S.

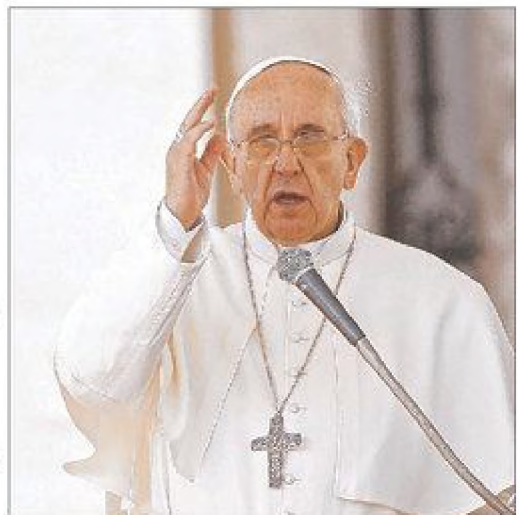
In the 12,000-word article, Francis expands on his ground-breaking comments over the summer about gays and acknowledges some of his own faults. He sheds light on his favorite composers, artists, authors and films (*Mozart*, *Cervantes*, *Dost-*

But his vision of what the church should be stands out, primarily because it contrasts so sharply with many of the priorities of his immediate predecessors, John Paul II and Benedict XVI. They were both intellectuals for whom doctrine was paramount, an orientation that guided the selection of a generation of bishops and cardinals around the globe.

Francis said the dogmatic and the moral teachings of the church were not all equivalent.

"The church's pastoral ministry cannot be obsessed with the transmission of a disjointed multitude of doctrines to be imposed insistently," Francis said. "We have to find a new balance; otherwise even the moral edifice of the church is likely to fall like a house of cards, losing the freshness and fragrance of the Gospel."

Rather, he said, the Catholic Church must be like a "field hospital after battle," healing the wounds of its faithful and going out to find those who have been lost, excluded



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Boyd sparks Tigers

Tajh Boyd threw for 244 yards and three touchdowns to help No. 3 Clemson beat North Carolina State 26-14 on Thursday night in an Atlantic Coast Conference battle in Raleigh, N.C. **PAGE B1**

Food stamp cuts

The House has voted to cut nearly \$4 billion a year from food stamps, a 5 percent reduction to the nation's main feeding program used by more than one in seven Americans. **PAGE A3**

Call to action

Secretary of State John Kerry on Thursday called on the U.N. Security Council to move swiftly to approve a U.S.-Russia deal to eliminate Syria's chemical weapons. **PAGE A7**

Health care access

Part of the mission of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine is to reach those who lack access to health care. On a recent Wednesday, students of the medical school's Carolina Campus were doing just that. **PAGE C1**

Admitting fault

The financial penalty is staggering. JPMorgan Chase & Co. will pay \$920 million for trading losses that shook the financial world last year. But even more significant might be the fact that the nation's largest bank also is admitting wrongdoing. **PAGE C7**

Weather

Earth's surface cooling, data show

Scientists working on global warming dismiss research

By KARL RITTER
The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — Scientists working on a landmark U.N. report on climate change are struggling over how to address a wrinkle in the meteorological data that has given ammunition to global-warming skeptics: The heating of Earth's surface appears to have slowed in the past 15 years even though greenhouse gas emissions keep rising.

For years, skeptics have touted what looks like a slowdown in surface warming since 1998 to cast doubt on the scientific consensus that humans are cooking the planet by burning coal, oil and natural gas.

Scientists and statisticians have dismissed the purported slowdown as a statistical mirage, arguing among other things that it reflects



JOHN MCCONNICO/AP FILE

An iceberg melts in Greenland near the Arctic Circle in 2005. Scientists fine-tuning a landmark U.N. report on climate change are struggling to explain why global warming appears to have slowed down in the past 15 years even as greenhouse gas emissions keep rising.

random climate fluctuations and an unusually hot year picked as the starting point for charting temperatures. They also say the data suggest the "missing" heat is

simply settling — temporarily — in the ocean.

But as scientists study the issue, the notion of a slowdown has gained more mainstream attention, put-

ting pressure on the authors of the new U.N. report to deal with it.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report is expected to assert that global warming is continuing. It also is expected to affirm with greater certainty than ever before the link between global warming and human activity.

Leaked documents obtained by The Associated Press show there are deep concerns among governments over how to address the purported slowdown ahead of next week's meeting of the IPCC.

"I think to not address it would be a problem because then you basically have the deniers saying, 'Look, the IPCC is silent on this issue,'" said Alden Meyer of the Washington-based advocacy group Union of Concerned Scientists.

In a leaked June draft of the report's summary for policymakers, the IPCC said that while the rate of warming between 1998 and 2012 was about half the average

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WHO'S THE WINNER?



TIM DOMINICK/THE COLUMBIA STATE

The media work at the Murphy Express gas station in Lexington after lottery officials said early Thursday that the winning Powerball ticket was sold there. The winning numbers drawn Wednesday night were 7-10-22-32-35 with the Powerball of 19.

Lucky ticket in \$400 million Powerball drawing sold at Lexington gas station

Get shot in arm to ward off flu

Medical facilities receiving vaccine

By FELICIA KITZMILLER
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Temperatures are inching down and the chill in the air means something more sinister than the holidays is approaching.

Flu season will be here soon, meaning now is the time for flu vaccines, according to area medical experts. The vaccines have been arriving at area medical facilities over the past few weeks and are readily available in the Spartanburg area. A detailed list of where the vaccine can be obtained is available at vaccine.healthmap.org.

"Get it early," said Kathy Bryant, manager of infectious disease prevention at Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System.

TIGERS TANGLE WITH WOLFPACK

Did Clemson's Boyd tame N.C. State?
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Fire station 3 remains closed

City still working to address mold issue at Jenkins Springs Road facility

By CHRIS TRAINOR

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The City of Greenwood is continuing to work toward addressing the mold issues at the Greenwood Fire Department station No. 3 on Jenkins Springs Road.

In late July, the mold issue was identified in the station's HVAC duct system, and after initial testing, the

station was closed in early August. Personnel and response equipment from station 3 were moved to station 1.

At the time, the city said the decision to temporarily close the station was made out of an "overabundance of caution." In an Aug. 1 release, city officials indicated they thought repairs and remediation would take a couple of weeks.

However, it is now well more than a month since the station was temporarily closed, and it has still not been reopened. On Wednesday, city manager Charlie Barrineau said the city is still working to take care of the problem and should have it remediated soon.

Barrineau said the first bid the city received for the remediation of the mold came back quite high, so

the city sought a second opinion. At that point, the city turned to Davis & Floyd, which came in and took samples and did testing.

The city received results from Davis and Floyd last week.

"(Davis & Floyd) has given us their plan of action, which allows us to use our own staff, using personal



CHARLIE
BARRINEAU



WELBORN
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'I sat down and just started writing about him.'
— Susie S. Epps

BELOVED ZIGGIE



Susie S. Epps, a retired teacher, holds a copy of her children's book, "Goodbye Mr. Zig," at the Greenwood County Library.

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■ US ENERGY

Delegates invite Moniz to SRS plant

By MEG KINNARD
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — A bipartisan group of South Carolina's representatives in Washington wrote a letter Thursday asking the U.S. Energy Department's top official to come see for himself what projected budget cuts to a plutonium reprocessing project could mean for the state.

"There is no question the lost jobs and economic activity in the region due to cuts to the MOX program will have significant and far-reaching consequences throughout all five impacted counties," the signatories wrote.

The MOX, or mixed-oxide fuel, plant at the Savannah River Site near the South Carolina-Georgia border is part of an international nonproliferation effort, with the United States and Russia committed to disposing of at least 34 metric tons each of weapons-grade plutonium to be turned into commercial nuclear reactor fuel. That amount, according to the National Nuclear Security Administration, is enough material for about 17,000 nuclear warheads.

The Obama administration slowed funding on the project, asking Congress earlier this year for \$320 million in its 2014 budget — down more than 25 percent from 2012. In its budget request, the administration wrote its high costs "may make the project unaffordable" and pledged to look for different ways to dispose of



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Rapper found not guilty of video threats

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MANNING — A Clarendon County jury took a little more than five hours over two days to find a 26-year-old Manning man not guilty Thursday of threatening the life of two 3rd Judicial Circuit Court judges.

Keith Allen Norman Gadson, of 216

Peterson Lane in Manning, will remain at the Clarendon County Detention Center, however, to await trial for unrelated charges of armed robbery and second-degree assault by mob. The Clarendon County Sheriff's Office arrested Gadson on Jan. 15 on all his charges after dis-



GADSON



COLE

covering a rap video uploaded to YouTube in which Gadson and Rodregiz Antwan Cole, 29, mention 3rd Circuit Drug Court Judge Amy Land and Circuit Court Judge R. Ferrell Cothran in what deputies thought to be a threatening manner.

Unrelated to the video, Gadson received charges for his suspected role in the ambush and beating with metal knuckles of a man in the parking lot of a Manning restaurant, according to Clarendon County Sheriff Randy Garrett. Twelfth Circuit Court Judge Michael G. Nettles ordered Gadson to receive a

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THE FAIR RETURNS TO SUMTER NEXT WEEK

The Sumter County Fair, sponsored by American Legion Post 15, opens its gates at 5 p.m. Tuesday. Buy ride tickets in advance at The Item, Walgreens, Piggly Wiggly and IGA. Advance admission tickets are \$4, and all-day ride tickets are \$16. Adults 65 and older get in for \$3. Active and retired military and their dependents will also be admitted for \$3 all week.



PHOTOS BY IVY MOORE / THE ITEM

Hailey Sharr with Hermann's Royal Lipizzan Stallions exercises Nikki, one of the stars of the show that will perform at the Sumter County Fair next week. The horses are famous for their "airs above the ground," battle moves that made them invaluable in war. Predating the birth of Christ by 400 years, these spectacular leaps and plunges were originally meant for use by mounted riders to inspire terror in the hearts of foot soldiers.



LEFT: The Sumter County Fair food vendors had already begun moving in early Thursday morning. There are still about 30 more to come, offering sausage dogs, candy apples, cotton candy, deep-fried candy bars and just about anything on a stick.

The \$79M question: How would you use renewed penny tax?

BY BRISTOW MARCHANT
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If you had \$79 million to spend on improving your community, where would you like it to go?

In the coming months, Sumter County may be asking you that question. County council is seeking input from the public as it formulates a new list of projects to fund with a renewed penny sales tax.

Suggestions from selected members of the public will be narrowed down to a list of feasible projects, then presented to voters for approval at the 2014 election.

Members of council's ad hoc committee on the penny tax held their first meeting Wednesday to discuss how to identify stakeholders in the process of drawing up that list and how to get them involved moving forward.

"The last time, when the lead groups were formed, we went

around to several small groups to get them involved," said County Administrator Gary Mixon.

Councilman Charles Edens, who chaired a similar committee in advance of the 2008 referendum on Penny for Progress, identified the key groups they reached out to during that effort. In addition to working groups from the county and the city, Edens sought input from the Economic Development Board, the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce, Shaw Air Force Base, law enforcement agencies and schools, as well as two at-large groups, one for county residents in general and another specifically for rural residents.

"We tried to get eight people in each group, so that adds up to a total of 64 people," Edens said.

Shaw and law enforcement met in a single group last time. As

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Land use ordinance could be changed

Officials hope to clarify landscaping, parking lot standards to bring visions of Sumter to life

BY BRISTOW MARCHANT
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How Sumter County looks

though for different reasons.

Drivers, of course, want a nice landscape to look at as they make their way to where

drivers to stop. Developers want to create the impression of a nice place to live. And the county Planning Depart-

ment place to visit, work and live. Getting all those visions to blend is the hope behind a proposal from county plan-

ning Director George McGregor wants the ordinance to spell out more explicit standards for landscaping



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Moore says partnerships key for communities

Lake City billionaire discusses the effort to reignite hometown

BY GAVIN JACKSON

Morning News
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FLORENCE — Former banker Darla Moore gave a thorough look at the efforts she and others in Lake City are spearheading to fundamentally rebuild the community into a sustainable economy during the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce's annual member luncheon Thursday.

In an off-the-cuff, keynote address that Moore said she whipped up Thursday morning while her hair was drying, she gave details on the economic foundations of her hometown, her "gut feeling" on ArtFields, county unity, using partnerships to fix problems, the

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» For a list of awards presented during the Greater Florence Chamber's annual member luncheon, see Page 8A

need to radically reform education and realizing change has to start locally.

"OK, we're not going to get anywhere on the statewide level pushing good public policy, so let's look at it at a local level, which is where we wanted to impact anyway," Moore said. "But once we realized that ain't nobody coming to help us, nobody's coming, so we're

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Former banker and billionaire Darla Moore concludes her keynote address to the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce's 96th annual membership luncheon Thursday at the Florence Civic Center.

GAVIN JACKSON/MORNING NEWS

BACK HOME



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Hannah Davis (left), the manager of Jones-Carter Gallery, discusses a rare collection of works by Florence-born, African-American artist William H. Johnson with Smithsonian project director Marquette Folley on Thursday.

Johnson exhibit stops in Lake City

Famed Florence native's artwork is on national Smithsonian gallery tour

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LAKE CITY — More than 80 years after his first showing in the Pee Dee, artist and Florence native William H. Johnson is being remembered in style with a Smithsonian Institute traveling art exhibit of his work at the Jones-Carter Gallery in Lake City.

The \$24 million art installation will be on display at the gallery, a 1920s converted hay and seed store, through Dec. 29, and gallery manager Hannah Davis said she couldn't be more



Paintings by Florence-born, African-American artist William H. Johnson hang on display at the Jones-Carter Gallery. The Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service is displaying the rare collection through Dec. 29 at the Lake City gallery.

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FMU to consider satellite campus

Administration researches pitch from Mount Pleasant

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FLORENCE — Francis Marion University could soon have a satellite campus in the Lowcountry if it accepts a proposal from Mount Pleasant.

FMU President Dr. Fred Carter confirmed that he and his staff are researching the pitch and speaking with interested parties in order to make a recommendation on the partnership offer to the full FMU board of trustees at a quarterly meeting in November.

The mayor and Town Council of Mount Pleasant, a bedroom community east of Charleston, are looking for a four-year college or university to serve students.

Mount Pleasant Town Administrator Eric DeMoura said two years ago Mayor Billy Swails and the council successfully recruited Trident Technical College to open a campus in Mount Pleasant, but a four-year program was still a big priority.

"Why this issue has been important to Mayor Swails and our Town Council is that when you get beyond the high school graduation, many of these students are coming out, and coming out well-prepared, but for whatever reason may not have enough opportunities available to them to further their education," DeMoura said.



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SC Supreme Court will hear penny tax suit in October

Road projects from current collections

guments Oct. 1 from the S.C. Attorney General's Office and Florence County over the coun-

the October hearing. The state and the S.C. Department of Revenue filed a suit

Chris Gossett, project manager with S.C. Department of Transportation, gave

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K.C.'s 'special day'



K.C. Crosby is presented with the Under Armour All-American jersey by Selection Tour manager Quentin Williams Thursday afternoon at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School. Crosby is to play in the Under Armour All-American Game, which features the nation's top high school football prospects, on Jan. 2, 2014, on ESPN. Visit TheTandD.com for video from Thursday's event.

Latest in line of big-time Bamberg-Ehrhardt football players appreciates national honor

By RICHARD WALKER
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BAMBERG — During Bamberg-Ehrhardt's first football game, he was on the sidelines the entire time — as an infant.

On Thursday, the 18-year-old B-E tight end-turned-quarterback was presented with an official jersey for the Under Armour All-American Game after being selected earlier this year by ESPN Recruiters as one of the top college football prospects in the nation.

"I'd like to thank God for blessing me with this opportunity," he told the B-E student body — and ESPN cameras. "It's going to be exciting to be out there on ESPN; you got a million people watching."

Sponsored by American Family Insurance, the three-month Selection Tour will visit 90 Under Armour All-Americans to present official jerseys to those selected.

Tour manager Quentin Williams told Crosby and the more than 400 students and faculty that the student athlete's jersey

"is a symbol of your hard work in the community, in the classroom and on the football field."

ESPN will televise the Under Armour All-American Game on Jan. 2 at the Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. The game featuring the nation's best college prospects is in its seventh year.

The 2012 T&D High School Football Player of the Year and a T&D Elite II selection for 2013, Crosby said he's honored to be among an elite few selected each year. Behind Daquan Bowers, Ricky Sapp, and A.J. Cam, his selection is the fourth time a B-E player has been invited to such a game.

Kevin Crosby Sr. has coached football at Ellerbe and is now his son's head coach at B-E. The senior Crosby described Thursday's celebration as "a special day."

"It's exciting for the community and I'm proud to say he's been part of the program," he said.

During the 2012 season alone, the 6-2, 236-pound tight end racked up 910 yards and 11 touchdowns on 31 catches. He is rated ESPN 300's 88th best player in the

country and South Carolina's second-best tight end.

Crosby said that in spite of local and national attention, K.C. has remained grounded with a good dose of humility.

"I'm pleased with how he's gone through this," Kevin Crosby said. "He understands that without his teammates, none of this is possible. It's not about him, it's about the whole team."

But at K.C.'s first ball game, he wasn't on the team. He was on the sidelines with his father — in a baby carrier — as the then-new coach led the team. It was there that K.C. was first introduced to the game of football.

"Football met him when he was born," Kevin Crosby said. "When he got up and walked, he stood on the sidelines."

Crosby says his son's first words weren't calling out a play or signaling an audible. But close enough. He said, "I'm going with Daddy." Coach Crosby recalls the message to K.C.'s mother Denise,

S.C. State discussions about VPs continue

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South Carolina State University trustees are continuing to discuss how much authority they have over the selection of vice presidents.

Dr. John Corbitt, head of the bylaws committee, asked trustee William Small Jr. and general counsel Craig Burgess last month to clarify the bylaws' statement that the president must "consult with the Board of Trustees" on the appointment of all vice presidents.

The bylaws committee met on Thursday, but Burgess and Small said they see other problems with the statement and are still working on it.

Burgess noted that the current bylaws say the president should "inform the Board of Trustees on the appointments of all administrators of the University having the rank of Dean, Director, or the equivalent thereof."

The positions of dean and director are not clearly defined in the statement, and that needs clarification, according to Burgess.

Small said he believes language about the financial implications of appointing vice presidents should be included. "I think that's a legitimate board inquiry," he said. "That's the kind of information they (trustees) should get."

The question of the board's authority arose in August after President Thomas Elzey hired Sonja Bennett as vice president for external affairs and communication.

Elzey said he'd talked to several trustees before making the appointment, but some members said he should have taken the matter to the full board. They also questioned whether consult meant he had to inform the board of the decision or get its approval.

Bob Waldrep, vice chair of the board, said he's concerned that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will think the board is trying to infringe on the authority of the president.

He noted that the university is under warning by the accrediting agency, and part of the problem is the lack of clear distinction between board and administrative authority.

"That is a tender issue that SACS has weighed on," he said.

Small said he wants it to be very clear that he believes there is no "spirit or intention on the part of any board member to in any way restrict, diminish or otherwise interfere with the authority of the president."

Corbitt asked Small and Burgess to continue working on a new statement.

"It's a work in progress," he said.

Trustees also discussed whether the vice chairman becomes chairman if the position is left vacant before the term ends.

Currently, Waldrep is carrying out the responsibilities of chairman. The position was left vacant when Dr. Walter L.

Holder of lucky Powerball ticket remains a mystery in Midlands

By SUSANNE M. SCHAEFER

Ticket of another close, but he was still wrong



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