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I-526 referendum on agenda

Charleston County Council to vote on issue Tuesday

BY DIANE KNICH
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In a quick and unexpected move,
Charleston County Council will de-
cide Tuesday whether to ask voters in
the November election whether they
support the controversial completion
of the Mark Clark Expressway across

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Johns and James Islands.

The proposal council will consider
bringing to voters rules out the state

Department of Transportation's pre-
ferred alternative for the road, the
parkway-style Alternative G. But it does
not specify whether the road would be a
more traditional, high-speed interstate
highway or take some other form.
Councilman Vic Rowd requested

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If you go

WHAT: Charleston County
Council committee and coun-
cil meetings

WHEN: 5 p.m. Tuesday

WHERE: Second floor, Lonnie
Hamilton, II Public Services
Building, 4045 Bridge View
Drive, North Charleston

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Grand opening

Weather clears for ideal conditions in first round of final major



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In Sports

An 8-page section on the
PGA Championship

Inside

Haley woos CEOs
at Ocean Course. A9

Father, son choose bikes
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With a backdrop of spectators lining the water at the 17th hole, defending PGA champion Keegan Bradley and his caddy head to the green during the 94th PGA Championship at the Ocean Course on Kiawah Island. The weather improved Thursday, allowing for uncharacteristically low scores in the first round. Carl Pettersson owns a one-shot lead heading into the second day. For more, see Page C1.

Turning school spirit into cash

BY BO PETERSEN

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KIAWAH ISLAND — In the
steaming midday heat, sun gleams
off the windshields of nearly 8,000
cars and trucks. Aurelia Furman
tries to find shade in the thin slit of a
shadow from a pole.

But when a Cadillac SUV pulls
down the dirt lane to their parking
row, she's back out there, lining up
with Savannah Boykin and Whitney
Benson to flag down and smoothly
direct the car into place.
It's hot, but this work is for their
parents, their school, their volleyball
team. The three seniors are among

80 students, teachers and a few par-
ents from St. John's High School on
Johannes Island, who are putting in six-
hour shifts helping park cars for the
PGA Championship. They work in
the massive grass lots around Fresh-
fields Village.

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ANDREW KNAPP/PA

Andrew King, 30, a resident of Kentwood Circle on
James Island, said he's worried that a pack of dogs
roaming the community will prey on his cat, Butter-
cup, pictured here.

Feral dogs blamed for cat deaths

James Is. residents fear for pets' safety after attacks

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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A piercing cry from Andrew King's
pint-size Chihuahua awakened the
James Island man and his wife one re-
cent evening. But it was the cacophony
of barks and growls outside that had
the dog bawling.

King stepped from his Kentwood
Circle house and into the dark of
night. Buttercup, his cat, paced on the
driveway and meowed at the commo-
tion down an adjacent cul-de-sac.

That's where King saw seven
medium-size dogs sinking their teeth
into his neighbor's cat. King, 30, yelled
and flailed his arms, a display that
scared off the pack.

But it was too late. The cat later
would die.
What King initially figured was an
isolated incident became a general fear
for his own small pets this week when
he heard that the feral dogs had been
constantly preying on other helpless

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VIDEO

To see an
interview with
neighbors,
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PGA AT KIAWAH: JOOST LUITEN, BELOW, LED EARLY BUT CARL PETTERSSON IS ON TOP NOW. **C1****STATE WORKERS' INSURANCE PAYMENTS**

Haley's action splits GOP; legislative leaders rip increase

"Ask anybody in the private sector if they get the benefits that state employees get."

Gov. Nikki Haley,
R-Lexington



State likely to face lawsuit for hiking employees' tab after budget adopted

By ADAM BEAM
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The state Legislature's two top Republicans on Thursday blasted the GOP-controlled State Budget and Control Board for raising health insurance costs for state workers.

The president of the state Senate demanded the board reverse itself, and the speaker of the S.C. House predicted the move will lead to a costly class-action lawsuit that the state will lose.

In July, state lawmakers voted overwhelmingly not to raise the out-of-pocket costs that state workers pay for

their health insurance. But the Budget and Control Board raised those costs anyway Wednesday, at the request of first-term Republican Gov. Nikki Haley.

State Sen. John Courson of Richland County, the president pro tempore of the Senate, said Thursday the Budget and Control Board acted illegally, citing the opinion of the Senate's attorneys.

In a news release with two Democrats, Courson called on the board to "convene immediately" and reverse its

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"The governor ... cannot legislate, any more than the courts can."

Senate president John Courson, R-Richland



The state will lose expected class-action lawsuit, costing more money.

House Speaker Bobby Harrell, R-Charleston



NORTH COLUMBIA City attacks crime 1 house at a time

By NOELLE PHILLIPS
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An excavator's clawed bucket smashed into the roof of an abandoned home on Norman Street in north Columbia on Thursday afternoon as city officials attempted to clean up a neighborhood.

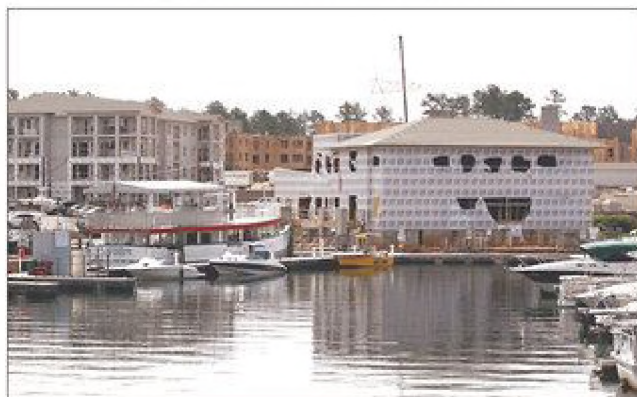
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Watch the teardown in our video and check out a photo gallery, with this story at thestate.com.

The home at 4908 Norman St. had been vacant for years, and Columbia police blamed it on crimes ranging from disorderly conduct to drugs to rape. Deputy Chief Ruben Santiago said police had responded to 20 calls on the block within the past 15 months.

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COMING SUNDAY

LUXURY AT LAKE MURRAY



C. ALUKA DEJURY/CADREPHOTO.COM

Construction is winding down on the Liberty on the Lake restaurant, right, and The Residence at Marina Bay apartments, left, along Lake Murray. The complex will also include a marina and docks.

Rent your place at the lake; upscale apartments open soon

By JEFF WILKINSON
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Luxury living at Lake Murray used to mean buying a lot and building a house or ponying up for an existing

ONLINE
An online map and gallery of photographs of The Residence at Marina Bay, at thestate.com.

Man has another brush with West Nile

By JOEY HOLLEMAN
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Three years to the week after John Ureda contracted the West Nile virus that nearly killed him, a dead bird was found in Ureda's yard in Shandon.

Ureda got word from state health officials Thursday that the bird tested positive for West Nile virus.

Ureda isn't worried for

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Phillips to leave athletics job

Decade of service at
Clemson highlighted by
facility upgrades

By Mandrallius Robinson
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CLEMSON — As Clemson University President James Barker detailed a legacy of aggressive development and ethical integrity, Terry Don Phillips sat completely composed.

At times, he stared reflectively. Other times, he smiled proudly.

Phillips' composure wasn't broken until he shared the primary reason why he decided to announce his retirement on Thursday after 10 years as Clemson's athletic director.

He needed an entire minute to muster the sentence through tears.

"I'm very blessed to have a wonderful wife," he said before pausing, "and it's important that we have more time together."

Phillips, 64, said he and his wife, Tricia, have been seriously discussing his potential retirement for about a year and a half.

After more than five decades in

INSIDE

Phillips did Clemson's heavy lifting, 1C

sports, which included stops at Florida, Oklahoma State, Missouri, Virginia Tech, Liberty, Louisiana-Lafayette and his alma mater, Arkansas, Phillips concluded that now was simply the right time.

"I can remember back in Texas, we used to play football in grade school, and I can remember starting when I was in fifth grade," Phillips said.

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Terry Don Phillips fights back tears as he announces his retirement as Clemson athletic director. BART BOATWRIGHT/STAFF



TOXIC CHALLENGE

State among worst polluters,
even as emissions drop

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While South Carolina has again been ranked as one of the worst states for air pollution, Duke Energy says it is leading the effort to change that with new technology and the planned closure of coal plants, including this one in Pelzer. PATRICK COLLARD/STAFF

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Health costs rise despite new plans

Survey: Workers here
pay more to premiums

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More South Carolina businesses are offering high-deductible and consumer-driven health plans in an effort to hold down the rising costs of coverage, a new survey shows.

But insurance costs have gone up about 9 percent in the past two years in the Palmetto State anyway, according to David Slade, vice president of employee benefits for Rosenfeld Einstein, the insurance brokerage in Greenville which released the survey today.

More than 130 companies participated in the survey, which is conducted every two years, ranging from manufacturing, construction and government to health care, financial services and technology.

"Manufacturing is still hugely important, yet we continue to see growth in services and knowledge-based organizations," said Howard Einstein, principal of the brokerage. "The diversity of these participating companies really bears out this transition in our state."

The survey found that high-deductible plans are offered by 60 percent of businesses in the state, up from 46 percent in 2010.

These plans offer lower premiums for both company and employee, Slade said. But employees must pay higher deductibles than with preferred provider plans, or PPOs, though many also include a health savings account that employers often contribute to, he said.

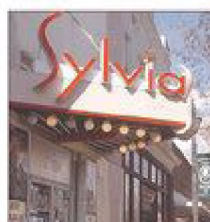
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Richburg suspect in court



Antwan Terrill White, the man accused of shooting and killing Michael Jermaine Terry after he allegedly raped White's relative, had his first appearance in magistrate court Thursday morning in Chester before Judge Lonnie Sloan.

21-year-old facing murder charge maintains innocence

By Jonathan McFadden
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CHESTER — Escorted by two detention center officers, a Richburg man accused of killing the man police say raped a 16-year-old faced a Chester County magistrate for the first time Thursday morning and declined to say anything more than he had to.

Standing before Judge Lonnie Sloan, Antwan Terrill White replied with nods and a mumbled question about whether his bond would be set that day as his rights and charge were read aloud in a magistrate's courtroom.

Deputies on Wednesday afternoon arrested White, 21, and charged him with murder after they say he shot and killed Michael Jermaine Terry.

On July 29, police say Terry, 39, of Lancaster, went to the 16-year-old girl's Richburg home and raped her in the woods. Then, within the next hour, officials found him dead in the roadway, a half-mile away from the girl's home.

The Herald is not naming the road or detailing how White knew the girl to protect her identity.

Chester County Coroner Terry Tinker pronounced Terry dead at 10:07 p.m.

A police report says the rape and homicide occurred sometime between 9 and 9:48 p.m.

An arrest warrant alleges that White shot Terry

once in the chest and then again in the head. Authorities said they were unable to find a gun or any shell casings at the scene.

Last week, Chester County Sheriff Richard Smith said his office sent forensic and ballistics evidence to the State Law Enforcement Division for analysis. He said Thursday that evidence hasn't yet returned.

Almost a week before White's arrest, Smith said investigators "had an idea" who shot Terry, but at the time, he would not elaborate.

He said on Thursday that investigators are not looking at any other suspects.

White maintains his innocence, said Mike Lifsey, Sixth Circuit chief public defender, whose office is expected to represent White in the case. Lifsey declined further comment.

Officials arrested White, who doesn't have a criminal history as an adult, at his home after receiving a tip that might have implicated him in Terry's murder.

Thursday morning, White held his gaze to the floor as he walked into the courtroom and stood before Sloan.

The judge asked White if he understood the charge against him. White nodded.

Sloan listed White's rights, including a jury trial, an

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Jury to decide what is fact in Richburg death of alleged rapist

CHESTER — In comic books and movies, Batman wears a cape. In real life Thursday, a man who some say is the avenger of a horrible deed wore handcuffs.

There is no pat on the back from the police for killing even the alleged vilest criminal in real life if the killing does not have legal justification.

What there is is a burly jailer waking you up from a cell saying it's time to be told by a judge. "Mr. White, you have a charge of murder."

Just minutes after Antwan Terrill White, that 21-year-old man with no criminal record, was asked by a judge Thursday morning if he understood the murder charge in the shooting death of an alleged rapist, tables were filled at Gene's Restaurant in downtown Chester.

Gene's is where all news in Chester County is digested right along with the grits over breakfast.

At one long table sat 12 men, same number you'd find in a criminal court jury. Fathers of daughters, grandfathers of granddaughters, brothers of sisters.

Juries decide if somebody is guilty.

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Sign up to watch Obama in Charlotte

DNC organizers unveil 'community credentials'

By April Bethea
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CHARLOTTE — People hoping to be in the audience as President Barack Obama addresses the Democratic National Convention now have a way to try to get seats.

On Thursday, organizers unveiled a site to apply for a "community credential" to get inside Bank of America stadium for Obama's Sept. 6 speech. Vice President Joe Biden is expected to speak just before the president.

"Tens of thousands" of the credentials will be distributed, with the majority going to people from North Carolina and some surrounding states, said Joanne Peters, press secretary for the Democratic National Convention Committee.

Distribution of community credentials will be handled by Obama campaign offices in states. Details about how the process will work in North Carolina will be announced later, said Cameron French, the Obama campaign's spokesman in the Tar Heel state. But anyone wanting to apply for one should first sign up at barackobama.com/community-credentials/.

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Who will pay for health care law tax hikes?

By Connie Cass
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Who gets thumped by higher taxes in President Barack Obama's health care law? The wealthiest 2 percent of Americans will take the biggest hit, starting next year. And the pain will be shared by some who aren't so well off — people swept up in a hodgepodge of smaller tax changes that will help finance health coverage for millions in need.

For the vast majority of people, however, the health care law won't mean sending more money to the IRS.

And roughly 20 million people eventually will benefit from tax credits that start in 2014 to help them pay insurance premiums.

The tax increases — plus a mandate that nearly everyone have health coverage — are helping make the law an election-year scorcher. Obama is campaigning on the benefits for the uninsured, women and young adults. Mitt Romney, and Republican lawmakers are vowing to repeal "Obamacare," saying some health care reforms are needed, but not at this cost.

Lots of the noise is about the financial consequences for people who decline to get coverage and businesses that don't offer their workers an adequate health plan. Some 4 million individuals without insurance are expected to pay about \$55 billion over eight years, according to the Congressional Budget Office's estimates. Employers could be dinged an estimated \$306 billion for failing to meet the mandate, which starts in 2014.

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"I don't see him doing that. All we can do is take his word on it and go from there."

Reggie Harris,

Pointing to his son's lack of a prior criminal history and his telling police that he didn't do it



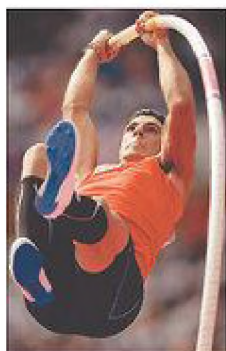
Golden victory

Women's soccer turns around last year's painful Cup loss **B1**

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Chile's Gonzalo Barroilhet competes in the pole vault during the decathlon in the Olympic Stadium in London on Thursday.

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COUNTRY	G	S	B	TOT
United States	38	25	26	89
China	37	24	19	80
Russia	12	21	23	56
Britain	25	13	14	52
Germany	10	16	11	37
Japan	5	13	14	32
Australia	6	13	10	29
France	8	9	12	29
South Korea	12	7	6	25
Italy	7	6	6	19
Netherlands	5	5	6	16
Canada	1	5	9	15
Hungary	8	4	3	15
Brazil	2	2	7	11
Spain	2	7	2	11
Belarus	3	3	4	10
New Zealand	3	2	5	10
Ukraine	3	1	6	10
Denmark	2	4	3	9
Iran	4	4	1	9
Jamaica	3	3	3	9
Kazakhstan	6	0	3	9
Poland	2	1	6	9
Romania	2	5	2	9
Cuba	3	3	2	8
Czech Rep.	2	3	3	8
Kenya	2	2	3	7
Sweden	1	3	3	7
Colombia	0	3	3	6
Azerbaijan	0	2	3	5
Mexico	0	3	2	5
North Korea	4	0	1	5
South Africa	3	1	1	5
Ethiopia	2	0	2	4
Croatia	2	1	1	4
India	0	1	3	4
Slovakia	0	1	3	4
Slovenia	1	1	2	4
Armenia	0	1	2	3

Downtown ice skating likely

Outdoor rink is planned for fall in Morgan Square

BY LYNNE P. SHACKLEFORD
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A contribution by an anonymous supporter could make ice skating in Morgan Square a reality by this fall.

Spartanburg City Council will discuss the proposal during its meeting on Monday, but proponents already are excited by the propo-

sition of ice skating in the grassy area near Church Street, just east of the fountain.

Mayor Junie White said an ice skating rink would benefit residents, downtown businesses and those who live outside the city.

"This would be a huge catalyst for a lot of positive developments," White said. "It would help restaurants and stores and would be a real economic boost to the downtown area as well as attract people who might not otherwise come downtown."

Spartanburg Downtown Association Direc-

tor Kathy Chandler said she produced Dickens of a Christmas, a downtown holiday celebration, last year and thought at that time that having an ice skating rink in downtown would be exciting, fun and beneficial to downtown businesses.

"The downtown association is nonprofit, so there's no way we could pull it off, but if the city can, I can't tell you how exciting it will be," said Chandler, who visited the outdoor ice

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Stranded owl returns to the wild



Lily Quillan, a great horned owl that was found about five months ago on the Milliken grounds, looks around after being released from a cage before flying off, at top, on Thursday at the Roger Milliken Memorial Grove and Arboretum. The inset photo below, which was provided, shows the owl shortly after her rescue in March. See gallery of photos from Lily's release at GoUpstate.com.



Lily Quillan flourished at PAWS wildlife sanctuary

Great horned owl

Found from the Arctic tundra to the tropical rainforest, from the desert to suburban backyards, the great horned owl is one of the most widespread and common owls in the world.



**Clemson AD
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More Christmas lights on the way



**CHARLIE
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New animated light displays to supplement Uptown decorations during holidays

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In the last two years, the City of Greenwood has focused on upgrading its Uptown Christmas decorations.

That trend will continue this year as the city is set to place several animated light displays in the

Uptown area during the holidays. Uptown Greenwood manager Laura Ackerman detailed the plans for the additional lighting during this week's Greenwood City Council work session.

The additional lighting is the latest piece in an initiative to make Uptown Greenwood a regional lighting destination during the Christmas season.

City manager Charlie Barrineau said City Council

approved a budget of \$50,000 per year for three years (2010-12) from local hospitality tax funding to develop and improve its holiday lighting.

Barrineau said funding has been used in a number of ways, such as infrastructure for underground electrical wiring, conduit and connections. In 2010,

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FIRE ANTS

FAMILIAR FOES

Allergic reaction to bite rare; natural remedies available to relieve pain

By **JOSEPH SITARZ**
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**JAMES
HODGES**

It doesn't matter if there are more or less fire ants this summer — numbers have nothing to do with pain of their bite. Most of the time, there's more than one bite, which can be not only painful, but annoying.

Rarely does someone have an allergic reaction that puts them in dire straits. "The ant doesn't actually bite," said Dr. Scott Smith, who is with Self Regional group's Express Medical Care on Rock Creek Boulevard. "It's a sting. They're related to wasps and bees."

According to S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, fire ants grab with jaws and strike with stingers. The stingers contain venom. "They may bite with their mouth, but then they sting with their bottoms," Smith said. "They inject a chemical that's mostly formic acid, but it's got a little bite of the ant's natural juices in it, and that's why some people have an allergic reaction."

Smith, who specializes in family practice, said having an allergic reaction to fire ant bites is rare.

For most people, fire ant stings are mild irritants, according to S.C. DHEC; however, about 1 person in 200 is seriously allergic to fire ant stings and the stings of other insects, such as bees, wasps and yellow jackets.

"Everybody that gets bitten usually gets a little red spot that hurts and itches," Smith said. "After a day or two, it makes a pimple. It looks like an infected spot."

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Fire ants crawl on blades of grass after being disrupted.

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"Everybody that gets bitten usually gets a little red spot that hurts and itches. After a day or two, it makes a pimple."

— Dr. Scott Smith
Self Regional group's Express Medical Care

The little red spot on the arm, at left, is a fresh fire ant bite.

■ COVERAGE

Who pays?

Health care law's tax hikes coming

By **CONNIE CASS**
Associated Press

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ROMNEY**

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PHOTOS BY JESSICA NEUMS | THE JOURNAL
Bi-Lo Produce Manager Nicholas Clayton stocks various greens. Experts say higher commodity prices on various goods are driving the price of groceries up for the average consumer.

Food prices going up, up, up

BY JESSICA SIBLEY
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Families across the nation are feeling the pinch when it comes to buying groceries — and the Upstate is no exception.

Thanks to a combination of drought conditions that devastated corn crops and rising fuel prices, experts are telling families to brace for a higher food bill, at least until the next growing season begins.

Tracey McDouglas, a single mother of three, said she is used to spending about \$45 for seven days worth of groceries, but that hasn't been the case for about a month.

"I'm easily paying about \$15 or \$20 more for my usual items," she said. "I like to eat healthy, so I'm seeing a big change in the produce and meat departments."

Which is exactly where Clemson extension expert Danny Howard said most people would see the main difference.

"The drought is really hurting our corn crop," Howard said. "And corn impacts everything from dairy to meat. Things like milk, meats and eggs will be impacted the most. We are seeing about a 5 percent increase on all of these things and that won't get better until the next growing season."

Jody Martin, representative



Food prices, for a variety of reasons, are going up across the nation with little relief in sight.

with Palmetto Consulting Solutions, said commodity prices are a large factor behind the higher prices as well.

"Commodity prices bounce around," Martin said. "But, if it's around \$8 for a bushel of

corn, farmers can't feed their livestock unless they dish out more money. That all trickles down to the consumer, but there is no telling how long that could take. Take gas prices for example. Even when the price of a barrel of crude oil drops, we don't feel it at the pump until sometime after. That's what's happening here. Relief isn't in sight any time soon."

According to Clemson Extension, the drought impacted more than 85 percent of the corn crop nationwide, which is the nation's leading farm export.

Howard also pointed out that with higher gas prices, the cost to transport food inevitably follows suit.

When it comes to the drought, farmers are hoping to never see high temperatures like 2012 yielded, as it is already the hottest year on record in the United States.

"Thankfully, I'm not in the corn business, but I am in the business of producing sweet and delicious strawberries," said Long Creek Farmer Mitchell Endler. "I didn't have a great year, but I have a lot of farming buddies that are just hanging on by a thread. It's a scary thing when you're at the mercy of something you simply can't control."

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Not on Sundays

School board addresses site work at new Walhalla High School



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The new Walhalla High School's building site recently experienced several lost days due to heavy rains. Although cognizant that make-up time is needed to catch up on work, School District of Oconee County administrators and school board members would prefer that work not take place on Sunday.

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SALEM — The Oconee County School Board of Trustees understands the need to catch up on working days lost to rain at the new Walhalla High School construction. However, they would prefer it not take place on Sundays.

During the school board's annual retreat held Wednesday at Devil's Fork State Park, some board members said they had received complaints from residents who had witnessed work crews at the site on more than one Sunday.

"I said (to callers who had complained) that we had adopted a policy that they not work on Sunday," said Rosemary Bailes, who represents the Walhalla area of District 2. "But the ox may be in the ditch (alluding to a Bible verse about the necessity for some types of work on the Lord's day) when we're running behind schedule."

Michael Thorsland, assistant superintendent for operational services, confirmed to the board that some site work had indeed taken place on a couple of Sundays. Thorsland added

that he suggested to site officials the possibility of working 12 hours, rather than 10 hours per day during the week, to make up for lost time.

"They said the 10-hour day is easier for scheduling employees and breaks," Thorsland said. "They're mainly working 10-hour days, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., six days a week."

District Superintendent Mike Lucas said that while he requested to officials that Sunday work be avoided if necessary, he added, "I think they need to set their schedule."

School Board Vice-chairman Jerry Lee agreed.

"We signed a contract with them to complete their work in a specified time, so I don't know if we should tell them when they can work," Lee said. "I just don't want to see us get behind schedule this early."

The new Walhalla High will be on the west side of S.C. Highway 11, one mile north of the S.C. Highway 183 intersection and a little more than three miles from its current site. It remains on schedule for a January 2013 opening.

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Will the rebellion start in Darlington?

Military thinkers use Pee Dee community as flashpoint for article on insurrection planning

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» The full article of Darlington's future "insurrection" is online at www.smallwarsjournal.com.

DARLINGTON — A Tea Party-based militia, upset with national policy and a still-sluggish economy, takes over the city of Darlington, occupies city hall, puts the mayor under house arrest, disarms the police department and sheriff's office and sets

up road blocks on I-95 where members stop passing motorists in search of illegal aliens to extort. A weak-kneed South Carolina governor, afraid of offending an important constituency,

secretly calls the president who orders the U.S. Fifth Army command to "fix Darlington, but not destroy it."

Um ... say what? Yeah, it's fiction, but fiction that has made its way into print and not on some offbeat Internet website. A recent article in the respected military periodical Small Wars Journal suggests just such a bizarre turn of events

in Darlington as a jumping-off point for a discussion of the issues the U.S. Army and government would face if confronted by an internal insurrection. Penned by retired Col. Kevin Benson, an instructor at the Army's University of Foreign Military and Cultural Studies at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and Dr. Jennifer Weber, a professor at the University of Kansas and a specialist in Civil

War history, the article, entitled, "Full Spectrum Operations in the Homeland: A 'Vision' of the Future," appeared earlier this week in print and on the journal's website (www.smallwarsjournal.com).

In the article, the fictitious Darlington uprising occurs in May 2016 (just in time for the race!).

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A TOUGH YEAR FOR HORSES



Veterinarian Dr. Karen Bollen checks the eye of a horse Thursday in Marion during a checkup. The horse is vaccinated against Eastern equine encephalitis, which is on the rise in the state, with six confirmed cases this year, three of which Bollen has handled.

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Wet summer brings killer virus

Equine encephalitis on the rise again

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There are other beneficiaries of these conditions as well.

Among the most nefarious of them are mosquitoes who have not only been annoying, but have been spreading lethal diseases at the highest rates in three years.

Perhaps the biggest mosquito-borne problem is Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE).

FLORENCE — The rumbling of a combine with a hopper full of freshly harvested, golden corn in an Effingham field is a reminder of the great growing season the Pee Dee has had, with a warm winter allowing farmers to plant earlier to benefit from rains that lasted through the summer.



Sterling Sadler stands with Sissy, her 19-year-old mare, in Effingham. All three of Sadler's horses are vaccinated against Eastern equine encephalitis.

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Timmons ville

Town hall burglars fleece guns, documents

Episode latest in litany of woes for Florence Co. town

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TIMMONSVILLE — Three masked suspects stole guns, money, a safe and municipal court documents from Timmons ville Town Hall sometime late Wednesday or early Thursday.

Once in the town hall, the suspects broke into the mayor's office, the town clerk's office, the former police chief's office and the evidence locker, according to Capt. Mike Nunn, Florence County Sheriff's Office.

In doing so, the suspects took cash, a safe that contained municipal court documents, guns that belonged to the former Timmons ville Police Department and guns from the evidence locker, Nunn said. The suspects also took the former police department's Tasers, he said.

"We'll be relying on Timmons ville to provide us a list of weapons and serial numbers," Nunn said of the now missing weapons.

"It's a mess," Timmons ville Councilman James Pigate said of the break-in.

Investigators don't know if the safe was targeted for the records or not. "Don't know if they knew what was in the safe or not," Nunn said.

They may have just taken the safe on the chance there was something of value in it, he said. The burglary, discovered Thursday morning, is just the latest in a litany of woes Timmons ville has suffered recently.

The town owes \$6 million to the S.C. USDA Rural Development and was behind almost \$200,000 in bond payments earlier this year.

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Ard back in spotlight with Pee Dee radio show

Former lt. governor to talk public affairs, some politics

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95.3 FM on Monday. Ard is the newest ad-

will air weekday mornings from 8 to 9 a.m., according

a history of political background," Baker said.

The station's current format highlights conservative national radio hosts, including

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Former official jailed, accused of porch swing theft

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SPRINGFIELD — A former council member and mayoral candidate spent a night in jail after being charged with theft.

Former Springfield Town Councilwoman Lydia Lackey has been charged with petit larceny after a Springfield resident signed a warrant out against her on Wednesday. She is accused of stealing a

porch swing.

The 69-year-old Lackey went before Orangeburg Magistrate Peggy Doremus in shackles for a hearing Thursday when bond was set at \$1,000 personal recognizance.

A Festival Trail Road resident and 2011 candidate for mayor, Lackey was led out of the courtroom when she told the court she didn't understand the charge against her. After a delay of several minutes of explanation, Lackey was brought back to

the courtroom.

"Do you understand the charge? We're not saying you're guilty, you're standing there innocent," Doremus said. "But the officers have charged you."

The sequence of events that began earlier this summer culminated with a missing porch swing and Lackey's arrest.

Carolyn Hutson says her swing was stolen after an elderly resident moved out of her rental house several weeks ago. Hutson said after the senior moved out,

Lackey was cleaning the yard. But she had no permission to take the swing, so Hutson called her about it.

"I said what did you do with that swing?" Hutson said. "She said, 'I sold it!'"

Hutson said she had no contact with police or lawyers and just asked wanted Lackey to return the swing.

"I wanted the swing back and she made



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SUPER FANS, SUPER DEDICATED

HOME OF THE RED RAIDERS



LARRY HARRON/T&D

Red Raider super fans planned to use one umbrella and a poncho as protection against Thursday afternoon's rain. Tracy Golden, Kaitlyn Crosby, Denise Crosby and Flossie Morris, pictured from left, were at Leon Maxwell Stadium to see Bamberg-Ehrhardt take on Edisto High School at the Region 5-AA Jamboree. The game was eventually called due to the weather. More on high school football, B1.

Opponent aims to keep sheriff off Nov. ballot

By PHIL SARATA
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A political opponent of Orangeburg County Sheriff LeRoy Ravenell is seeking to stop the sheriff from being on the Nov. 6 general election ballot.

In a letter to S.C. Democratic Party Chairman Dick Harpootlian, Roger Heaton threatens to have his attorneys sue "to stop the certification process until a legal determination can be made."

Ravenell defeated Heaton with 78 percent of the vote in the June 12 Democratic primary.

Heaton's letter echoed a similar complaint filed in June with the State Ethics Commission by Darrell "Bubba" Johnson. He claimed Ravenell filed his Statement of Economic Interests and candidacy paperwork well after the legal deadline for candidates.

A State Ethics Commission letter obtained by The T&D said Johnson's complaint "contained facts sufficient to warrant an investigation."

Heaton said his letter was delivered by mail and by email. No legal action has been taken pending a meeting with his attorneys, James Smith and former S.C. Law Enforcement Division Chief Reginald Lloyd. Lloyd endorsed Heaton, a former employee, for sheriff.



Ravenell



Heaton

"Nothing has happened yet awaiting my word," Heaton said. "I will say to file."

Responding to an email seeking comment Thursday, Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office spokesperson Keisa Peterson noted the email had been received.

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Read Heaton's letter submitted to Harpootlian with this story at TheTandD.com/topnews

Heaton did not return a phone message seeking

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See BALLOT, A6

By SEANNA ADCOX
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COLUMBIA — House Speaker Bobby Harrell said Thursday he expects South Carolina to be sued over a panel's decision to disregard the state budget and increase employees' health insurance costs anyway. And he expects the state to lose.

Harrell, R-Charleston, said the Budget and Control Board likely lacked the authority to split the cost of premium hikes between workers and employers after

the Legislature passed a budget that fully funded the increases.

"I'm not angry, just frustrated by the action," he said, adding that defending an expected class-action lawsuit will just cost the state more money.

Gov. Nikki Haley, chairman of the five-member board, convinced a majority on Wednesday to back the budget in approving rates to take effect Jan. 1. It's believed to be an unprecedented override for what has previously been a procedural vote. State law requires the board's approval

by mid-August to prepare for open enrollment in October, when employees can make changes to their health plans for the coming year.

The 3-2 vote means rates will increase 4.6 percent for both workers — past and present — and employers, which include state agencies, school districts and public colleges. The state health plan covers 415,310 residents: public employees, retirees and their spouses and children.

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