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GOP NOMINATIONS

Shorter primary process planned

Changes would keep SC's
first-in-the-South status

By Susan Davis
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — The Republican National Committee is on track to compress the party's nomination process for a presidential candidate in 2016, though Iowa and New Hampshire will still be the first states to cast votes in the process.

The rules changes are likely to be approved Thursday and ratified by the full committee gathered at the RNC winter meeting in Washington.

The three rules changes have the net effect of truncating the 2016 presidential primary process from Feb. 1 to mid-May, and could result in a nominee being selected by mid-March. In 2012, former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney did not



Reince
Priebus

become the party's presumptive nominee until late April and did not lock up a majority of delegates until May.

The proposed rules changes would establish tough delegate penalties for states that hold contests before March 1, in order to preserve the early states of Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada contests, which will take place in February.

The second rules change would require states holding contests between March 1-14 to award delegates proportionally. After March 14, states could award delegates however they choose, including winner-take-all.

A third change would require delegate selection to be complete 45 days before the official nominating convention, 10 days earlier than current rules.

RNC Chairman Reince Priebus has advocated moving the convention between June 27-July 18, in contrast to the late summer conventions held in recent years. An official announcement is not likely until spring, but if it is moved up, all delegates would need to be chosen by mid-May.

Politically, a shortened primary battle would reduce the threat of a drawn-out nomination fight that could bruise the eventual nominee

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE ROSE BY 1.5 DEGREES IN THE PAST 100 YEARS



Research groups point to greenhouse gases; skeptics say upward trend has stopped

By Ron Barnett

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Temperatures in the Upstate will struggle to get above freezing today after overnight lows in the teens as another cold snap wallops Dixie.

But extreme temperatures like these do little to cool the climate change debate — one of the hot disputes of our time.

The arguments are carried out around water coolers, on social media — and in the halls of Congress, with the battle lines generally drawn according to political orientation.

For those who believe official sources — such as the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,

NASA and the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change — the earth is heating up, and the main cause is the release of greenhouse gases by human activity since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.

Skeptical scientists counter that warning has been overstated and that the upward trend has stopped, casting doubt on computer models predicting future climate change.

Whether the Polar Vortex changing course was directly related to global climate change is open to scientific discussion. Even the leading scientist-skeptics, however, don't deny what the thermometer tells them: that the earth's average temperature has risen

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“ IN THE PAST, DURING THE LAST ICE AGE RECOVERY, YOU HAD CHANGES IN CO2 AND IN TEMPERATURE OF THE EARTH AND OCEAN, BUT THEY TOOK PLACE OVER THOUSANDS OF YEARS, NOT DECADES. ”

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CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR OF
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County to begin
work on
intersection
improvements

By DAWN HENSHAW
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CLEMSON — Drivers in Richland County could see the first road improvement projects funded by a local sales tax completed by year's end.

Meeting in Clemson for a two-day planning retreat, Richland County Council members seemed eager to get started on six intersection improvement projects outlined by transportation director Rob Perry.

The \$15 million in construction could involve enhancements for pedestrians and cyclists at the intersections as well, said Perry and his deputy, Chris Gossett.

"I'm ready," several members chimed in after Perry asked for an endorsement.

First, the county must resolve a protest over the hiring of a project management firm brought by the second-place finisher. Chairman Norman Jackson said he's hopeful there will be a resolution soon.

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THE INTERSECTIONS

Most are in Northeast
Richland:

- Broad River Road and Rushmore Drive
- North Springs Road and Risdon Way
- North Springs Road and Clemson Road
- Summit Parkway and Summit Ridge
- Farrow Road and Pisgah Church Road
- Kennerly Road and Steeple Ridge

**Collecting phone
records ripped**

Government panel
calls controversial
NSA phone records
collection program
illegal and ineffective,
and says it should end.

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TOUGHER BOND RULES FOR VIOLENT OFFENDERS**'Maybe we can save
someone else's brother'**

Bill before S.C. House would make it tougher
for repeat offenders to be released from jail

By ADAM BEAM
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Julie Webster never gave much thought to South Carolina's laws — until June 3, 2011.

That was the day her 82-year-old father strug-

gled to tell her that her 35-year-old brother, Steven Fowler, had been shot and killed in a Papa John's parking lot off of Two Notch Road.

The man who later received a 50-year sentence for killing her brother —

David W. Watson — had been arrested and released on bond four times over nine months, on charges including burglary, attempted burglary and possession of a pistol. He even had appeared in court the day of

the shooting.

Thursday, Webster — along with police chiefs, bail bondsmen and victims' advocates — urged a S.C. House subcommittee to pass S.19, which would make it tougher for suspects arrested on multiple violent crimes to be released while await-

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Bill to allow guns in bars and restaurants awaits Gov. Nikki Haley's signature.

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**A Shaw expert offers
advice for the Olympics
GAMES & GUARDS**

NBC hires Sumter officer as on-air analyst on the terror threat
at the Winter Games in Sochi, the 'Myrtle Beach of Russia'

By JEFF WILKINSON
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Lt. Col. Robert W. Schaefer has spent more than two decades studying terrorism in the Caucasus, the region where next month's Winter Olympics will be held in Sochi, Russia.

Now, the 48-year-old Harvard graduate, who is stationed at U.S. Army Central, formerly Third Army, at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, has been tapped by NBC to be its on-air security analyst during the Games Feb. 7-23. It's a position heightened by terror threats against the Games by Islamic separatists.

In an interview with The State on Thursday, Schaefer, who leaves for Russia Feb. 1, said those planning to travel to the region should be aware of the threats and take them seriously.



Schaefer



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Firetruck firm owes Berkeley \$650K

Too late to collect? Taxpayers 'getting robbed' after American LaFrance shuts doors

BY BRENDA RINDGE
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MONCK'S CORNER — When firetruck maker American LaFrance shut its doors last week, it left behind about \$650,000 in debt to Berkeley County.

The company moved to Spring

Grove Drive in Moncks Corner in August, according to its Facebook page. Before that, it was housed at Jeldburg Commerce Park in Summerville.

In Jeldburg, the company and landlord RT Jeldburg Commerce Park had, since 2007, a fee-in-lieu of taxes agreement with the

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county. That allowed the vehicle manufacturer to pay a fixed fee on its equipment for 20 years instead of variable property taxes. Local governments commonly

use the agreements to attract employers to their areas.

Council's Finance Committee discussed the debt at a meeting in late October. The issue came before the full council Nov. 25, when RT Jeldburg asked to terminate the fee-in-lieu agreement because American LaFrance had

moved out of the Summerville building.

"Had that not happened, to this day, council probably would not know that they're delinquent on more than \$600,000 in money owed to the county," said

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Poll

Should Berkeley County spend money to go after the back taxes owed by American LaFrance? Find this story at postandcourier.com to vote.

New chapter: No more musty old libraries

If voters approve plan, they'll get new buildings, loads of technology



Four-year-old Jermaine Brown prepares to play a game on a computer Thursday at the Cooper River Memorial Library. The library branch on Rivers Avenue will be razed and rebuilt if voters approve a ballot issue in November.

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Charleston County residents desperate for public access to technology regularly fill the computer stations at Charleston County's 16 public libraries. But almost all of

those buildings were constructed before people knew what the Internet was.

The buildings likely will be renovated, and in some cases torn down and replaced, after a key County Council committee voted 8-0 in favor of allowing a \$103 million li-

brary referendum on the November ballot. Library leaders now will refine their plans and cost estimates before returning to the committee in June with a proposal on specifically how the referendum question will be worded on the ballot.

Janet Segal, chairwoman of the

library's Board of Trustees, said county voters last approved a referendum for new library facilities in 1986. That money was used to build four of the five regional libraries and the main library on

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Police: Woman used saw on body

Cause of roommate's death still mystery

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SUMMERVILLE — Nancy Bentley used a camping style folding saw to remove her roommate's legs from his body before she stuffed the parts into black trash bags, according to a warrant by town police.

Roy Allen Steward, 54, already was dead when Bentley cut his legs off and attempted to remove his head and arms, the warrant stated. Steward had been dead at least two days, according to the warrant. But the Summerville Police Department has not said exactly how Steward died.

Police charged 53-year-old Bentley, of Summerville, Thursday with desecration of human remains.

Police made the grisly discovery Tuesday when they found the trash bags in the vehicle she'd been driving, which had been towed following a traffic stop Saturday. But no one had checked the trunk of the car, so the remains sat in the vehicle for three days.



Nancy Bentley, 53, was charged Thursday with desecration of human remains.

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Scott looking for sickle cell spokesman

Senator aims to raise awareness, find cure for genetic condition



"Frankly, I think this is curable," U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., said of the disease.

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U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., will co-chair a congressional caucus with an outspoken Democrat to raise awareness about sickle cell disease, and Scott is on the hunt for a national spokesman to join their bandwagon.

He needs a Darius Rucker or a Bill Cosby, he said. Those are just two of the names on Scott's celebrity short list that he thinks may be willing to lend a hand as the government and

Inside

What is sickle cell disease? A8

private sector double down to find a cure for this genetic condition that disproportionately affects African-Americans.

In sickle cell disease, red blood cells are shaped like a sickle instead of being round, causing pain episodes when the misshapen cells block blood flow through tiny blood vessels to the chest, abdomen and joints. They carry less oxygen than

normal red blood cells. The disease also is likely to stunt growth in infants.

Neither Rucker nor Cosby suffer from sickle cell disease, but Scott said almost every African-American knows someone who does.

"Sometimes you need some iconic figure ... someone who has the drawing power that can bring needed attention to something that impacts hundreds of thousands of Americans," Scott said.

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MUSC Dr. Julie Kanter-Washko checks on sickle cell patient Kierra Wilson on Thursday as the 11-year-old receives medication through a drip bag.



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Walther Farms wishes for friendly operations

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Walther Farms is breaking its silence and wants Aiken County to know it plans to be a good steward of the Edisto River.

Walther Farms CEO Jason Walther said his family was caught off guard by the community's recent response to the newly established potato farm

in the Windsor area. But the family also understands the concerns. Walther Farms officials have been quietly working behind the scenes to propose various compromises to ease the anxiety of surrounding farmers, conservationists and residents who cherish the black water river.

"Our company is built off a philosophy that we want to be good neighbors and good stewards of the resources in

this community," Jason Walther said.

Who is Walther Farms?

Walther Farms is based in Michigan and has locations in Nebraska, Colorado, Georgia, Florida and Indiana. The company branched out into South Carolina in the last year, purchasing a combined 5,200 acres in

Aiken and Barnwell counties.

Despite recently being deemed a "corporate farm," Windsor Farm Manager Jeremy Walther said that's not the case, stating it's a family business. He's a third generation farmer of the company, which was started by his grandfather in 1945 and continued by his father, uncles, brother and cousins.

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STAFF PHOTO BY AMY BANTON
Jeremy Walther, farm manager of the Windsor site, stands by the South Edisto River at the withdrawal point.

Police foster literacy



STAFF PHOTO BY TEDDY KULMALA
Officer Jason Griffin reads a story about motorcycles with North Aiken Elementary fourth-grader Shawn Carter. The two are participants in a new program developed by Aiken Public Safety called "Bikes and Books," which promotes literacy development, while also teaching students about bicycles.

'Bikes and Books' helps kids read and trust

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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A new program developed by the Aiken Department of Public Safety pairs officers with students to strengthen literacy development but also teaches children basic bicycle maintenance skills, all while fostering positive interaction with law enforcement.

As part of "Bikes and Books," officers meet with a group of students each Thursday, with each student usually bringing a couple of pre-selected books. The officer and student are paired up and take turns reading, and also discuss the books. Later, they all reassemble and go over a bicycle lesson for the day.

"You are strengthening reading, instilling in the boys a love for reading, and then you turn around and show them about bikes," said Catherine Hamilton, instructional coach for North Aiken Elementary School. "The officers are getting to note reading behaviors. They're learning things that might help the student strengthen their reading, and the stu-

You are strengthening reading, instilling in the boys a love for reading, and then you turn around and show them about bikes.

Catherine Hamilton,
Instructional coach
for North Aiken
Elementary School

know that they're getting to sit with these cool guys and gals from Public Safety, and it's their own person."

Lt. Karl Odenthal said the schools have been wanting to partner with law enforcement more. He was riding his bike through a neighborhood last year when some children stopped him and asked him questions about his bike.

"They said, 'I got a bike at home but it has flat tires,' and no one in their



STAFF PHOTO BY TEDDY KULMALA
Environmental Control Officer Alan Willing listens while Ishmel Walker reads a book about ancient Rome. "Bikes and Books" was developed by Aiken Public Safety to strengthen literacy development with students, while also teaching them about bicycles and fostering good relationships with law enforcement.

Odenhal recalled. "We looked at it, and reading was an area we could work on. All these kids are from the neighborhoods we patrol in, so we said we could tie it into reading and call it 'Bikes and Books.'"

Every third class is mentored entirely

They use bikes from the property room at Aiken Public Safety, most of which have been abandoned. Odenthal said they try to get each officer working with a different student each week.

Teen births up in Aiken

State rate drops, County rate rises

BY DEDE BILES
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The South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy released some good news recently, saying the teen birth rate in South Carolina dropped 47 percent in 20 years while falling to an all-time low.

The advocacy group reported the birth rate among girls 15 to 19 years of age declined 7 percent between 2011 and 2012. There were 36.5 births for every 1,000 teen girls in the Palmetto State in 2012.

However, in Aiken County, the teen birth rate rose in 2012 after declining for two consecutive years. There were 44 births for every 1,000 teen girls compared to 40.5 in 2011 and 47 in 2010. There were 48.4 and 45.8, respectively, in 2009 and 2008.

"Over time, Aiken County has been able to sustain some progress in the teen birth rate; the rate now is lower than it was 10 years ago," said Shannon Flynn, director of research and evaluation for the Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. "But the decline hasn't been steady."

There were a few years of upticks, then it was down for a couple of years. It went back up again for a year, and then it was down for two years. Now, it's a little bit up. Is it just a blip or is it the beginning of a different trend? I'll be interested to see what the numbers

Shannon Flynn,
Campaign to
Prevent Teen
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Review panel: NSA phone program illegal

By **STEPHEN BRAUN**
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A government review panel warned Thursday that the National Security Agency's daily collection of Americans' phone records is illegal and recommended that President Barack

Obama abandon the program and destroy the hundreds of millions of phone records it has already collected.

The recommendations by the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board go further than Obama is willing to accept and increase pressure on Congress to

make changes.

The panel's 234-page report included dissents from two of the board's five members — former Bush administration national security lawyers who recommended that the government keep collecting the phone records. The board

described key parts of its report to Obama this month before he announced his plans last week to change the government's surveillance activities.

In that speech, Obama said the bulk

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The federal government seeks billions of dollars from the company that did the background check on NSA leaker Edward Snowden. **7A**

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ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

Sandbars, shoals shift guided line

The NOAA changes its charts to reflect the navigational line that guides boaters on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.

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The National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration is changing the navigational line that's guided boaters up the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway for more than 100 years.

Affectionately called the "magenta line," the guide served as the recommended route up the East Coast's marine highway, which passes by Hilton Head Island, through Port Royal Sound and up the Beaufort River.

But now the exact magenta line is fraught with obstacles, like sandbars and shoals that have cropped up in the wake of lost federal funding for survey and

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CAPT. JOHN J. MCGINTY III
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A hero LAID TO REST

FROM THE MEDAL OF HONOR CITATION:

"McGinty's personal heroism, indomitable leadership, selfless devotion to duty, and bold fighting spirit inspired his men to resist the repeated attacks by a fanatical enemy, reflected great credit upon himself, and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the U.S. Naval Service."



DELAYNA EARLEY • Staff photo

Marine pallbearers carry the casket of Capt. John J. McGinty III on Thursday to its resting place in Beaufort National Cemetery. McGinty received the Medal of Honor for his actions during a battle in the summer of 1966 in Vietnam. McGinty, of Beaufort, died Jan. 17 at age 73.

Do we have another 'Idol' in our future?

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Beaufort County may once again be in the "American Idol" spotlight.



Fields

Laquan Fields, the hometown best friend of Season 12 winner Candice Glover, auditioned for the show in Atlanta and advanced to the Hollywood rounds. Fields was not

featured on the show Thursday night when the Atlanta auditions aired, but tweeted a picture of himself holding a "golden ticket" after his audition.

Fields, a St. Helena Island native, was one of 44 "Idol" hopefuls to receive a



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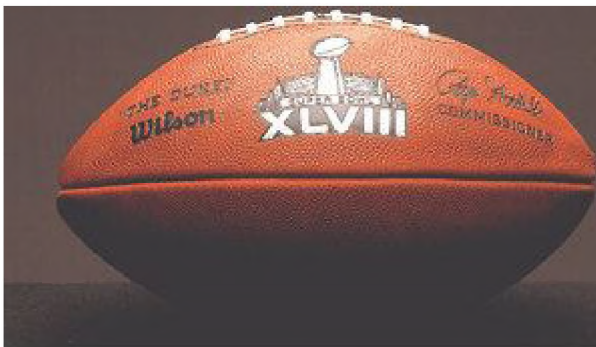
President Lyndon B. Johnson shakes hands with John J. McGinty III on March 12, 1968. At center is fellow recipient Robert J. Modrzewski.



DELAYNA EARLEY • Staff photo

Gen. John M. Paxton Jr. offers the flag to Michael McGinty, one of two sons of Capt. John J. McGinty III, on Thursday at Beaufort National Cemetery.

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'Idol' contestant

A local teen's audition for the Fox talent show "American Idol" did not air during Thursday night's premiere, but about 160 of her family and friends still gathered inside a Gaffney theater to watch and show support. At the end of the episode, they got some good news. **PAGE C1**

New chief

The phrase "we got it right" was the resounding theme of Spartanburg's police chief installation ceremony Thursday evening at the Spartanburg Headquarters Library as Alonzo Thompson took the official oath of office. **PAGE C1**

Unfavorable review

A government review panel warned Thursday that the National Security Agency's daily collection of Americans' phone records is illegal and should be abandoned. **PAGE A6**

'Went berserk'

A passenger on a Greyhound bus traveling through Arizona "went berserk" and attacked the driver early Thursday, causing the bus to swerve and go off the highway before other passengers subdued him, witnesses said. **PAGE A10**

Stocks fall

U.S. stocks fell broadly Thursday after a report from China added to growing signs that the world's second-largest economy is slowing. The selling spared few companies. **PAGE C4**

Weather

Expect guns in restaurants soon in SC

House sends bill to Haley giving CWP owners more rights

By SEANNA ADCOX
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — People with concealed-weapon permits are a signature away from being able to bring their guns into restaurants and bars in South Carolina, if the businesses themselves don't prohibit it.

The House's 90-18 vote Thursday sends the bill to Gov. Nikki Haley, who's certain to sign it. The

Republican, who previously told voters she has a permit, last month posted on Facebook a photo of the Beretta she got for Christmas.

"Gov. Haley has and will always be a supporter of open-carry laws and will sign any bill that doesn't restrict the rights of guns owners," said her spokesman, Doug Mayer.

The bill makes it illegal for people to drink alcohol while carrying a concealed weapon. Anyone caught would have the permit revoked for five years, plus face up to two years in prison and a \$2,000 fine. Businesses can post a sign barring concealed weapons.

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◆ U.S. Senate candidate Lee Bright giving away AR-15 rifle as part of campaign. **B1**

Opponents say mixing guns and alcohol invites problems.

Rep. B.R. Skelton, R-Six Mile, said he's also concerned about the resulting confusion, if responding law enforcement officers can't distinguish between the permit holder and the bad guy, so to speak.

"I'm not wanting us to create a gun fight at the OK bar by this legislation," he said.

But Rep. Mike Pitts, R-Laurens, said the bill allows law-abiding gun

owners to defend themselves and their family while eating dinner, in case a criminal comes in and starts shooting.

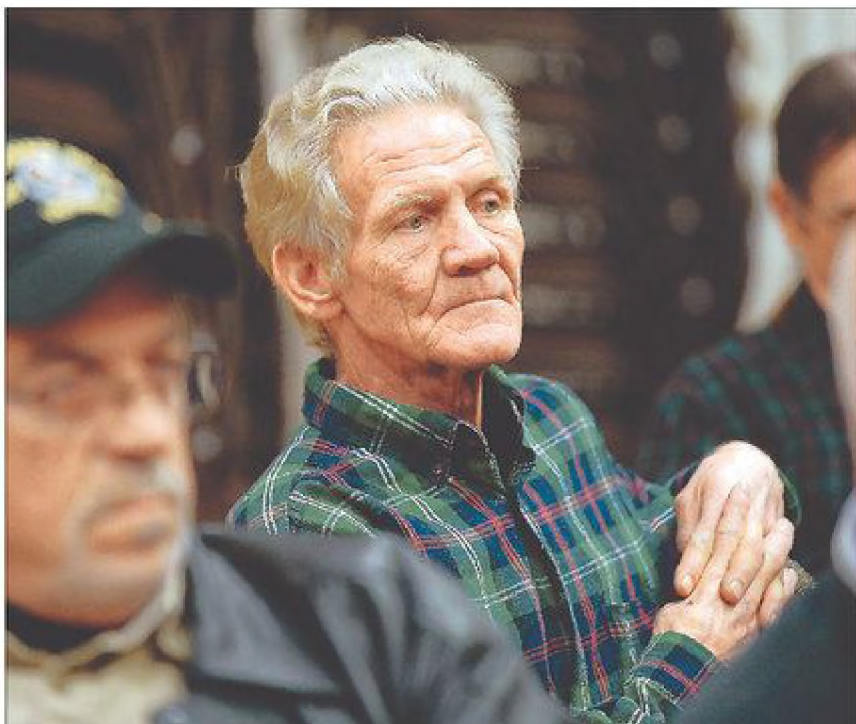
"I'm absolutely not worried about a CWP holder. I am worried about the criminals who go in," said Pitts, a retired law enforcement officer. "I, in no way, want to prohibit an individual from being able to defend themselves, especially after they've jumped through the legal hoops" to secure a permit.

Pitts said he understands the concern about guns in bars: "No

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Worried about their water

Tainted wells, inability to tap into other sources concern residents of Cannon's Campground during their fight against suspected polluters



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Residents of Cannon's Campground realize the fight to bring suspected polluters to justice will be long, but they hope to escape exposure to potentially polluted well water soon.

Representatives of the Louthian and Harpootlian law firms had a community meeting Thursday at the Spartanburg Marriott for residents of the area surrounding the former Hoechst Celanese manufacturing site.

Last week the firms filed a class-action lawsuit in federal court on behalf of all residents and property owners who have lived within two miles of the site since it opened in the 1960s. The lawsuit alleges chemicals used by the company have been dumped or leaked into the ground and the adjacent Pacolet River and Cherokee Creek.

So far, test wells dug half a mile from the site revealed pollution in the groundwater and bedrock, and private drinking wells up to a mile and a half away have tested positive for the same chemicals used at the plants, attorney Graham Newman told residents.

"Celanese said they aren't connected, but we don't know," Newman said. "Every chemical we're dealing with here is a carcinogen. We're talking about parts per billion, so it's nothing you could smell or taste, but it's enough to give you cancer."

Above, Danny Parton listens during a meeting at the Marriott in Spartanburg on Thursday night as residents of the



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De la Howe president takes leave of absence

Mayer put agency's CFO in charge until he returns

By KATE HRUBY

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John de la Howe School president Thomas Mayer announced Thursday he is going on medical leave through Feb. 24.

According to a memo sent to school staff: "Effective January

24, 2014, I will be on medical leave (FMLA) through February 24, 2014. In the interim, after consultation with Chairwoman (Janet) Duncan, I have appointed Agency Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Viola Faust, to serve as Acting President."

Faust has been with the agen-

cy for nine months.

"I would like to continue with the positive changes Mayer has made," Faust said.

John de la Howe is a school for wayward youth in grades 6-10 in McCormick County.

In recent months, the management of the school has been

under review by the Office of the Inspector General. The report of the review has yet to be released.

The school received a "School at Risk" rating on the annual state report card in 2011 and

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Under review

John de la Howe School is awaiting the findings of an investigation by the Office of the Inspector General. The school also received an "at risk" rating from the state in 2011.

INDISTRICT FUNDS

Bryant signs consent order

Councilman reaches deal with state ethics panel

By CHRIS TRAINOR

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Longtime Greenwood County Councilman Gonza Bryant signed a consent order with the South Carolina Ethics Commission acknowledging he "inadvertently" and "unintentionally" committed ethics violations in connection with various statements of economic interest.

The Index-Journal obtained a copy of the consent order earlier this week. The document is signed by Bryant and was stamped by the Ethics Commission on Dec. 11.

With the order, the Ethics Commission issued a "written warning" to Bryant. The councilman also paid an administrative fee of \$200.

Bryant was the last of four current or former Greenwood County Council members to sign consent orders with the Ethics Commission. As previously reported, Council members Robbie Templeton and Edith Childs, along with former Council member Patrick Moody, signed consent orders in 2013 and each was ordered to pay \$200 in administrative fees or restitution.

Bryant's signature on an Ethics Commission consent order seemingly brings an end to the long, twisting saga that began in 2012 with the revelation of some Council members' use of the controversial indistrict expense funds.

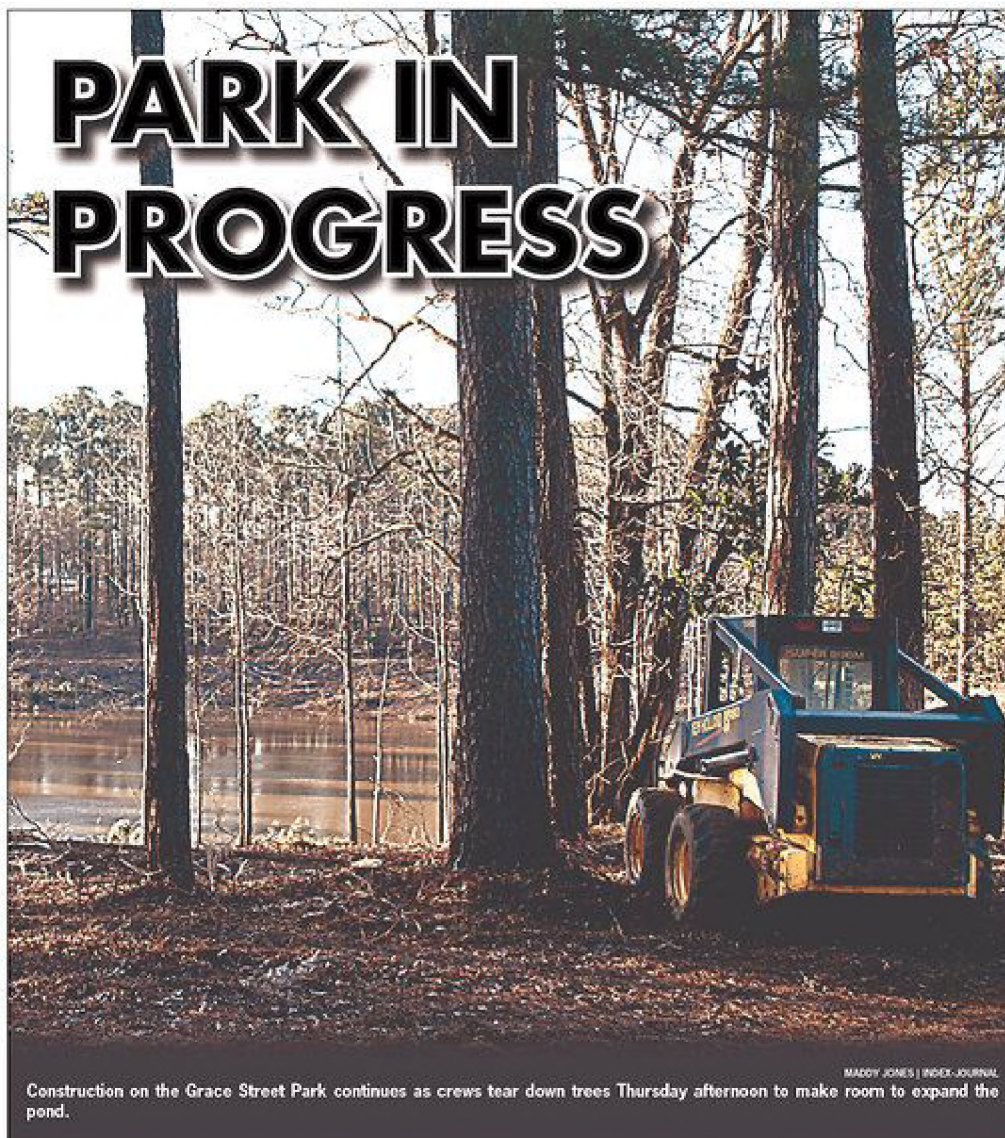
The consent orders were a result of a long investigation into Council by the Ethics Commission. A large portion of that investigation centered on some Council members' use — from mid-2008 to early 2011 — of the indistrict expense funds. The commission also looked into another fund used by Council, referred to as the "council fund" or "peculiar fund."

As a spinoff to the investigation into those expense funds, the Ethics Commission also



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PARK IN PROGRESS



Construction on the Grace Street Park continues as crews tear down trees Thursday afternoon to make room to expand the pond.

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Sumter will host wrestling tournament this weekend

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Standoff ends with man killing himself

Attempted robber shoots self on steps of jewelry store

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A 24-year-old Sumter man is dead after an attempted armed robbery turned into a suicide Thursday morning outside a jewelry store on Guignard Drive.

Shortly before 7:50 a.m. Thursday, police say two employees of Galloway and Moseley Fine Jewelers were walking up to the front door of the business, preparing to open the store,

when they were approached by a masked, armed man. The suspect, later identified as 24-year-old Sumter resident Joshua Duncan, pointed a gun at the men, saying he was robbing the store.

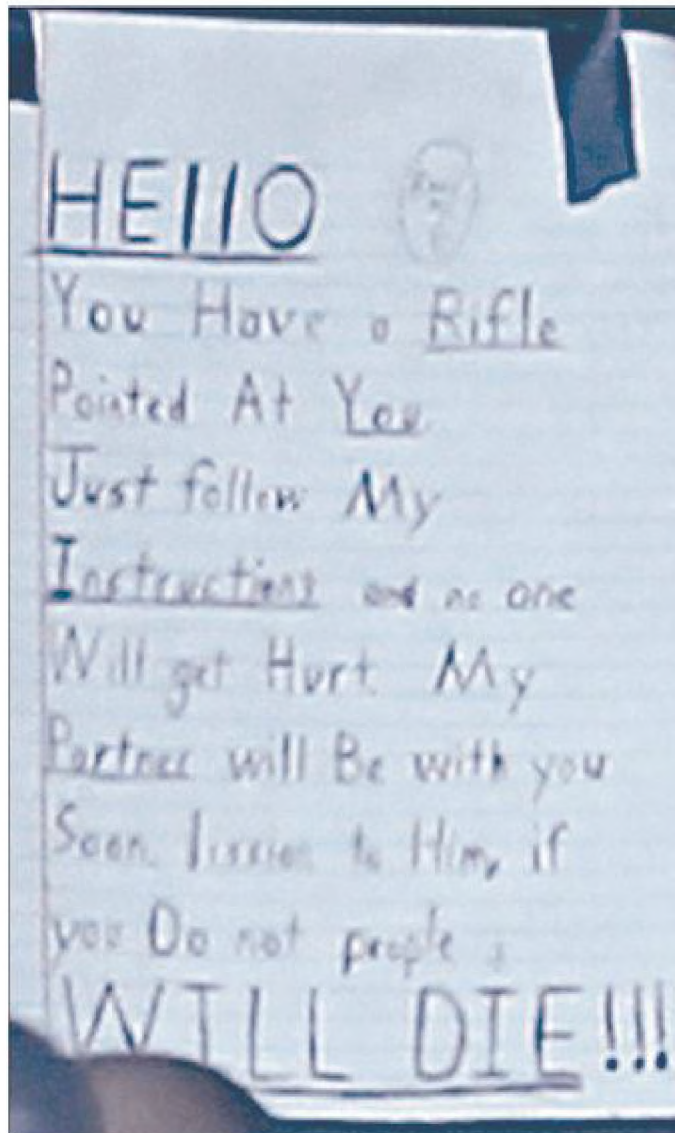
One of the employees, who police say has a concealed weapons permit, then brandished his own weapon and pointed it at the suspect.

"He did that to defend himself," said Sumter Police public information officer Tonya McGirt.

After a brief standoff between the two armed men, police said the suspect then turned his weapon to his head and fired, killing himself on the front steps of the business. "He never made it into the store," McGirt said.

Sumter County Coroner Harvin Bullock identified Duncan and confirmed he died from a single gunshot wound to the head.

Police also confirmed there were no other injuries in the incident. The shooting



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A note reportedly written by suspect Joshua Duncan, 24, is seen above taped to the door of Galloway and Moseley Fine Jewelers on Guignard Drive on Thursday morning. Joshua Duncan, 24, turned his gun on himself on the front steps of

175 jobs coming to Manning

\$4.3M bicycle plant will make Sunbeam site its new home

BY JADE REYNOLDS
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Clarendon County will soon have 175 job openings.

Kent International Inc. announced Thursday it will be investing \$4.3 million into a new plant specifically geared toward supplying U.S.-made bicycles to Walmart stores, a first for the retail titan.

"We are excited with the challenge of assembling and manufacturing affordable bicycles in the United States," said Arnold Kamler, chief executive officer and chairman of Kent International. "We feel that we have found a great partner in the state of South Carolina with their pro-business policies and an abundant pool of great workers."

The plans for the facility are part of Walmart's U.S. Manufacturing initiative and will allow Kent to produce bicycles that are 90 percent complete, streamlining in-store assembly for employees.

"The announcement of Kent International Inc. establishing a plant in Manning is welcoming news," said Manning Mayor Julia Nelson. "Kent will be housed in what is known to most of us as the old 'Sunbeam Plant.' They will find that our workforce has the commitment, expertise and

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New rules for landscaping get final OK

BY BRISTOW MARCHANT
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Any future development in the city of Sumter now has new rules for what its front yard should look like.

A long-debated ordinance on landscaping rules for new businesses and housing developments received final approval at Tuesday's meeting of Sumter City Council, putting in place standards planners call "clearer" and opponents say are "stricter" than the existing ordinance.

Under the amended ordinance, the process of developing a site inside the city limits will be easier for everyone involved, according to City Planning Director George McGregor, because now the requirements for every aspect of the property are clearly spelled out.

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'I wish he would have gotten more years for it, but he's going to get what he deserves in the long run.'

Uncle gets 20 years in death of 7-month-old

BY NORMAN CANNADA
THE JOURNAL

FAIR PLAY — It has been more than 15 months since 7-month-old Amy Genesis Stashluk died — a victim of homicide by child abuse. Her uncle, McKenzie Lee Turner, pleaded guilty Wednesday to causing her death and

was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Amy's father, Joe, says he thinks of his daughter often.

"Heart-ache," he said Thursday, describing his feelings as he thinks of

the youngest of his four children. "It's too much pain. We always think about her, what she would be like today."

Amy died Oct. 15, 2012, at the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Greenville Memorial Hospital, according to a statement

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Joe Stashluk, left, and Ben Strickland say they have not gotten over the death of 7-month-old Amy Genesis Stashluk in October 2012.

Right to BEAR ARMS?



As it nears law, local police officials react to House passage of bill allowing guns in bars, restaurants

BY GREG OLIVER
THE JOURNAL

Law enforcement leaders in Oconee and Pickens counties provided input on the State Legislature's final approval Thursday of a bill allowing people with concealed weapons permits (CWP) to take guns into bars and restaurants serving alcohol.

Despite stipulations that don't allow CWP holders to drink beer, liquor or wine and give owners of bars and restaurants the right not to allow the weapons inside, Clemson Police Chief Jimmy Dixon said he has "a lot of concern — especially in Clemson."

"Clemson is predominantly a college city, and we have an enormous amount of young men and women

who patronize our ongoing business establishments that are normally open to the public," Dixon said. "What they offer is inviting to our college residents, and while there are conditions (to the bill) and penalties in place, everyone is not as responsible or on their best behavior when they enter a bar."

Dixon said that while he believes in the Second Amendment right allowing all citizens to bear arms, he believes that right is also accompanied by a responsibility. He said he fears that the very fact that the weapon is "concealed" will cause those carrying firearms not to disclose that in-

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Officials discuss short, long-term plans for Kellett

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — The Kellett Committee met for less than an hour Thursday night and came away agreeing on two things — do something quick and easy right away, and for the long run, perhaps get Clemson University involved in preparing a master plan of what to do with the former Kellett Elementary School and its surrounding 12 acres.

Seneca Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie O'Kelley wasted

no time in pitching the quick and easy idea.

O'Kelley said he recently walked around the property and thought about growing up in the neighborhood and playing ball on the old field there. He said it would be of little expense to the city to put four or five nice picnic tables there with a monument or marker saying the field was formerly known as Cap Field.

"Have that and just leave it as it is and keep it

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Pendleton mayor gives city thumbs up

Crenshaw updates local leaders on state of affairs

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

PENDLETON — This town of about 3,000 residents, with its lively downtown square, quaint center of entertainment in Clemson Little Theatre, home of Tri-County Technical College and a close neighbor to Clemson

of Pendleton luncheon at Cox Hall in Clemson Little Theatre.

"Despite the many challenges that we face, the town approved a balanced budget, which included a 5 mill tax decrease," Crenshaw



'I support CWPs, especially in restaurants, because of violent attacks that have taken place.'

Pickens County Sheriff Rick Clark



'Most shootings that have occurred inside bars have involved people who disregard the law and are going to carry a gun illegally anyway.'

Seneca Police chief John Covington



'Those who have the tendency to become aggressive will probably become aggressive.'

Oconee County Sheriff Mike Crenshaw

'While there are conditions (to the bill) and





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SC lawmakers OK guns in restaurants

A 90-18 vote in the S.C. House on Thursday will send Gov. Nikki Haley a bill that allows people with concealed permits to bring their guns into S.C. restaurants and bars, if the businesses don't prohibit it.



The Associated Press

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a supporter of open-carry laws and will sign any bill that doesn't restrict the rights of gun owners," said her spokesman, Doug Mayer.

The bill makes it illegal for people to drink alcohol while carrying. Anyone caught would have the permit revoked for five years, plus face up to two years in prison and a \$2,000 fine. Businesses can post a sign barring concealed weapons.

Opponents say mixing guns and alcohol invites problems.

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Rep. Rice to talk on SC rural growth

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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FLORENCE — U.S. Rep. Tom Rice, R-S.C., will hold a field hearing Friday afternoon in Dillon with several participants to discuss unemployment challenges in rural America.



Rice

Rice, who represents much of Florence County and the Pee Dee, chairs the Small Business Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access on Capitol Hill, said the hearing will examine ways the government can support economic growth and help create jobs in rural communities.

"While the recession officially ended over four years ago, more than half of the counties in the United States are yet to recover, including many in South Carolina," Rice said. "Likewise, uncertainty has led to a much slower recovery for small businesses than large businesses. I look forward to discussing with our witnesses what can be done to better foster job creation, particularly in rural areas."

Those witnesses include Charlotte-based Richard Kaglic, a regional economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Kaglic hinted at his prepared remarks.

"I will be talking about the national and South Carolina economic conditions, currently, and what that might portend for 2014 and what it might mean for labor markets in the state," Kaglic said. "I will be talking about the U.S. and

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Raeanne Smith, 14, listens as author Varian Johnson answers her questions about writing via Skype from his home in Texas, in front of a crowd of students at Williams Middle School, which he attended.

Chatting with a home-grown author via Skype



PHOTOS BY ELLYN MOORE/MORNING NEWS

Williams Middle School students celebrated National Reading Day by chatting via Skype about books, writing and the need to read with author and alumnus Varian "Chad" Johnson. Students took turns in front of a webcam in the media center asking the author of three young adult novels about the hardest parts



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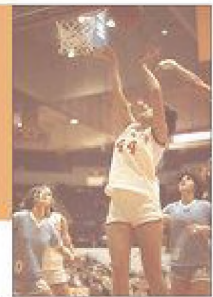
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By SEANNA ADCOX
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"I'm absolutely not worried about a CWP holder. I am worried about the criminals who go in," said Pitts, a retired law enforcement officer. "I, in no way, want to prohibit an individual from being able to defend themselves, especially after they've jumped through the legal hoops to secure a permit."

Pitts said he understands the concern about guns in bars: "No one should be armed and drinking at the same time."

But South Carolina makes no legal distinction between a restaurant and a bar, so the bill couldn't specify restaurants. It refers instead to businesses that sell alcohol for on-site consumption.

As of last week, more than 220,330 people in South Carolina held concealed-weapon permits, according to the State Law Enforcement Division.



Ann Wickham, a transport volunteer from Effingham County, Ga., left, settles Gregory into his seat as Janice Steady of Bamberg, a MAMAS volunteer, adjusts Roscoe's harness. Both hounds and their handlers were a part of the monumental event at Toyota of Orangeburg on Thursday when the Mary Ann Morris Animal Society of Bamberg County received a new minivan from the company. See video from the presentation at TheTandD.com/topnews.

Homeward bound

Toyota of Orangeburg donates
van to MAMAS for animal transport

By MINNIE MILLER
T&D Correspondent

Roscoe and Gregory were all buckled in and ready to roll. The bright lights of the cameras flashing and chatter of the crowd around



Toddler burned; person charged

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

A 1-year-old child was taken to the Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta after investigators say a man placed the toddler in scalding water.

Forrest Shuler of 1410 Silly Road, Orangeburg, was charged this week with unlawful neglect of a child or helpless person. He could spend 10 years in prison if convicted of the felony.

Shuler was in court Tuesday where bond was set on the 18-year-old at \$5,000 cash or surety. He posted bond the same day.

According to an incident report, Orangeburg County Sheriff's investigators were notified on Dec. 27 by physicians at the Regional Medical Center that a child had been brought in with injuries they felt pointed toward neglect.

Physicians told investigators a female relative brought the injured child in. They



Shuler

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City Council OKs water, sewer rate increases

By GENE ZALESKI
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Orangeburg Department of Public Utilities water and wastewater customers could see their rates increase beginning April 1.

"The increases we are asking for are



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