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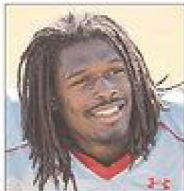
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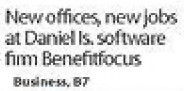
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Video a 'horror movie'

Secret tape appears to show abuse of 101-year-old patient

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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The curtains move. Fingers poke through the cloth toward the frail man confined to his hospital bed. Then arms reach out, grab and shake the man.

figure emerges and kisses the man's cheek.

Unable to escape, the 101-year-old man flails his arms. He grabs for a glass of water and dumps its contents onto the person who was supposed to be caring for him. He reaches for an electric razor, then for a phone, and tries to defend himself.

Those are the images that relatives said were captured by a hidden camera in Jesse Lee Wood's room at Mount Pleasant Manor, which Wood had planned to call home for the rest of his life.

Filmed Thursday after Wood complained about his treatment, the video led to the arrest Monday of Deamond Kimbrough, 41, a

certified nursing assistant at the Bowman Road home.

Wood's family and their attorney said the "mental and physical torture" he suffered emphasizes the need for loved ones to maintain a watchful eye on their elderly care. They also



Deamond Kimbrough is jailed in lieu of a \$100,000 bail.

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Dispute could doom Folly park



PHOTOGRAPHS BY LEON BURNELL/COMPTON

Folly Beach County Park could disappear if the Coastal Conservation League challenges an effort to stem erosion, said Tom O'Rourke, head of the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission.

Conservationists, officials at odds over repairs

BY BO PETERSEN
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FOLLY BEACH — An overwash beach is a glorified sandbar. That's now the future of the once popular, now-closed county park here.

The Coastal Conservation League is opposing a permit to let the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission build a groin into the ocean to slow erosion at the disappearing Folly Beach County Park. A project manager for the league said if the permit is granted, the league will appeal and take the case to court, if needed.

If that happens, the commission will walk away, said Executive Director Tom O'Rourke. "There will be no 'few years in court.' That beach almost isn't there now. We don't have any time to wait. We're not going to be able to save the park in the future because there's not going to be any park to save. It's now or it's gone," he said.

The conservation league's Katie Zimmerman said its staff wants to work with park and Folly Beach officials to "find a way to get people their



The Coastal Conservation League hopes to "find a way to get people their park without destroying bird habitat and literally throwing money into the sea," Katie Zimmerman said.



GALLERY
To see more photos from Folly Beach park, go to postandcourier.com/galleries.

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Schools receive \$19.4M grant

2nd major award for Charleston County

BY DIETTE COURREGÉ CASEY
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Charleston County school leaders were on the fence about whether to apply for a competitive federal grant, but they went for it because they said they believed in what the money would fund — personalized students' learning.

It paid off Tuesday when the U.S. Department of Education announced that the district was among 16 applicants to win one of the first Race to the Top District grants.

Charleston will receive \$19.4 million during the next four years to serve about 9,500 students in 19 high-need schools.

Those schools include Burke, Stall and St. John's high schools, and the elementary and middle schools that feed into them.

"What this grant truly is about is innovating and changing the way schools operate," said Superintendent Nancy McGinley. "It's not going to be the way it was when I went to school or when you went to school, because that is not how people learn. This grant enables us to redesign schools around what people need to be successful in the workplace."

The winners were the top scorers among 372 applications, and they received between \$10 million and \$40 million each, depending on the number of students served. Nearly \$400 million was awarded in this competition.

Charleston's award is significant in that it puts the district among a small group of districts garnering significant national attention. U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said the competition set a high bar for applicants to meet, and winning applications demonstrated that they

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Scott, Templeton, Jenny Sanford in Haley's final 5

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COLUMBIA — Gov. NIKKI Haley's short list to fill the U.S. Senate seat of the retiring Jim DeMint is down to five, including three from the Lowcountry, a source confirmed Tuesday.

The finalists are 1st District Rep. Tim Scott, 4th District Rep. Trey Goad, S.C. Department of



Haley

Health and Environmental Control Director Catherine Templeton, former South Carolina first lady Jenny Sanford and former S.C. Attorney General Henry McMaster.

Scott, Templeton and Sanford live in the Charleston area. When asked about the names during a stop at Boeing's North Charleston plant Tuesday, Haley

declined to confirm them as finalists.

"Only my husband knows what's in my head right now, so I'll leave it at that," she said.

Haley's comments came less than an hour after CNN first released the short list, which The Post and Courier confirmed through its own source close to the governor.

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Expert says Lattimore, far left, could go high or low; Clowney would go No.1 if he was eligible. **C1**

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RICHLAND COUNTY ELECTION MESS | FIXING THE PROBLEM

Dozens of new precincts considered

State regulations call for 1,500 voters per precinct; most Richland precincts far exceed that, resulting in the long Election Day lines

By CLIF LeBLANC
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State officials are drawing plans to create more voting precincts as a result of Richland County's Election Day fiasco

that left thousands in line for hours and disenfranchised uncounted others.

Almost 63 percent — or 78 of the county's 124 precincts — are larger than the long-ignored state standard of 1,500 regis-

tered voters per precinct. Of those 78 oversize precincts, 32 exceed the standard by more than 1,000 voters, according to the state office of research, which advises state and local authorities on voting data and vot-

ONLINE
Find the number of registered voters at each of Richland's 124 precincts at thestate.com.

ing districts.

The county's largest precinct, Parkway No. 1, with 5,529 registered voters, is 4,029 beyond the standard. Voters there cast bal-

lots at Summit Parkway Middle School.

Bobby Bowers, who leads the research and statistics division of the State Budget and Control Board, said Tuesday that members of legislative delegations from Richland and Florence counties have asked that he draft bills to be introduced next

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CIVIL RIGHTS ERA LEGEND

Coach touched all the bases



PHOTOGRAPH PROVIDED BY GUS HOLT

Lee Bennett, seated at far left, the last living coach from Charleston's 1955 Cannon Street YMCA Little League All-Star baseball team, has died.



Bennett

By PATRICK OBLEY
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CHARLESTON — Clementa Pinckney leaned in and listened intently Monday evening as the living members of the Cannon Street All-Stars regaled the gathering with feats of unintentional icons and accidental legends.

It was a time of sorrow, for the lone remaining coach of the All-Stars had

passed.

"He was a giant," said former All-Star Gus Holt. "I don't give out accolades, just like that, but he truly was."

Lee James Bennett Sr. left a legacy so rich and so full of achievement that Pinckney, a state senator from Ridgeland, was struggling with a way to touch all the bas-

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DEMINT'S SUCCESSOR

Governor's list for Senate seat down to five

By ANDREW SHAIN
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Gov. Nikki Haley's reported short list of five finalists to succeed resigning Republican U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint includes a pair of congressmen, a one-time S.C. attorney general, a state agency chief and a former first lady.



Sanford

ONLINE

Who should succeed DeMint?

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The list, provided to The State by a source close to the governor, has a clear favorite, according to veteran S.C. political observers: Tim Scott, the Tea Party-backed congressman from North Charleston who would be the first African-American U.S. senator from the South since Reconstruction if appointed.

U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-Spartanburg, is considered the other most serious candidate, but the former state solicitor does not have as big an upside as Scott, experts agreed.

Former state Attorney General Henry McMaster of Columbia, a Haley supporter with political experience, generally is not seen as being as conservative as DeMint, who was willing to be the lone dissenting vote on bills

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TODAY'S DEAL

Debate intense at Medicaid forum

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opponent.

Tony Keck, director of

points were met with guffaws from the pro-expan-

how this all plays out," Keck said. "This is the big-

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INSIDE

Graham says no to defense cuts unless entitlement spending curbed, 4A

Progress on 'cliff' possible as offers are traded

Few details emerge about
either side's compromises

By David Espo and Ben Feller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a test of divided government, President Barack Obama and House Speaker John Boehner sought an elusive compromise Tuesday to prevent economy-damaging tax increases on the middle class at year's end, conferring by phone after a secretive exchange of proposals.

Details were sparse and evidence of significant progress scarce still, although officials said the president had offered to reduce his initial demand for \$1.6 trillion in higher tax revenue over a decade to \$1.4 trillion.

There was no indication he was relenting on his insistence — strongly opposed by most Republicans — that tax rates rise for upper income brackets.

Boehner sounded unimpressed in remarks on the House floor at midday.

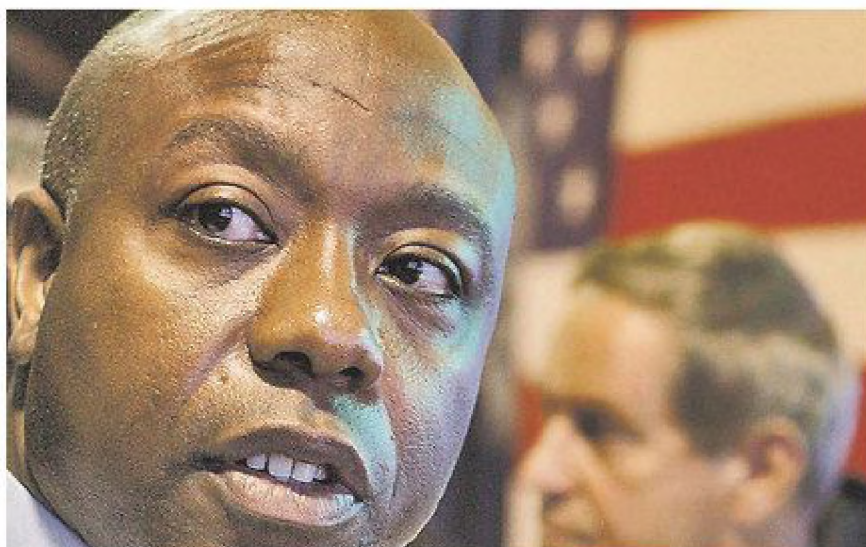
"The longer the White House slows this process, the closer our economy gets to the fiscal cliff," he said, declaring that Obama had yet to identify specific cuts to government

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House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio walks to the House floor to deliver remarks about negotiations with President Barack Obama on Tuesday. AP

CHOOSING A SENATOR



National GOP leaders are said to favor U.S. Rep. Tim Scott to replace Sen. Jim DeMint. CHRISTINA ELMORE/THE STATE

SHORT LIST A MIXED GROUP

Scott considered front-runner among picks that
include 2 who have never held elected office

By Tim Smith and Mary Orndorff Troyan
Staff writers

Gov. Nikki Haley's five finalists to succeed outgoing U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint include some who have never held elective office and some who may have been chosen as political thank-yous, some political experts say.

The five are U.S. Rep. Tim Scott of Charleston, U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy of Spartanburg, former state Attorney General Henry McMaster, Catherine Templeton, director of the state Department of Health and Environmental Control, and former first lady Jenny Sanford, a source close to the governor told GreenvilleOnline.com.

Scott and McMaster have been mentioned as possibilities

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HALEY'S SHORT LIST

In addition to U.S. Rep. Tim Scott, four other names are said to be on Gov. Nikki Haley's list to replace outgoing U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint. They are U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy; former state Attorney General Henry McMaster; former first lady Jenny Sanford; and Catherine Templeton, director of the state Department of Health and Environmental Control.

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Groups to share \$4.7M in grants

Over 60 Greenville County

were made public Wednesday during a

last year's by 8 percent, is the largest in



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Complex not to exceed \$37M

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The total cost of the new Aiken County Complex is guaranteed by contractor KBR Building Group not to exceed \$37.6 million.

Construction manager-at-risk Denny Mullis presented the

figure to County Council Tuesday, and a resolution setting the number as the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) was later unanimously approved.

The figure is \$160,000 more than what the estimated total project cost was, according to County Administrator Clay Kilian, but cuts have already

been identified that are certain to lower the guaranteed price.

For instance, he said, furniture, fixtures and equipment expenses have not been set. Those expenditures are likely to bring down the total price "pretty substantially."

Plus, the project team has incentives written into its contract to get the total cost down below \$37.6 million.

The 150,000-square-foot complex on University Parkway is expected to be complete in February 2014. The project is being funded with a mixture of Capital Projects Sales Tax money and general obligation bonds.

Work has been under way at the site since July. Mullis said the building's steel will arrive at the site today, and the building will begin to be erected soon.

Design drawings by architects McMillan Pazzan Smith show the complex with a three-story front elevation facing University Parkway, but a

two-story rear elevation facing Lincoln Avenue. Lincoln Avenue borders the back of the property.

The exterior schematics show a brick facade, a clock tower cupola, stately columns, a ground-level entrance and two curving stairways leading up to a second-floor entrance.

Exit poll: Partisanship big factor in '12 election

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Bob Botsch's class at USC Aiken has been conducting exit polls during the presidential elections since the 1980s, and this year was no different.

His students interviewed 753 voters from 10 districts across the county. Those voters completed a 39-question survey that asked everything from party affiliation to thoughts on the fiscal cliff.

According to the local exit poll, partisanship was a big factor with Republican candidate Mitt Romney pulling in 98 percent of the votes from the 52 percent who classified themselves as Republican. President Barack Obama won 94 percent of the 32 percent of voters who identified as Democrats.

Romney also won 51 percent of the Independent vote compared to 40 percent for Obama.

While the South has favored Republican in the past, some groups are trending Democrat, including voters under 30, who identified as Democrat at about 40 percent compared to 45 percent who identified as Republican. Those voters made up 16 percent of those interviewed.

Fifty-four percent of single voters were strongly Democrat compared to 29 percent who identified as Republican. Forty-one percent of non-Southerners identified as Democrat compared to 34 percent who identified as Republican.



Tea party sees decrease in Aiken County

- 43% of voters in 2010
- 30% of voters in 2012

Some Aiken County groups trending Democrat

- 54% of single voters voted Democrat
- 40% of voters under 30 voted Democrat



SOURCE: "THE 2012 ELECTION AIDEN COUNTY EXIT POLL: A DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS"

An explanation for groups trending Democrat was offered by saying they were relatively much more moderate on a range of ethnic and social issues, including, "whether Obama was a Muslim, gay marriage, feeling that blacks, Hispanics, atheists or gays have too much political power, whether to remove the Confeder-

ate flag from the State House grounds and abortion," according to the exit poll.

Support for the tea party movement declined from 2010 when 43 percent of voters supported the movement, compared to 30 percent this year.

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Jenny Sanford in Haley's five for Senate seat

SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press

Jenny Sanford, ex-wife of former S.C. governor Mark Sanford, is on Gov. Nikki Haley's short list as a finalist to replace U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint.



Haley

Haley narrowed her choice to five finalists to replace DeMint, a person close to her said Tuesday. Her short list also means South Carolina could have its first black or first female U.S. senator.

In addition to Sanford, Haley is considering U.S. Reps. Tim Scott and Trey Gowdy, state agency director Catherine Templeton and former state Attorney General Henry McMaster.

The former governor's wife became the center of a news storm in 2009, when her husband, who was governor at the time, made national headlines when he vanished from the state for five days and reporters were told he was hiking the Appalachian Trail. When he reappeared, the father of four was forced to admit to being in Argentina with a woman he later called his soul mate after a reporter from *The State* newspaper saw him get off a plane that had returned from Argentina. The couple has since divorced.

Sanford said Tuesday that she would consider taking the position if offered.

Sanford received praise across the nation for her handling of the affair and never ruled out a future in politics. The mother of four boys had run her former husband's campaigns and was his chief political consultant.

She said she has spoken to a governor's representative and that, "If asked, I'd seriously consider accepting the offer." "I'm honored to be on such a list," she said.

Haley's top 5



U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy, a former Spartanburg prosecutor



Henry McMaster, former state Attorney General



Jenny Sanford, ex-wife of former S.C. governor Mark Sanford



U.S. Rep. Tim Scott, former Charleston County Council chairman



Catherine Templeton

AREA DEATHS

Julia A. Despot, Graniteville
William Daniel, Edgefield
Larry Bonnette, Aiken
Charles Patterson, Aiken
Stephen Pitcher Groat, Aiken
Norma Dean Meyer, Aiken
Beverly Ann Rackard, North Augusta
Chester Boise Valentine, Aiken
Patricia Ann Perkins, Warrenville
Willie Gresham, Langley
Judith Workman Wilkerson, Martinez, Ga.
Anthony N. Patrick, Bowling Green, Ky.
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Future of SRS is topic of presentation today

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Being a site for storage and possibly recycling of the nation's spent nuclear fuel could be in the future of the Savannah River Site, and a presentation Thursday may offer a blueprint.

The Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council is scheduled to hear a presentation from Areva Federal Services Technology Director Paul Murray on "Interim Storage and Recycling of UNF (Used Nuclear Fuel)."

SRS is one of many sites with some level of interest in temporary storage facilities being constructed.

The permanent home of the nation's spent fuel has been in limbo since President Barack Obama authorized the Yucca

Services project to build the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility.

More than 75,000 tons of nuclear waste were to be buried deep inside a Nevada mountain. In the wake of the decision to close Yucca, a Blue Ribbon Commission formed. It suggested interim storage sites could safely be used to store the materials until a permanent solution was found.

This presentation has become a rallying point for anti-nuclear and environmentalist groups looking to make it clear that they do not want SRS to become a temporary or permanent "Yucca Mountain."

The Blue Ribbon Commission recommended a "consent-based approach to siting future nuclear waste storage and disposal facilities," noting that trying to force such facilities "on unwilling states, tribes,



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Bixby PCR hearing continues

US Attorney, clinical social worker called to stand

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ABBEVILLE — Testimony continued Tuesday in the post-conviction relief hearing of convicted cop-killer Steven V. Bixby.

Bixby is on death row for the Dec. 8, 2003 shooting deaths of Abbeville County Sheriff's Office Deputy Danny "Danny Boy" Wilson and Constable Donnie

Ouzts. Bixby has been in the Abbeville courtroom for this week's proceedings, accompanied by numerous heavily armed South Carolina Department of Corrections personnel.

Post-conviction relief hearings are often conducted in an attempt to get a new trial for convicted criminals, particularly in death penalty cases.

The hearing began Monday, with Bixby's attorneys calling a number of wit-

nesses, most notably University of Pennsylvania school of medicine professor Ruben Gur, who testified Bixby has brain damage and schizophrenia.

On Tuesday, Bixby's lawyers called two more witnesses: licensed clinical social worker Rebecca Kendig and U.S. Attorney William Nettles. While he is now a prosecutor, in 2007 Nettles was in private

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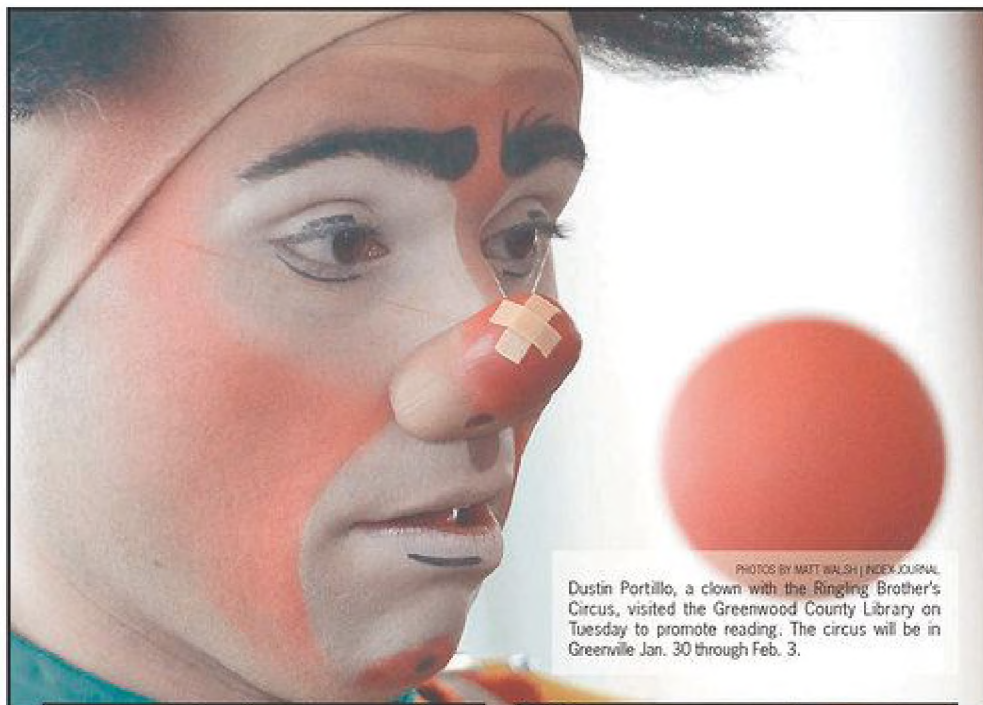


U.S. Attorney William Nettles, testifies Tuesday during the post-conviction relief hearing of convicted murderer Steven Bixby.

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INDEXJOURNAL

GREENWOOD COUNTY LIBRARY

CLOWNIN' AROUND



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Dustin Portillo, a clown with the Ringling Brother's Circus, visited the Greenwood County Library on Tuesday to promote reading. The circus will be in Greenville Jan. 30 through Feb. 3.



Dustin Portillo juggles for an audience Tuesday at the Greenwood County Library.



Dustin Portillo high fives an audience member Tuesday at the Greenwood County Library.

GREENWOOD COUNTY

Council debates airport funding

Airport needs \$150K for improvements

By SCOTT J. BRYAN
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To fund or not to fund, that is the question.

Greenwood County Council faced a philosophical query Tuesday afternoon during its administration and finance meeting: Should the county fund capital improvements at the airport or should the airport be self-sufficient?

Much like Shakespeare, the debate was exhausting and long-winded.

Greenwood County Airport manager Robbie Corwon discussed capital improvements with County Council, informing the five council members — Bob Jennings and Patrick Moody were not in attendance — of a fast-approaching deadline to receive federal grants.

Corwon must submit a capital improvements project plan by Dec. 31 to the Federal Aviation Administration.

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ROBBIE TEMPLETON

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Funeral businesses say preneed contracts legit

Fraud crime in Cheraw isolated, according to state industry officials

BY TRACI BRIDGES
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FLORENCE — The recent indictment of a former Cheraw funeral home owner on charges he violated preneed funeral contracts has many asking questions about such contracts and if they are a good idea.

Last week, Hubert Craig Norton, former owner of

Norton Funeral Home in Cheraw, was indicted on 106 counts of violating the Prenneed Funeral Contracts Law and breach of trust with fraudulent intent.

But those in the funeral business say the situation in Cheraw is an isolated one and those who are considering a prepaid funeral contract should not be discouraged by it.

"We as an association

are constantly working to get laws passed that give consumers more and more protection," Mike Squires, executive director of the S.C. Funeral Directors Association, said.

A.S.C. Department of Consumer Affairs investigation into Norton's dealings revealed that he sold preneed funeral contracts without a license and failed to put funds in a trust account as

the law requires.

This is the first case of its kind in South Carolina, and Squires said there are checks and balances in place to make sure it doesn't become a regular occurrence.

"There's so much oversight that it does not take long for something to come to light," he said, adding that

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PROTECTING YOURSELF

You will need to contact the following agency to determine if a funeral home is licensed to sell preneed funeral contracts or to file a complaint regarding such contracts:

S.C. Department of Consumer Affairs
P.O. Box 5757
Columbia, SC 29250
803-734-4200

You may contact the following agency to determine if a funeral director is licensed to sell a preneed life insurance policy to fund a preneed contract:

S.C. Department of Insurance
300 Arbor Lake Drive - Suite 1200
Columbia, SC 29223
800-768-3467

RECOGNIZING THE FIGHT



Florence city firefighters Tim Young and Chris Barnwell unveil the Daniels, Hawkins, Quillens, Sanders, Sims Small Fire Station during the renaming ceremony of the station on East Marion Street on Tuesday in Florence. The station is named in honor of the six first black firefighters to serve in the City of Florence Fire Department in the 1950s. Relatives and Hosea Quillens, along with other local politicians, were on hand to watch the unveiling.

'Florence 6' put out all kinds of fires



Hosea Quillens walks out of the station he worked as a lieutenant at from its opening in 1974 until his retirement in 1987.

The city's first black firefighters honored with station renaming

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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FLORENCE — In 1953, the City of Florence hired six firefighters at the North Florence Fire Station, but those six men not only fought fires, they fought for equality during a challenging time in a dark chapter of race relations in the South and America.

Florence's first black firefighters —

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Florence

Council digs into lending at banks

Report showing mortgage discrimination draws attention

BY JOHN SWEENEY
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FLORENCE — A day after revelations of possible discriminatory lending practices by local banks, some members of the Florence City Council said they will not take action until more information is presented, even as city officials moved to meet with officials from a number of local banks.

A report delivered to council on Monday by Scotty Davis, the city's community development director, suggested that whites are twice as likely as African-Americans to receive a loan, and blacks and other minorities will pay a higher interest rate even when they do get a loan.

But Mayor Stephen J. Wukela said more information is needed.

"Unfortunately, the information that our staff had available to them only gave us statistics on denials and the race of the applicant," said Wukela. "What we really need to know is the basis for the denial so we can evaluate those statistics and determine what they really mean."

Added Councilman Buddy Brand, "It's a

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Safety board urges car locks for all drunken drivers

BY BART JANSEN
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — All people

legislatures, which is non-binding, goes to 33 states that don't currently require interlock devices for all convicted offenders.

cohort. The device won't allow the vehicle to start until the motorist passes the test.

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tion was based on a study of accidents involving wrong-way drivers, such as entering a highway on an exit ramp or simply

accidents are among the most deadly types of motor vehicle accidents" they usually occur at high speed and are primarily



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People have been giving Wednesday's trifecta of 12s a lot of thought.

12-12-12 — just like 10-10-10 or 11-11-11, when thousands insisted on getting married to avoid putting too much thought into remembering their anniversaries — is the last chance for nuptials on a "consecutive number sequence date" this century.

There are those who don't think we'll make it past Wednesday, however, due to some cataclysmic event, including a prediction of the biblical

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we are all still here on Thursday, we still have to contend with the end of the Mayan calendar on 12-21-12.

While many in the world are worried about what Wednesday will bring, one little boy in Alabama is probably not.

Kiam Moriya of Birmingham is instead more likely excited about his pending birthday. He will turn 12 years old on 12-12-12, at 12:12 p.m. To celebrate, Moriya has requested Krispy Kreme doughnuts arranged in a figure "12".

According to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Moriya is likely not alone. The CDC reports that some 4 million babies were born in the U.S. in 2000. On average, that would come to nearly 11,000 babies a day, or approximately eight per minute.

Also celebrating Dec. 12 birthdays are former "The Price Is Right" host Bob Barker, who will be 89, singers Connie Francis, 75, and Dionne Warwick, 72; Allman Brothers singer-guitarist Dickey Betts, 69; and actresses Jennifer Connelly, 42, and Mayim Bialik, 37.

Here are some more 12-12-12 tidbits, courtesy of various websites:

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'I stabbed her'



Cleophus Edwards, right, seated next to defense attorney Mark Wise, is on trial for the 2011 death of Janessa Hanton.

VIDEO PLAYED OF CONFESSION
IN SLAYING OF BABYSITTER

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Prosecutors introduced a video Tuesday of an Orangeburg man confessing to slaying a Goff Avenue woman in 2011.

During the opening day of his murder trial, Cleophus N. Edwards, 27, sat listening as tape played of him telling authorities about a day of depression that led to the brutal stabbing death of Carolynne Janese Hanton.

"She started screaming, she started hitting me," could be heard on the audio portion of the video. "I had a knife. I stabbed her."

Edwards is on trial for the 2011 death of Hanton at her Goff Avenue residence. She was babysitting four children ranging in age from infant to toddler when



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Carolynne Hanton was babysitting four children when an intruder stabbed her multiple times.

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No testimony was introduced Tuesday that indicated the children witnessed her slaying.

Hanton has been described as a church choir member, children's minister and longtime member of St. Paul's Baptist Church.

Edwards is a former South Carolina State University student from Florida who had been arrested in the Palmelto State only once before. In late 2009, he was charged with third-degree burglary and sentenced to probation.

The Florida native was arrested 13 days after the fatal stabbing when probation officers and deputies served a warrant on him for probation violations.

While officers were at Edwards' Campus Drive residence, they discovered a red laptop similar to the one that had been reported stolen during Hanton's murder, which occurred less than a mile away.

After being taken into custody, Edwards asked to speak with then-probation agent Johnny Thrower, who is now an investigator with the sheriff's office.

Thrower testified that when he spoke with the suspect, Edwards indicated he "messed up" and was involved in Hanton's murder.

"He said he could not get her to stop screaming, he blacked out," Thrower said.

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DeMINT SEAT

Haley
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now 5

By SEANNA ADDOX
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COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley has narrowed her choice to five finalists to replace U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint, a person close to her said Tuesday. Her short list means South Carolina could have its first black or first female U.S. senator.

The person with knowledge of the process said the Republican governor was choosing among U.S. Reps. Tim Scott and Trey Gowdy, former first lady Jenny Sanford, state agency director Catherine Templeton, and former state Attorney General Henry McMaster.

The source requested anonymity because the person isn't authorized to speak about the choice publicly, Sanford said Tuesday that she would consider taking the position if offered.

DeMint, considered a conservative kingmaker, announced last week that he was resigning, effective Jan. 1, to take the helm of the Heritage Foundation. He will become president of the national conservative think tank in April.

State law gives Haley sole authority to pick DeMint's replacement until 2014, when voters will choose who fulfills the final two years of his term.

Haley has ruled out the possibility of sending herself to the Senate or appointing a "place holder" for two years. Haley also said she will not run for the seat in 2014.

Haley's short list consists of colleagues and supporters.

"Nikki's known all of them and seen them work and fight for the things they believe in," the source said. "She appreciates the relationship she has with them and thinks they would be great senators."

Both Scott and Gowdy were elected last month to their second terms in Congress.

Scott, a former Charleston County Council chairman,

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