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Sales tax question going before voters

Charleston County Council rejects plan to ask about support for I-526

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Charleston County Council on Tuesday gave final approval to a referendum that will ask for a half-cent sales tax increase for transportation

and greenbelt projects but voted against a separate referendum to ask if county voters want Interstate 526 completed.

Council voted 6-3 in favor of the sales tax plan that would bring in \$1.89 billion for road projects and public trans-

portation and \$210 million for greenbelts. The group amended the list to include \$85 million more than originally budgeted for land conservation, which was deducted from the money allocated for roads and public transit.

Chairman Elliott Summey said the sales tax was necessary since the state isn't providing enough money to fix the county's transportation problems.

"This state continues to fail this community," he said. "That's why

we're having to vote on this half-cent sales tax, not because anybody wants to raise anybody's taxes."

Councilman Henry Darby, who voted "no" along with council members Anna Johnson and Vic Ravel, said that's why he didn't support the half-cent sales tax referendum.

"It is not Charleston County Council's responsibility to build roads. It is that of the state," Darby said.

"When the state finds out we are building our own roads, (it will say)

'Charleston county no longer needs those (state) dollars, we can send those dollars elsewhere.'"

The council then voted 5-4 against adding a separate referendum about the completion of Interstate 526. The advisory question would have let County Council know how much public support the project has, but it wouldn't have directly affected future funding for it.

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Game plan for police, community unveiled

Illumination Project's proposals seek to mend fences, improve ties



Officer Will Olson teaches Mantel Jackson how to properly hold a football as part of Breaking Down Barriers, hosted by Charleston Police Department's Teams 1 and 4 on July 23 at Brittlebank Park. A plan to boost police-community ties was unveiled Tuesday.

BY PAUL BOWERS
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De-escalation, cultural sensitivity and "people skills" could become hallmarks of the Charleston Police Department, according to a plan presented to the public Tuesday night.

The Illumination Project, a Charleston Police Fund initiative meant to improve police-community relations, released a list

of 86 proposed strategies at a public input session. A second session will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Greater St. Luke AME Church, 78 Gordon St.

The group presented a draft list of proposals, which included:

- New police officers would job-shadow school resource officers "to get to know youth in a positive way."
- The Police Department would create a

new award for officers who de-escalate citizen encounters and avoid the use of deadly force.

Police would publicly share demographic and geographic data on citizen-police interaction once every quarter. The public would be invited to quarterly staff meetings with top officers from each patrol team.

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Trump remarks give foes new ammo

Comments about gun-rights backers ignite controversy

BY JOSH LEDERMAN
and CATHERINE LUCEY
Associated Press

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Donald Trump ignited a fresh political firestorm Tuesday by declaring gun rights supporters might still find a way to stop Hillary Clinton, even if she should defeat him and then name anti-gun Supreme Court justices. Democrats pounced, accusing him of openly encouraging violence against his opponent.

The Republican presidential nominee has been working this week to move past distracting campaign disputes, but once again he put himself at the center of a blazing controversy.

First, he falsely claimed that Clinton, his Democratic opponent, wants to "essentially abolish the Second Amendment." She has said repeatedly that she supports the Second Amendment right to own guns, though she does back some stricter gun control measures.

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Refusal to aid Slager prompts class action

Officers may join lawsuit after group denies legal defense

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Police officers in South Carolina and eight other states could join a class-action lawsuit in hopes of getting back the money they spent to fend off allegations of misconduct.

The suit, filed last week in state court in Charleston, came after the Southern States Police Benevolent Association refused to pay an attorney to represent Michael Slager, the former North Charleston officer who shot Walter Scott to death last year. Slager, a group member who had signed up for the association's legal defense benefit, sued.

But many others in law enforcement also grew unhappy over the association's decision not to cover Slager in the murder case, said one of his attorneys in the civil suit, Ronnie Richter.

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Local activist accused of blackmail for threats, allegations of school sex scandal

Allegedly sought to sway district to give 5 women jobs

BY PAUL BOWERS
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An elected official and outspoken community activist is being accused of blackmail after he threatened to expose an alleged sex scandal if the Charleston County School District did not give jobs to certain people.

Tom Lewis, chairman of the downtown Constituent District 20 School Board, recently left a voicemail for school district Human Resources Executive Director Bill Briggman in which he listed the names of

five women and said, "I'll better get them ladies a job." He said the women worked for the school district in various positions and had been either fired or resigned.

He also sent a text message to Briggman on Sunday night.

"I Will Take Actions Against The District Myself As A Community Activist Do The Right Thing The Media's Is Waiting On My Call," Lewis wrote in a text message timestamped at 8:13 p.m. "Thank You Mr. Briggman I have lot of information on the staff at how they cover up lot of thing containing the hav-

ing sexual relation with student so if y'all don't want that information in public and to know y'all better give all these ladies their job back."

In the same text message, he also wrote, "I'm going to the Media with information on the District so let get all these women's their job if not the police going to be Call about the staff having sexual relation with the students."

In an interview Tuesday, Lewis did not give any specifics about the alleged sexual conduct. He declined to say which staff members or particular schools were involved. He said he sent the message to Briggman after first hearing the allegations Sunday "because he's the boss."

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Board: Use school police for crimes, not for discipline

Spring Valley High violence last year sparked debate over role of school resource officers

BY JAMIE SELF
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Police officers in S.C. schools only should get involved with student behavior when it reaches criminal levels, not to enforce discipline, the state Board of Education said Tuesday.

"Our No. 1 priority is school safety and making sure that the environment there is conducive to learning and every child feels safe," state Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman said, before the Education Board unanimously agreed to give initial approval to the proposed rules.

The changes, which must clear several more hurdles be-

fore taking effect, come almost a year after a Richland County Sheriff's Department deputy forcibly removed a Spring Valley High School student from her desk and tossed her across the floor.

An administrator had called the deputy — serving as a school resource officer — in to address the student's behavior after she reportedly refused to put away her cellphone.

Caught on video and posted online, the October incident exploded nationally, sparking a debate about a controversial disturbing-schools law. Critics say that S.C. law unfairly criminalizes student behavior and raises questions about disciplin-

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Hawk-killing USC trustee: 'Bird-lover' judge was unfair

Charles Williams, who pleaded guilty to trapping and killing federally protected hawks, is appealing his \$75,000 fine.

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Charles Williams, the University of South Carolina trustee who pleaded guilty to killing



Williams

federally protected hawks, is appealing his sentence, claiming the judge gave him an excessive fine of \$75,000 because she is a "bird-lover." Magistrate Judge Shiva Hodges should have disqualified herself before passing sentence in June because she is a self-described "nature lover" who is overly fond of birds, and her impartiality in the matter "might reasonably be

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PHOTOGRAPH BY TIM DOMINICK tdominick@thestate.com

Harvest Hope Food Bank is in critical need of canned food donations or money to buy canned goods. Normally, the shelves staff member Rebecca Jones is near would contain stacks of canned goods.

Harvest Hope Food Bank makes emergency plea for canned goods

'I need a lot of hearts to be softened,' official says



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Woodruff Road area to be improved

Sidewalks coming to busiest stretch

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Footpaths are beaten in the grass up and down the densest stretch of Woodruff Road, in place of sidewalks that have long been discussed as the Magnolia Park shopping center and others on either side burst with activity.

For years, the focus has been on re-

lieving traffic congestion — and there a couple of projects currently in the works to help — but in the coming months, sidewalks will begin taking form.

The city of Greenville this fall will be seeking contractors to build a stretch of sidewalks along Woodruff Road from the Interstate 85 ramps to Roper Mountain Road and Verdae Boulevard.

All total, the stretch will run 4,500 lin-

ear feet and will cost \$451,000.

The project will take about four to six months to complete once the contract is awarded, City Engineer Dwayne Cooper said.

"It's Woodruff Road, so there will be a lot of work at night," Cooper said.

The city has pledged \$100,000 required to cash in on a federal \$361,000 grant set aside for pedestrian and bicycle projects, according to an agreement with the state Department of Transportation.

The expansive, \$231 million state project currently underway to reconfigure the interchanges of Interstates 85 and 385 and more — the second largest road construction work in South Carolina history — will ultimately extend the city's sidewalk project to the Shops at Greeridge.

Meanwhile, other work is under way to relieve vehicle congestion.

The city is poised to open the Market

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Tim and Susan Vance and Cheri and Jeff Pyle pose for a photo on Copacabana Beach.

PROVIDED BY JEFF PYLE

Greenville area has unique ties to Rio

Michelin's South American headquarters based in city

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Upstate South Carolina has a unique connection to the 2016 Summer Olympics host city.

Rio de Janeiro, the colorful coastal metropolis in the southern end of Brazil, is not only home to the summer games, but also to several Upstate families with ties to Michelin. The tire-maker's South American headquarters is in Barra da Tijuca, the section of Rio where the games are largely being held. Susan and Tim Vance, of Greenville, have been living in Barra da Tijuca for about two years, alongside friends Jeff



Sheriff: Man shot by officer in home

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A man was shot and wounded while Anderson County Sheriff's Office deputies were attempting to serve a probation violation warrant Tuesday, Sheriff John Skipper said.

The man had a rifle or similar long gun and was in a standoff with deputies for more than an hour until negotiations fell apart and he raised his gun at a deputy, who shot him, Skipper said.

The man's name has not been released, nor has the name of the deputy. The shooting happened Tuesday afternoon inside a home on Mountain Springs Road near Piedmont, where the man's family owns two homes that are beside each other.

Skipper said he believes only one deputy fired but cannot say how many shots were fired. The man is not believed to have fired at deputies but threatened them by raising his gun, Skipper said.

Deputies were prepared for a pos-

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Peace Center incident still being probed

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A man who was punched in the face and knocked unconscious in the Peace Center plaza was released from the hospital, the Greenville Police Department said.

Police have continued to investigate the incident but have not made any arrests, Officer Gilberto Franco said.

An unidentified black male punched a 29-year-old white male about 10:30 p.m. July 27 in front of the Peace Center at S. Main Street and W. Broad Street, police said. The victim lost consciousness for a short period of time, was taken to the hospital and



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AUTO PARTS SUPPLIER CREATING 60 JOBS

Brose to invest \$6M

SCC incubator boosts manufacturer's launch in Duncan

By Bob Montgomery
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A business incubator at Spartanburg Community College that opened nearly 10 years ago and helped dozens of Upstate companies get off the ground yielded its latest graduate on

Tuesday.

BMW parts supplier Brose North America announced it will invest \$6 million and create 60 jobs at a new facility in Duncan that will open by next August.

Brose, currently occupying 10 office spaces at the community college's business incubator at the Tyger River campus in Duncan, will be moving into a 77,000-square-foot facility at 1171 Howell Road.

Based in Auburn Hills, Mich., Brose North America (pronounced Bro-Zay) chose Spartanburg for its fourth U.S. manufacturing facility due to its closeness to its largest customer, BMW, according to Brose Spartanburg plant manager Michael Morgenroth.

The Spartanburg plant will produce systems for lightweight carrier doors and on-demand control for air supply cooling. The company claims its

lightweight door carriers help boost the car's fuel efficiency and reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

"Companies like Brose can operate anywhere in the world," said S.C. Commerce Secretary Bobby Hitt. "They chose Spartanburg, South Carolina. We're a perfect fit for Brose."

The news was announced at a ribbon-cutting ceremony

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UPSTATE



Work continues

Just behind Gibbs Stadium, home of the Wofford College football team, the next phase of Wofford athletics is rising from the ground. Crews are working steadily on the new Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium, funded by Wofford alumnus and Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson. C1

Scam alert

The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office is warning residents to beware of scammers claiming to be with the Internal Revenue Service. C3

NATION & WORLD



Trump sets off another firestorm

Donald Trump said Tuesday that Second Amendment advocates might find a way to stop Hillary Clinton from rolling back gun rights if she's elected, setting off a political firestorm as Democrats quickly accused him of encouraging violence against his opponent. A3

Support for LGBT rights

Young Americans overwhelmingly say they support LGBT rights when it comes to employment, health care and adoption. That's according to a new GenForward survey. A4

FROM BLIGHT TO STABILITY

Habitat for Humanity helping change a neighborhood



Habitat for Humanity and Wells Fargo employees raise the walls Tuesday on Habitat's 12th home in the Habitat at Regional neighborhood in Spartanburg. The home is being sponsored by Wells Fargo and its associates.

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Several new homes contribute to area's transformation

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For years, blight has lingered in a neighborhood just a stone's throw away from a renowned medical center in the city of Spartanburg.



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Panthers players moved by paintings' message

By Eric Boynton
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A quick getaway for some of the Carolina Panthers was as unique and emotional as it was about learning and helping to promote team unity.

A group of team members took in the "Requiem for Mother Emanuel" exhibit Monday evening at the TJC Gallery in downtown Spartanburg. The nine-painting series on display honors the nine people gunned down on June 17, 2015, at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston. It also looks at the way South Carolinians came together in the aftermath.

It's the work of Orangeburg artist Leo Twiggs, who has been painting for 60 years.

"It was kind of explained to us a little bit on the way over about what we were going to see," linebacker Thomas Davis said. "You hear it, but still don't know what to expect until you're able

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» **U.S. women's gymnastics team:**
The Americans' second straight Olympic gold was never in doubt, capped off with a boundary-pushing floor exercise by Simone Biles. The dominant victory gave retiring national team coordinator Martha Karolyi a fitting send off.

U.S. MEDAL HAUL

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Total: 22 Rank: 1st
» Leads China by six medals

TODAY'S MUST WATCH

Men's 100-meter freestyle
10:03 p.m. on NBC (live)
» The fastest dash in the water, a freestyle sprint over two lengths of the pool highlights swimming competition tonight. America's Nathan Adrian is the defending Olympic champion.

Camp RAE ends following board vote

Suubi Chapman and Noah Hartz wait to compete in Olympic games during Camp RAE on July 8.



BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY
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FLORENCE — The Camp RAE board voted Monday to end the month-long summer therapy camp for children with special needs.

A press statement issued by board President Denise Finklea cited the overwhelming effort to provide the camp's services as the primary reason for the closing.

"This decision culminates two

years for searching for alternatives," Finklea said. "This discussion has not come easily for the Board, especially founder Deana Strickland who thinks of Camp RAE as her 'third child.'"

"The Board will follow its bylaws which state, 'all liabilities will be settled, all non-liquid assets will be either sold or contributed to other IRC Section 501(c)(3) organizations, and all liquid assets will be contributed to other IRC Section 501(c)(3) organizations' with regard to disseminating monies

and equipment," the statement says.

Several children and parents were able to benefit from the services offered by the monthlong Camp RAE, even those who didn't participate directly. The camp offered therapy and educational opportunities for the participants. Campers were also able to participate in activities such as bowling, fishing, baking cookies and painting, among others.

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Darlington County Charles Stewart named interim administrator

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DARLINGTON — Charles Stewart was named Tuesday as interim county administrator following the resignation Monday of former County Administrator Terence Arrington.

The vote came during a special council meeting Tuesday afternoon. Stewart is a former director of emergency services of Darlington County.

Arrington resigned Monday after the council did not renew his employment contract with the county. Council Chairman Bobby Hudson told reporters that the council had decided not to renew the contract.

During a special meeting Monday morning, the council discussed the contract during a closed executive session. After the session, members adjourned without taking any action on the contract.

Hudson said that Arrington had indicated a willingness to work out the remaining six months of his contract but apparently changed his mind and chose to leave immediately.

At Tuesday's special meeting, the council also voted 5-2 to ratify an agreement worked out by County Attorney Jim Cox and Arrington whereby Arrington will receive the

A 'distinguished law enforcement career'



Maj. Carlos Raines stand in front of the Wall of Honor where 30 pictures of retired and fallen officers are hung. Raines said of the 30 people, he has worked with 29 of them during his 43 years with the department.

Maj. Carlos Raines retires after 43 years with Florence police

BY JESSICA IMBIMBO
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FLORENCE — Maj. Carlos Raines of the Florence Police

Department retired on Tuesday after 43 years of service to both a career in law enforcement and his beloved hometown of Florence.

At 67 years old, Raines has

spent nearly two-thirds of his life working at the Florence Police Department. Since his first day as a patrol officer on July 5, 1973, Raines moved up the ranks from corporal, to

sergeant, to lieutenant, to captain and then major, a position he has maintained since 2001.

Raines served as the

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SRNS CEO Carol Johnson retires Stuart MacVean named as successor



Johnson

MacVean

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Carol Johnson's tenure as president and CEO of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions will soon come to an end, leaving Stuart MacVean her successor. Johnson took the reins of SRNS in June 2014, say-

ing she put retirement plans on hold for the position - plans she expects to return to.

In an email letter sent to SRNS employees on Aug. 9, Johnson said, "The time has come for me to return to the retirement and personal plans that were placed on hold when I was given the opportunity to serve as your President & CEO. An honor I

couldn't decline."

According to the letter, the transition becomes final in September when MacVean takes charge. MacVean will be the fifth leader of the organization since 2008.

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STAFF PHOTO BY THOMAS GARDINER

Richard Edwards gives his presentation on mercury impact evaluations in the SRR liquid waste system to the waste management committee at Tuesday's CAB meeting.

Advisory Board talks mercury, nuclear fuel

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The Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board convened Tuesday evening to discuss spent nuclear fuel processing and mercury use in waste management processes on the Savannah River Site.

Maxine Maxted, Spent Nuclear Fuel Program manager for the Department of Energy at SRS, presented an update on spent nuclear fuel operations at L-Basin, a modified area of the old L-Area reactor. It features an underwater storage area for spent nuclear fuel.

According to the presentation, the water in the basin is not used to control a reactor temperature, since the material in the basin has already been used in either commercial or research reactors. The water is used to protect workers in the facility from exposure. It measures between 17 and 50 feet deep and is closely monitored to keep the pH levels and ionization balanced.

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AREA DEATHS

Lillie Mundy Sauls, Warrenville
Carl L. Angerman, Aiken
James "Jimmy" Dunbar, New Ellenton
Vivian Gail Jenkins-Taylor, Aiken
Maurice Cauley, Batesburg
Judy Speed, Warrenville
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WEATHER

Dutton wins bronze medal at Rio Olympics



AP PHOTO/ROBERT F. BUKATY

Phillip Dutton, who trains in Aiken during the winter and owns Red Oak Farm, rides around the arena wearing the bronze medal he won for the United States in individual jumping in the equestrian competition at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on Tuesday.



AP PHOTO/JOHN LOCHER

Phillip Dutton, of the United States, celebrates after winning a bronze medal in the equestrian eventing individual.

Aiken rider takes third in eventing

BY DEDE BILES
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Aiken is basking in the glow of an Olympic success story after Team USA's Phillip Dutton rode Mighty Nice to a third-place finish in eventing in Rio de Janeiro on Tuesday.

Dutton trains in Aiken during the winter, and he and his wife, Evis, own Red Oak Farm on Bridge Creek Trail. The IND Group's Mighty Nice, whose nickname is Happy, used to be owned by prominent Aiken horseman Bruce Duchossois, who died in 2014.

"I could not be more proud of the way Happy jumped today," Dutton wrote on his Phillip Dutton Eventing Facebook page after receiving the bronze medal during the Summer Games. "I've never had a horse with a

SUMMER GAMES 2016 MEDAL TRACKER
As of Aug. 9 at 8:08 p.m.

TOP 10 MEDAL WINNERS

1.	United States	6	8	8
2.	China	8	3	6
3.	Japan	3	0	9
4.	Russia	3	6	3
5.	Italy	3	4	2
6.	Australia	4	0	4
7.	France	2	3	1
7.	South Korea	3	2	1
9.	Canada	0	1	4
10.	Hungary	3	1	0

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"believed very strongly in the talent of this horse."

"We wish Bruce could have been here to see Happy win a bronze medal at the Olympics," Dutton added, "but we know he is watching over him."

Dutton and Mighty Nice, a 12-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding, were in fifth place in the individual standings after the dressage and cross-country phases of the eventing competition.

In Tuesday's show jumping phase, they had one time penalty, but didn't knock down any obstacles during the first round. That effort was good enough to move them up to fourth.

Then, in the second and final round, a rail fell after Mighty Nice hit it, and Dutton's hopes for a medal faded.

Up next were Australia's Christopher Burton and Santos II, who went

ing. I truly think he genuinely loves

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Coming Sunday

A crisis is lurking in Hilton Head Island's hospitality industry. It's increasingly difficult to fill basic jobs that keep the island's economy — and way of life — humming.

Our four-part series, *Propping Up Paradise*, began Aug. 7.

Coming Sunday:
• They come every day by the busloads from some of the state's poorest counties, making for incredibly long work days with little reward.

STATE

New rules for officers in schools proposed

Following a video of a deputy pulling a teenager from her desk last year, state officials want to limit officers' involvement with student discipline.

BY SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press

COLUMBIA

Ten months after video captured a South Carolina deputy

pulling a teenager from her desk and tossing her across the floor — sparking a national debate over an officer's role in the classroom — state officials on Tuesday tentatively approved new rules limiting officers' involvement with student discipline.

The state Board of Education also unanimously recommended new classifications for student misbehavior. The proposed rules say officers should not get involved until offenses become

criminal, defined as posing a "direct and serious threat" to safety, such as assault, drug sales or gun possession.

Last October, a Richland County deputy was called to a classroom after the then-16-year-old student refused to stop using her cellphone and wouldn't leave the classroom when told by a teacher or administrator. The deputy was fired two days later, after video of a white officer arresting the

black student spread.

Board member Traci Young Cooper said the proposed regulations should provide clarity and consistency to districts and law enforcement agencies across the state.

"We've got to make something positive of what occurred," said Young Cooper, co-chairwoman of a group of educators, officers and parents tasked with recommending how to take a commonsense approach to student discipline.

The Spring Valley High incident "did not rise to the level of a criminal offense," she said.

The group believes educators and officers should take a course in how to de-escalate situations, but that didn't make it into the proposed rules due to concerns over unfunded

SEE OFFICERS, 7A

'EVERYBODY HAS A STORY'



Bill Perri, a 91-year-old Hilton Head Island Indigo Pines resident, reaches for his address book while sitting at his Brother typewriter on Tuesday. Perri says that typing puts his mind at ease. His favorite things to type are notes to the chefs at the senior living complex in which he offers praise and occasional cooking tips.

91-year-old man says typewriter a life-saver

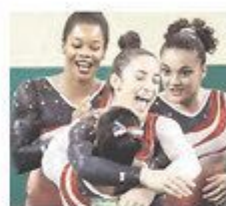
"I WRITE ANYTHING OF INTEREST IN MY LIFE, GOOD AND BAD."
Bill Perri



LOCAL

WHEELED MEALS IN OLD TOWN?

Bluffton Town Council members consider allowing food trucks to roll into a hungry Old Town. 3A



SPORTS

U.S. WOMEN ROCK IN RIO

The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes gold in Rio, outpacing their nearest competitor by more than 8 points. 1B

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