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Security limited to cards, officials say

By Tim Smith

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COLUMBIA — The private firm used for years by the state Revenue Department to provide data security was focused on credit and debit cards, not



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the mountains of other data held in the agency's computers that was exposed by a foreign hacker in September, officials say.

The Department of Revenue used the private firm Trustwave for computer security monitoring since 2005 but disclosed Wednesday that the com-

pany's focus was on protection of credit and debit card information, not Social Security card numbers or the volumes of other personal data held in its computer servers.

The agency had refused to use a free network monitoring service operated by the state technology office other than on its workstation computers because DOR officials said the free monitoring didn't meet

credit card industry standards, unlike Trustwave.

But DOR began using the free monitoring service on its servers anyway on Oct. 20 — 10 days after the state learned of the hacking — and confirmed on Tuesday as it released its contract with Trustwave that Trustwave's service was focused on protecting debit and credit card

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How has the data breach affected you? Go to GreenvilleOnline.com/Facebook to share your experiences and what you think the state should be doing to improve security. You can also join the discussion on Twitter with the hashtag #schacked.



President Obama says there's no evidence of a security breach. AP

Obama: No CIA security breach

President answers
questions on Libya

By Ben Feller

Associated Press

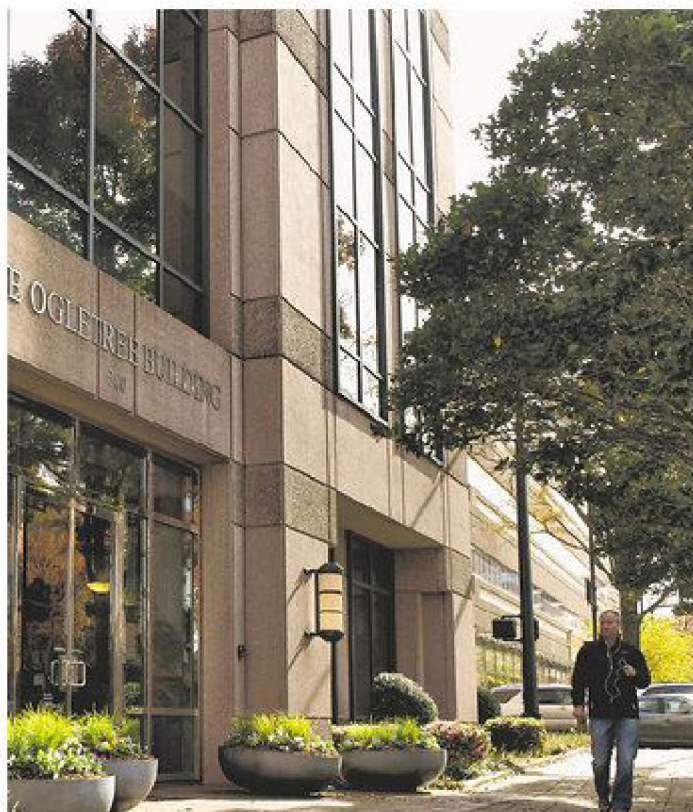
WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said Wednesday he has seen no evidence that national security was threatened by the widening sex scandal that ensnared his former CIA director and top military commander in Afghanistan.

Facing questions from reporters, Obama also reaffirmed his belief that the U.S. can't afford to continue tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, a key

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LAW FIRM GOES GLOBAL

OGLETREE DEAKINS TO OPEN OFFICES
IN LONDON, BERLIN



DOWNTOWN

By David Dykes

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The Ogletree Deakins law firm said Wednesday it has expanded internationally with the opening of offices in London and Berlin, reflecting the reality of a global economy and a "boots-on-the-ground" approach to handling legal matters in foreign markets.

The firm, which represents management in employment-related legal matters, has its largest office and support operations in Greenville. It has more than 650 lawyers in 41 offices across the United States, including more than 40 in Greenville, where it has been an important component of downtown's business landscape for decades.

Michael Shetterly, managing shareholder in Greenville, said the firm's administrative center will remain here.

The firm said its expansion into Europe will have seven attorneys from Salans LLP practicing in Berlin. Hendrik Muschel will serve as managing shareholder of that office.

The London office will be led by Michael Webster, founder and joint managing partner of Webster Dixon LLP.

"There is no question that today we all operate in a global marketplace," said Kim Ebert, Ogletree Deakins' managing shareholder.

"Our U.S. clients have expressed frustrations with the options for handling their employment law matters internationally, and we initiated our expansion in response to those concerns."

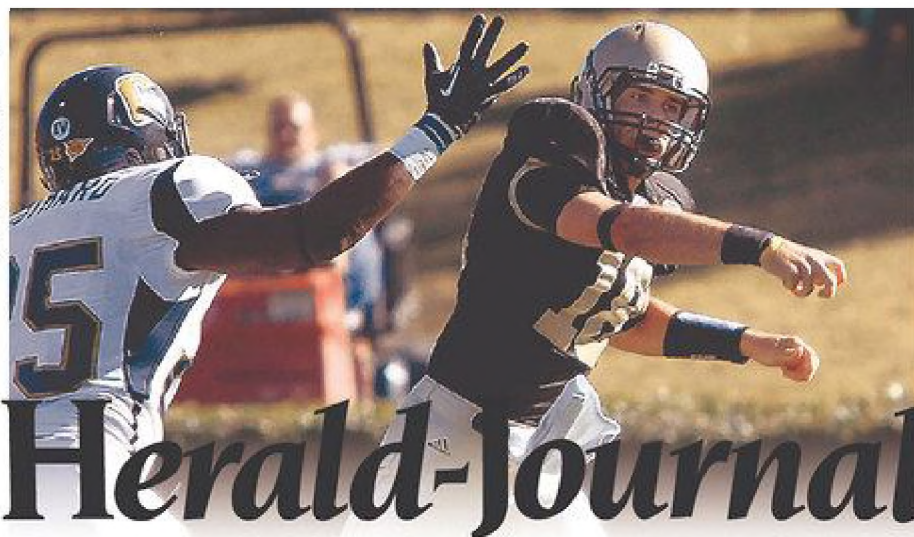
As in-house counsel increasingly is called on to handle international employment law matters, Ogletree Deakins said it can now provide experienced, interna-

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Getting his chance



Wofford's third-string, walk-on quarterback Lawson might get to start against South Carolina B1

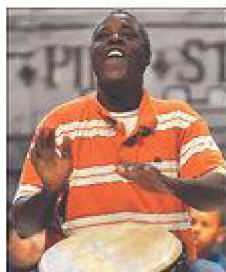
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Drum performance

Pine Street Elementary School got a special visit from renowned djembe player Moussa Bolokada Conde, who joined Pine Street's fourth-grade drumming club for a quick performance and lesson. The djembe is a goblet-shaped African hand drum. **PAGE C1**

50 years of success

For the past 50 years, Jack Tyler has applied a strong independent work ethic and a positive, common sense approach to growing his family's floor covering company, Regal Distributing Co., Inc. in Spartanburg. **PAGE C4**

Trial begins

One man pleaded guilty and another went on trial Wednesday in the murder of Abdul Haleem Ali II on Aug. 31, 2005. Ali was killed during an early morning home invasion in Spartanburg. **PAGE A7**

Hacking probe

The contractor hired by the S.C. Department of Revenue to provide computer security focused on the agency's compliance with rules governing the handling of credit-card information, not stopping malicious programs. **PAGE C3**

Dorman teams No. 2

Dorman's boys and girls are No. 2 in the S.C. Basketball Coaches Association 4A preseason rankings released at a luncheon on Wednesday at Seawell's Banquet Center. **PAGE B1**

Weather

Obama firm on tax hike for rich

President says he's open to Republican options to raise revenue and cut deficit

By DAVID ESPO
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama challenged congressional Republicans Wednesday to let taxes rise on the wealthiest Americans on both economic and political grounds, noting he campaigned

successfully for re-election on the point and contending it would instantly ease the threat of the "fiscal cliff" plunging the nation back into recession.

"A modest tax increase on the wealthy is not going to break their backs," Obama said of the nation's top income earners.

"They'll still be wealthy," he said at his first news conference since winning a second term.

At the same time, the president stressed he was amenable to compromise on other approaches from Republicans who say they will refuse to raise tax rates. "I believe this is solvable," he said during the news conference.

At a news conference of his



CAROLYN KASTER/AP
President Barack Obama speaks during a news conference at the White House on Wednesday.

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Downtown abuzz as rink readied

Variety of donors aid in preparations for skating season in Morgan Square

SKATING ON THE SQUARE

HOURS

Weekdays: 3-9 p.m.

Friday: 3-11 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-11 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m.-9 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day: 4-9 p.m.

Black Friday: 10 a.m.-11 p.m.

Christmas Eve: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Christmas Day: 4 p.m.-9 p.m.

New Year's Eve: 10 a.m.-1 a.m.

New Year's Day: 3 p.m.-9 p.m.

COST

\$10 per person,

includes skate rental

STORY BY LYNNE SHACKLEFORD
ILLUSTRATION BY GARY KYLE

The big chill

Spartanburg's first outdoor skating rink will open Friday, but what most skating enthusiasts won't notice is the intricate layer of pipes (called the "mat") under the ice that keep it cold. Two large hoses carry coolant from 4, 400-gallon containers to the 1,040 pipes to keep the 5 inches of ice frozen.



Since Sunday, crews have spent hours building the city of Spartanburg's first ice skating rink — an enclosed circle of frozen water powered and chilled by a complex series of tiny pipes under the ice.

City Engineering Administrator Tim Carter said city crews have worked with Magic Ice of Orlando, Fla., since Sunday preparing the rink for its first skaters on Friday. An anonymous donor paid to have the ice skating rink, the first round rink that Magic Ice has installed, on Morgan Square through Jan. 6. Normally, outdoor ice skating rinks are oval, rectangular or rectangular with rounded edges.

The round rink, designed to fit Morgan Square specifications, has 1,040 pipes resembling garden hoses that run underneath the roughly 5 inches of ice. The pipes are connected to larger lines that pump coolant from a 200-ton chiller into the rink to keep the ice cold, Carter said.

It will take crews about 20 hours to spray water onto the rink. If temperatures reach 70 to 75 degrees, the city will have to stop operation of the rink for the day, Carter said.

Lowe's of Spartanburg donated a building to house ticket sales and ice skate rentals. Little River Roasting Co. will sell coffee, and Groucho's will have food during the ice skating season.

City Special Events Manager Mandy Merck said 300 pairs of ice skates have been ordered for Skating on the Square.

"People are so excited, there has been a lot of buzz," Merck said. The city has started a Facebook fan page for Skating on the Square, and Merck said people are ready for the rink to open.

From 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, people can skate for free. Grand opening ceremonies, which include a performance by the Greenville

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Probes question honor of generals

5 leaders put on hot seat in past 2 weeks

By ROBERT BURNS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Defense Secretary Leon Panetta pointedly warned young troops last spring to mind their ways, he might have been lecturing the wrong audience.

The culture of military misconduct starts at the top.

At least five current and former U.S. generals at the rank of one-star or higher have been reprimanded or investigated for possible misconduct in the past two weeks — a startling run of embarrassment for a military whose stock among Americans rose so high during a decade of war that its leaders seemed almost untouchable.

From adultery and malfeasance to potentially inappropriate



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Alleged shoplifters flee, kids left at store

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A Barnwell woman who reportedly tried to shoplift children's clothes and toys from Walmart also faces charges of child endangerment for leaving her children at the store after the alleged shoplifting.

Saquinna Rebecca Walker, 29, of

Cole Lane, was charged with shoplifting, two counts of unlawful neglect of a child and driving without a South Carolina driver's license. She was placed in the Aiken County detention center.

Lester Brown Jr., 18, also of Cole Lane in Barnwell, was charged with shoplifting and placed in the detention center.

Walker and Brown reportedly walked out of the lawn and garden entrance of

Walmart on Whiskey Road on Tuesday with a shopping cart full of toys and a purse filled with children's clothes, according to a report from the Aiken Department of Public Safety.

A Walmart loss prevention agent saw the two get into a vehicle to leave the scene and reported the vehicle to Public Safety. An officer pulled over the vehicle a short distance down Whiskey Road,

according to the report.

The officer saw the toys in the back of the vehicle, which Walker said she purchased earlier at another store but didn't have a receipt for, according to the report.

The store employee also told officers that Walker left her two children at the store when she and Brown drove away, according to the report.



Brown

Walker

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Beyoncé, Alf among write-in votes cast



Aiken County Registration and Elections volunteers Sally Beard, Kristi Betz, Gloria Staples and Amber Woodward organize the tapes from the electronic voting machines to begin counting write-in votes.

BY HALEY HUGHES
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"Not Wilson" for U.S. Congressional Second District. "Anybody else" for S.C. House District 81. Cold Creek Nurseries for Aiken County Treasurer. "Them" for School Board District 8.

In an election that was one of the most muddled in recent memory, voters displayed a sense of humor by offering up a slate of write-in candidates of historical figures, pop culture celebrities, fictional characters and John and Jane Does.

Aiken County Registration and Elections officials said it's to be expected that, whenever a ballot allows a voter to provide a write-in candidate, some interesting names appear.

There were plenty of opportunities to write in names this year because there were several locally-contested races involving write-in candidates.

Hunt; write-in Daniel Turno challenged Charles Barton for Aiken County auditor; and there were 11 write-in candidates for treasurer.

"People do it (write in quirky names) just to be silly. If only they understood we had to go through all of these," said Cynthia Holland, executive director of Aiken County Registration and Elections.

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Perhaps the granddaddy of all write-ins was the late Gov. Strom Thurmond when he was elected to

Write-ins by the numbers

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Other write-ins in last Tuesday's election included Obama, Clint Eastwood, Mickey Mouse, Mr. Alf

Filing to open for at-large seat on Council

BY HALEY HUGHES
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The candidate filing period to fill former at-large Aiken City Councilman Don Wells' seat opens Nov. 30 at noon, and the election will likely be held in March.

Also, it appears there will be a separate special election to fill the District 6 seat on Aiken County Council, which will be vacated by representative Charles Barton when he is officially appointed as auditor. There is no word yet on when the filing period will open.

Wells submitted his resignation to City Council on Monday and was sworn in as the representative of S.C. House District 81 that night.

"It was kind of a bittersweet moment," he said.

Wells was elected to the state house last Tuesday in the general election and leaves behind an unexpired term on City Council.

There is one year left on the term, so a special election must be held to fill the seat.

City Council has approved first reading of an ordinance to hold the special election on March 12. Final reading of the ordinance will be considered at City Council's Nov. 26 meeting.

In accordance with state law, filing in the primary election for the at-large City Council seat will open at noon on Friday, Nov. 30. Filing will close at noon on Monday, Dec. 10. The primary election will be on Jan. 22.

Eligible candidates can live anywhere within the City of Aiken limits because the seat is at-large. The elections will be citywide and will be conducted by the Aiken Municipal



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Obama: Voters support tax hike on wealthy



President Barack Obama

President discusses goals at first press conference since election

By **LESLEY CLARK**
McClatchy Newspapers

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Reflecting the heightened importance

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MORE INSIDE

President Obama clashed with Sens. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and John McCain, R-Ariz., over the possible appointment of Ambassador Susan Rice to secretary of state. 7A

Retired trooper kills home intruder

Investigators say former Lt. William "Chuck" Wise was attacked around 2:15 a.m. in his Bluffton home.

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MILITARY SCANDAL

Focus turns to Gen. Allen, Kelley

By **MATTHEW SCHOFIELD**
and **MICHAEL DOYLE**
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The exchange of emails between Marine Gen. John Allen, the top American military commander in Afghanistan, and a Florida woman linked to a roiling scandal

PETRAEUS TO TESTIFY ON BENGHAZI

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, chairwoman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said former CIA director David Petraeus has agreed to testify at an upcoming hearing about the September attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya. Four Americans died, including U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens.

Feinstein said she has a number of questions that still must be an-



Petraeus

Questions still surround Sen. Pinckney's residency

Leilani Bossinger, whom Pinckney beat Nov. 6 for the District 45 seat, claims Pinckney does not live in his district.

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For the second day in a row, long-time state Sen. Clementa Pinckney of



Pinckney

for state Senate or House of Representatives be legal residents of the district they want to represent when they file for office.

Her challenge filed with the S.C. Election Commission also claims Jasper County Demo-

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Recount confirms runoff

Abbeville mayoral results recertified; runoff between Anderson, Sherwood set for Tuesday

By FRANK BUMB
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ABBEVILLE — A recount for the Abbeville mayoral election took place Wednesday evening at the Abbeville County Courthouse to recertify the results of the tightly contested race. The recount confirmed the tight result of incumbent mayor Harold McNeill being

defeated and a runoff needed Tuesday between Brenda Anderson and Sarah Sherwood.

The recount had McNeill and Sherwood losing one vote each to confirm the very close race. McNeill had 650 votes to Sherwood's 671, giving Sherwood the right to face Anderson in a runoff by a mere 21 votes. Anderson's total of 842 votes remained unchanged.

Recount vote totals

■ McNeill: 650
■ Sherwood: 671
■ Anderson: 842

The recount was mandated by state law, Abbeville County Elections Director Kim London said.

"It's part of South Carolina Law, Section 7-17-280," London said.

"Where if you have a difference between two candidates under 1 percent, there is a mandatory recount."

The recount became necessary when one provisional ballot certified Friday decreased the margin between incumbent McNeill and Sherwood to 0.98 percent.

The recount took roughly four hours as technical issues plagued the Elections Commission and London.

While the 173 paper absentee ballots were, individually, processed by the M100 ballot counting machine, the computer used to register the results from the Personal Election Ballots (PEBs) was performing sluggishly the entire evening. The software needed to obtain the information off the PEBs was, at times, registering

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GIVING THANKS

GOBBLE GOBBLE

Local NWTF chapter gives 100 turkeys to charitable organizations



Executive director of the Food Bank of Greenwood County, Barbara Turnburke, loads turkeys into her truck Wednesday, in front of Greenwood Civic Center where 100 turkeys were donated by the National Wild Turkey Federation to Greenwood charities.

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Turkeys are unloaded Wednesday in front of the civic center where 100 turkeys were donated by the National Wild Turkey Federation to Greenwood charities.



By CHRIS TRAINOR
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You've never seen a frozen turkey move so fast in all your life. Representatives of numerous local charitable agencies and officials from the Neil "Gobbler" Cost chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation gathered Wednesday in the parking lot at Greenwood Civic Center as the NWTF donated a collective 100 frozen turkeys to various organizations.

The charities receiving turkeys this year were the Food Bank of Greenwood County, the Soup Kitchen,

■ ABBEVILLE MAYOR RACE

Sherwood, Anderson look to advance

Candidates urge voters to turn out

By FRANK BUMB
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The initial, three-way race to determine the next mayor of Abbeville was the standard incumbent versus challenger race: The incumbent attempts to defend their record against the challengers charges on a variety of issues.

For the Nov. 6 election between three-term incumbent mayor Harold McNeill, challengers Sarah Sherwood and Brenda Anderson used the topics of transparency, responsiveness and fiscal responsibility to convince voters a change was needed.

But after McNeill's defeat, which was confirmed in a recount Wednesday night, Sherwood and Anderson looked for new lines of dialogue to separate and advance themselves in the minds of before Tuesday's runoff election.

Anderson and Sherwood said the issues for their campaigns would be the same as would their efforts to turn voters for the runoff. Runoff elections typically see lower turnout than main election days.

"A lot of people that didn't come out for the general election, I'm asking them to come out for the next election," Anderson said. "I'm also asking those that didn't consider me to maybe consider voting for me this time around. My goal is to get everyone that voted for me back to the



SARAH SHERWOOD



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Obama pushes for higher taxes on wealthy

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Benghazi, Libya — and he delivered a heated defense of his United Nations ambassador, Susan Rice, whose name has been floated as a potential successor to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

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OBAMA DEFENDS RICE

The president defended U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice, whom Republican senators have vowed to block if she's nominated to succeed Hillary Clinton as secretary of state. To read more, see 7A.

IN BLUFFTON

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Rowell has no previous arrests in Beaufort County, according to the Beaufort County Detention Center.

Rowell lived in the area but had a home address in Alabama, according to Beaufort County Coroner Ed Allen. Rowell's body has been sent to Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston for an autopsy, Allen said.

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EYES ON SAFETY

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WIDENING MILITARY SCANDAL

Focus shifts to emails between Gen. Allen, Florida socialite

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the Sunset Avenue address he listed on his voter registration card. She claims he doesn't live



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Timrod Schoolhouse stays put — for now

Questions about ownership lead to board's denial of move to new Florence Museum



The Florence Design Review Board voted to deny a permit that would have moved the Henry Timrod Schoolhouse to the new Florence Museum.

BY CHRISTOPHER MCKAGAN
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FLORENCE — A small crowd of attendees applauded after the Florence Design Review Board voted to deny an application by the Florence Museum to relocate the Henry Timrod Schoolhouse to a courtyard inside the museum.

The board's decision derailed plans to give the historic schoolhouse, which has been moved at least three times, a more permanent resting place and to stabilize the decaying, 154-year-old structure. The schoolhouse is histori-

cally important because Timrod, whose sometimes know as the "poet laureate of the Confederacy," lived and taught there before the Civil War.

The Design Review Board's decision can be appealed the Florence City Council. It's not clear if the museum or any other party will do that.

Every member of the board voted to deny the museum's application for a certificate of appropriateness permit except J. Christopher Riddle, who abstained.

If the permit had been granted, the building would have been relocated about a mile away to a

courtyard inside the museum's new location, currently under construction on the corner of Cheves and Dargan streets in downtown Florence.

The public discussion on the issue lasted for more than an hour. A small but organized faction of area citizens expressed concerns about preserving the historical significance of the one-room building that has resided in Timrod Park for the past 75 years, and about its importance to the Timrod Park neighborhood.

Jennifer Lee, a member of the

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Crawford thought tax error was govt's fault

State representative's trial may wrap up Friday

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FLORENCE — The retrial over Florence Rep. Kris Crawford's, M.D., tax troubles entered its second day Wednesday, as the state rested its case and Crawford's attorneys began their client's defense, starting with the Republican representative testifying on his own behalf.



Crawford

Prosecutors conclude their case just after 1 p.m. with the testimony of Tony Mills, a special investigator with the S.C. Department of Revenue, who began the criminal investigation of Crawford in 2009. While Mills maintained

Crawford was ultimately responsible for filing tax returns from 2004 to 2007, he admitted after aggressive questioning from Crawford attorney Malloy McEachin that the

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Education board: Letter grades for teachers won't work

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — State education board members assured teachers Wednesday that the Education Department's proposal to give teachers letter grades will not be part of South Carolina's performance-based evaluation system, which is set to start statewide in 2014-15.

Evaluating educators on an A to F scale is not going to work, and teachers should know the board is not heading in that direc-

TOUGH TIMES IN DARLINGTON



Nancy Smothers and her son, Wayne Smothers Jr., eye the remains of Nancy and Wayne Smothers Sr.'s home on Fleming Street in Darlington. The home where Wayne Sr. was born burned Nov. 5, and the Smothers lost everything in the fire. Wayne Sr. is bedridden and awaiting a liver transplant.

Couple need home, clothes, liver

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DARLINGTON — A fire at an 85-year-old Darlington home has left Wayne and Nancy Smothers in dire straits.

They're homeless, their dog died in the fire and, worse still, Wayne is sick, awaiting a liver transplant.

The good news?

Well, they are still alive.

"We are lucky in one

WANT TO HELP?

The Smothers need clothes. Nancy wears size 3-XL shirts, 26 pants and 11 shoes. Wayne Sr. wears size 52 pants. They can be reached at 843-601-4052. They are currently staying at a Florence motel.

respect," Wayne said from his hotel room bed this week. "Nobody lost their life."

The Smothers home on Fleming Street burned about

7:30 p.m. Nov. 5. Nancy was at a fast-food restaurant getting supper for Wayne. A neighbor noticed the fire and alerted Wayne Smothers Jr., who lives next door. The younger Smothers found his father at the back door and helped him out of the house.

He then went back in thinking his mother was inside. Smoke was billowing out the back door.

"I kept hearing stuff on the other end of the house,"

the younger Smothers said Wednesday at the scene of the burned house. "All I could think of was that my momma was burning up."

Bur Brandle Morris, his fiancé, yelled that her car was not in the yard. He then left the house.

"If she hadn't hollered at me, I probably would have been killed trying to find my momma," he said.

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Secession movement gains steam in SC ... again

Online petition headed toward 25,000 signatures, official

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'Go after me'



President Barack Obama gestures as he answers a question during a news conference in the East Room of the White House in Washington on Wednesday. The president touched on various topics including the widening sex scandal among the U.S. military, UN Ambassador Susan Rice and possibly meeting with his recent presidential rival Mitt Romney.

In his first post-election news conference, Obama:

- Blasts Graham, other senators for assailing ambassador about Libya
- Vows work on avoiding 'fiscal cliff' at end of the year
- Promises work on immigration
- Says he will pursue ways to attack global-warming change
- Also says he will find way to peacefully solve nuclear standoff with Iran

By BEN FELLER
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WASHINGTON — Setting an unflinching tone for his second term, President Barack Obama on Wednesday accused two top Republican senators of lobbing outrageous criticism at his United Nations ambassador instead of confronting him directly over a deadly attack on Americans in Libya.

"They should go after me," Obama said, referring to Sens. John McCain of Arizona, his 2008 White House rival,

ing news conference, underscored how much the Libya attack shadows the president, how strongly U.N. ambassador Susan Rice is being considered for secretary of state and how eager Obama is for some fights even as he talks compromise on others.

For the first time, Obama reflected on the meaning of his re-election victory, offering a more limited reading of



Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., center, joins with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., right, the ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., left, in saying Wednesday at the Capitol that he would oppose the nomination of United Nations Ambassador Susan Rice to replace Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton because of comments she made after the deadly Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi.

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migration bill soon after his January inauguration and said he would at least pursue broader ways to attack the global-warming climate change.

Pressed on challenges abroad, Obama said he was not ready to formally recognize Syria's opposition leadership or arm it. The president also insisted there was still time to peacefully solve a nuclear standoff with Iran, saying

RMC board split over leadership

By GENE ZALESKI
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Regional Medical Center trustees have tried to elect a board chairman three times.

And for the third time, the vote has ended in an 8-8 tie.

Even so, the hospital and its patient care won't be harmed, RMC Bylaws and Nominating Committee Chair Millie Brunson said.

"We are not in danger of compromising the hospital," she said. "We are still optimistic this can be resolved."

According to the hospital's bylaws, the current chairman and other officers will serve until the end of December. But even if a chairman is not chosen by then, the current chairman will continue to serve until a successor is elected. The board chairman typically sets the agenda for the meetings.

During Monday's hospital board meeting, James Anaker, Milton Dafford, Kenneth Rickensbaker, Dr. M.S. Nassiri, Dr. George Castro, Betty Henderson, Dr. Oscar Butler Jr. and Horace James voted for Horace James to be chairman.



Ed Furtick



Horace James

The Rev. Dr. Caesar Richburg, Gladys Arends, Brunson, Danny Covington, Johnny Mallard Jr., Melvin Seabrooks, Leroy West and Edward Furtick voted to re-elect Furtick.

The matter will be taken up again at the hospital's board meeting at 5 p.m. Nov. 19. Hospital bylaws require the board to elect a chairman before electing other officers.

The tie is partly the result of the resignation of trustee Richard Stokes a few months ago for personal reasons. The hospital board typically consists of 17 members.

Twelve members are appointed by Orangeburg County Council and three are appointed by Calhoun County Council. There are also two physicians on the board.

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Haley orders agencies: Use state IT monitoring

By SEANNA ADCOX
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COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley ordered her Cabinet agencies Wednesday to use state-provided computer monitoring, as taxpayers' cost for responding to a massive security breach at South Carolina's tax collection agency continues to climb past \$14 million.

Haley said she's taking a two-pronged approach in her 16 Cabinet agencies to secure residents' personal information and prevent a future cyber-attack. While she can order only the agencies under her control, she encourages others to follow.

The Division of State Information Technology will watch

the 16 agencies' computer systems 24/7, adding around-the-clock monitoring by an employee to what it already provides. Haley said that allows someone to immediately respond to suspicious activity or viruses, no matter what the hour.

"International hackers are not going to do this 9 to 5," Haley said.

Cabinet agencies will also add a service, dubbed "the hand," which is supposed to automatically shut down a computer if a hacker is trying to transfer files out of the system.

Haley and other officials

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