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FINAL EDITION

## Texting warning tickets issued

Drivers risk \$25 fines  
beginning in December

By Tim Smith

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COLUMBIA — The State Highway Patrol has written 265 warning tickets for texting while driving since the state's new law went into effect this summer.

Lt. Kelley Hughes, a spokesman for the state Department of Public Safety, said troopers have issued the warnings since June.

Law Enforcement won't begin writing tickets until December, he said.

Fines then are \$25 but cannot be reported to insurers.

A spokeswoman for AAA Carolinas, an automotive safety group, praised the number of warning tickets thus far by troopers.

"I think it's great," said Tiffany Wright, a AAA Carolinas spokeswoman. "I think it shows it's a glaring problem for that number to be 265 already."

Lawmakers passed a law earlier this year that allows tickets for drivers who read or compose texts, email or instant messages while driving.

Police in some jurisdictions, including Greenville, already were ticketing drivers for texting under local ordinances, but the new law supersedes local laws. All law enforcement is to write warning tickets until Dec. 7, Hughes said.

Although some legislators questioned whether police would be able to spot drivers texting, Wright said the warning tickets show cases can be made.

"People know it's the law," she said.

"People know it's illegal. And they continue to do it. How many times do you go down the road and see people looking down at their phones. Unfortunately, it's hard to prove. Are you using your GPS to get directions?"

Cell phone use isn't banned under the law, and it provides exceptions for allowable texting, such as when a driver is parked or stopped at a red light, texting a request for emergency services or per-

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TIFFANY WRIGHT,

Spokeswoman for AAA Carolinas on warnings tickets issued by State Highway Patrol for texting while driving since a law against the practice took effect



HEIDI HEDERUNN/STAFF

Kaitlyn Campbell works with students in an electronic music class at Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher Middle School last week. The school's aim is to offer rigorous, technology-based, whole education to prepare students for jobs that may not yet exist.

## A unique school in a unique location

Dr. Phinnize Fisher's vision realized as school bearing her name is dedicated

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When visitors to Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher Middle School walked through doors held open by bow-tie-wearing sixth-graders, eyes went toward the ceiling, where exposed pipes color-coded in red, blue, green and yellow ran the length of the hallway.

To one side, near aerospace-themed art projects on a hallway wall, visitors could look through glass walls at the school's heating and cooling system. Inside classrooms, walls can be removed to create collaborative spaces where students learn hands-on through projects.

Even the lighting system, installed by Hubbell Lighting, which is across the street from the school, is a learning experience. Lights dim and brighten automatically in concert with the sun's rays.

Inside the gym, the latest LED lights lit the stage where recently, the school's namesake, Phinnize Fisher, spoke at the dedication of the school that carries her vision that Greenville County's public schools should pro-



HEIDI HEDERUNN/STAFF

Fisher Middle School is in a business park and was built for a specific curricula — science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics.

vide rigorous, technology-based, whole education to prepare students for modern jobs that may not even yet exist.

Fisher, who retired as Greenville County Schools superintendent in 2012 after eight years leading the state's largest school district, said the school fulfills every vision she has for it and for modern education.

Greenville County's current super-

intendent, Burke Royster, said he believes Fisher Middle is the only public middle school in the country that was designed and built for a specific curricula — in Fisher's case, STEAM — science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics.

It's also one of the few schools in the country built in a business park

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## Anderson assistant baseball coach charged with DUI in fatal crash





## USC FOOTBALL: Gamecocks gear up for Gators after weekend off. B1

### YOUR WEEK



A huge American flag is carried down Sumter Street during the 35th Annual Veterans Day Parade in 2013.

U.S. veterans will be honored Tuesday during several events. See **Page A14** for details.

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# The State

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## S.C. Democrats: 'No idea' on 2018

Wounded party hopes to regroup, rebuild for next governor's race

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When the history is written, state Sen. Vincent Sheheen will perhaps rate a footnote as the Democrat who ran against, and lost twice to, South Carolina's first female governor, Republican Nikki Haley.

In Tuesday's race, Sheheen

didn't even carry his home county of Kershaw, losing it by 310 votes to Haley as she crushed Sheheen statewide, 55 percent to 41 percent.

The race, which saw Sheheen outspent 2-1, was the worst Democratic gubernatorial loss in 24 years.

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Sen. Vincent Sheheen on the campaign trail in Aiken.

## The green, green grass of home is overgrown

... Or is it? Irmo officials debate limits on rental properties' yards

By TIM FLACH  
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Irmo leaders are looking at a 6-inch maximum for the height of lawns at rental homes.

If adopted, the requirement would keep some yards in town the lowest among major Midlands communities.

Mayor Hardy King is pushing the limit as a way to crack down on overgrown yards that he said stem largely from inattention among renters and landlords.

The current 12-inch ceiling for rental residences isn't ending complaints about unkempt yards, he said.

"We need to put in more teeth to make sure they are kept up," King said.

Overgrown yards are a sign of neighborhood decay that shouldn't be tolerated, according to homeowners pressing town leaders for more attention to the condition of yards.

"It's weeds that grow tall - it's weeds that are unsightly," longtime resident Elmer Darso said. "There are problems, especially

rentals, from neglect."

About 600 of 4,600 homes are rented in the town of 12,000 residents straddling the Lexington-Richland counties border, census estimates say.

Other town leaders agree with the push to keep lawns mowed but may be more lenient on the maximum height allowed.

Mirroring the 8 to 10 inches of growth permitted by some nearby communities probably will solve the problem without making yard upkeep onerous, they say.

"I don't want to take it too far," Councilwoman Kathy Condom said.

A 6-inch limit is slightly more than three golf balls stacked on top of each other.

Town officials measure lawn height only when a problem is apparent, with landlords given 10 days to mow or fined up to \$500.

Warnings usually are sufficient to get an overgrown lawn mowed within the period specified, Police Chief Brian Buck said.

That was the case last summer

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### HOW HIGH CAN IT GO?

The height some Midlands communities allow before a lawn is considered overgrown:

Springdale	8 inches
Lexington	10 inches
Batesburg-Leesville	12 inches
Cayce	12 inches
Columbia	12 inches
West Columbia	18 inches
Richland County	24 inches





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## Battered S.C. Democrats seek fresh start

Party looks for lessons in losses, aims to redefine itself, win voters' confidence

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COLUMBIA — Democrats woke up Wednesday morning to a hangover far more severe than they expected. In South Carolina and beyond, Election Day 2014 will be remembered as a day of epic gains for the GOP and equally epic losses for Democrats. It is being described as a tsunami of voter disgust aimed primarily at Washington and President Barack Obama that took nearly anyone else with a "D" after their name with it. And while a Democrat losing in deep red South Carolina doesn't exactly shock anyone, the margin of victory has

Democrats reeling from a gut punch they hope isn't fatal. In the race that was supposed to be done, Gov. Nikki Haley thumped Democrat Vincent Sheheen by nearly 15 percentage points — and that was one of the Democrats' closest finishes statewide. Now Democrats across the state are taking a hard look in the mirror. "This is our plan." No one knows what South Carolina Democrats stand for, said Dick Harwood, who ran the state Democratic Party the last time it controlled the governor's mansion, in 1998. The party's representatives at the Statehouse have

**Poll**  
Are you surprised by the nationwide defeat most Democrats faced in last week's election? Find this story at [postandcourier.com/polls](http://postandcourier.com/polls) to vote.

grown too comfortable, unwilling to confront Republican leaders, he said. "They're as happy as a pig in slop over there," Harwood said of Democrats. He said legislators are too busy covering up to Republican leadership who can provide them with everything from a budget item for their district to a plum committee assignment or even a good parking spot. It's no wonder, he said, no one knows what a Democrat in South Carolina stands for.

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The Democratic Party is perceived as being only for blacks and the GOP for whites, according to Jaime Harrison, chairman of the S.C. Democratic Party. Harrison said he wants the party to make sure it is more inclusive.

## Cup makes a splash



GRACE BEAHM/STAFF

Amy Taylor of Pennsylvania washes off her horse, Maserati, after a race during the 21st Charleston Cup on Sunday. About 15,000 visitors attended the event at Stono Ferry Plantation. For more photos, go to [postandcourier.com/galleries](http://postandcourier.com/galleries). For coverage of the race, see Page C1.

## Thieves hit landscape, equipment businesses

'Brazen' pirate ring cuts through locks to take trucks, tractors

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A new breed of pirates is terrorizing the Lowcountry. They break through gates and fences in full view of security cameras, load tens of thousands of dollars worth of landscaping and construction equipment onto stolen trucks and drive off to their next destination. At least a dozen incidents have been reported around the Charleston area in the past few months, leaving some landscapers struggling to survive and other small business owners fearing they'll be the next victim of what is believed to be a theft-for-order ring operating up and down the East Coast. Charleston has been a prime target because of the recent boom in new housing, which requires the services of landscapers to get the yards ready. Landscaper Joe Summers of Hollywood was working on David Island last week. He had two tractors stolen from behind a fence in Hollywood Sept. 14. He later found out the thieves were driving a Ford F-350 stolen from Carolina Contracting Solutions in Ridgville two days earlier.

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## Hackers' tricks pose increasing challenges for federal agencies

BY MARTHA MENDOZA  
Associated Press

A \$10 billion a year effort to protect sensitive government data, from military secrets to Social Security numbers, is struggling to keep pace with an increasing number of cyberattacks and is unwittingly being undermined by

federal employees and contractors. Workers scattered across more than a dozen agencies, from the Defense and Education departments to the National Weather Service, are responsible for at least half of the federal incidents reported each year since 2010, according to an Associated Press analysis of records. They have clicked links in bogus

phishing emails, opened malware-laden websites and been tricked by scammers into sharing information. One was redirected to a hostile site after consulting to a video of tennis star Serena Williams. A few act intentionally, most famously former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden, who downloaded and leaked

documents revealing the government's collection of phone and email records. Then there was the contract worker who lost equipment containing the confidential information of millions of Americans, including Robert Curtis, of Monument, Colorado. "I was angry, because we as citizens trust the government to act on our

behalf," he said. Curtis, according to court records, was besieged by identity thieves after someone stole data tapes that the contractor left in a car, exposing the health records of about 5 million current and former Pentagon employees and their families.

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## 'I'm a final event planner'

### A day in the life of a funeral director



STAFF PHOTO BY TEDDY KULMALA

Cody Anderson is a funeral director at George Funeral Home. He got into the profession several years ago after seeing how well a family member's funeral was handled.

BY TEDDY KULMALA  
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Few people want to be woken during the night by a phone call from the coroner, a hospital or nursing home telling them someone has died. For Cody Anderson, that's how a typical day often starts.

Anderson is a funeral director at George Funeral Home and Cremation Center and has been in the business since 2009. He learned quickly that death doesn't take holidays. It doesn't take weekends. And it doesn't sleep.

"Unlike many businesses where a normal day would start at 8 or 9, we don't know when our day could start," he said.

"When the funeral line rings, it could be 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning, and then your day begins."

Funeral homes work closely with coroners, medical care providers and nursing homes. The coroner is notified first, and the deceased's survivors are asked which funeral provider they prefer. The coroner completes his work and turns the body over to the funeral provider.

#### Seeing the process

Anderson never thought he'd be in this business. But several years ago, his family was working with a provider to arrange

his grandmother's funeral.

"I was so impressed with how things were handled. I asked if I could just tag along and see how things were done," he said. "It turned into a full-time job and piqued my interest."

South Carolina requires an associate degree in funeral service to become a funeral director, according to Anderson. A potential director must also pass state and national board exams and serve a mandatory two-year apprenticeship.

Morticians can be dual-licensed to be funeral directors and embalmers, or just be funeral directors.

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VETERANS DAY

Some free or discounted merchandise or services for veterans on Tuesday. Most discounts require military ID. Check with these and other retailers for more information:

- **Applebee's:** veterans can order from "Thank You" menu
- **Bed Bath & Beyond:** veterans and spouses get 20 percent off entire purchase today and Tuesday
- **Cabela's (Augusta):** 10 percent off everything in the store from Saturday to Tuesday
- **Chili's:** choice of one of seven meals from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday
- **Cracker Barrel:** free slice of Double Chocolate Fudge Coca Cola Cake during lunch and dinner
- **Cyndi's Sweet Shoppe:** 15 percent off entire purchase for veterans or active military

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## Guest House impossible?

### Travel Channel to air Aiken hotel episode Tuesday



STAFF PHOTO BY DERREK ASBERRY

Anthony Melchiorri, the host of Hotel Impossible, said working with the Guest House at Houndslake has been one of the more emotional experiences he has had with the show.

BY DERREK ASBERRY  
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"Hotel Impossible" host Anthony Melchiorri told the *Aiken Standard* in August, after a full morning of working with the owner of the Guest House at Houndslake, that he still wasn't sure whether he was going to be able to save the hotel.

On Tuesday, the Guest House will be featured in season five, episode six of the show titled, "Masters of My Domain," and the Travel Channel website is still not giving away hints on the outcome.

"Anthony is in Aiken, South Carolina, 30 minutes from Augusta National Golf Club, to help a struggling 34-room family hotel," reads the description on the website. "Can he persuade the stub-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Guest House at Houndslake is undergoing renovations thanks to the Travel Channel's Hotel Impossible staff for the show's fifth season.

The episode will air on the Travel Channel Tuesday. Melchiorri added that he has emotional experiences he's ever

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Bakari Sellers

## Sellers says politics still in his future despite loss

By DIONNE GLEATON  
T&D Staff Writer

Bakari Sellers' optimism has not been tempered by his recent defeat in the statewide race for lieutenant governor, and he says he is looking forward to greater things ahead.

The 30-year-old son of Voorhees College President Dr. Cleveland Sellers was the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor. He lost his bid for the seat to Republican candidate and

former state attorney general Henry McMaster on Tuesday.

Sellers' outlook for future Democratic victories, however, has not been dimmed, he said.

"I'm still very proud of how much progress we've made in the state. I'm not going away. My job now is to make Democrats relevant again in South Carolina and to keep pushing forward," Sellers said.

"We ran a very, very good race, but the wins were against us not just in

South Carolina, but nationally. So I'm proud. Who would have ever thought that a kid who used to play at the Denmark Recreation Center would be able to have his name on TV for commercials and be running for lieutenant governor?" he said.

"We'll get across the finish line and victory will happen soon."

The House District 90 representative served his district, including Ramberg and Denmark, for eight years before announcing a run for lieutenant gov-

ernor. He did not run for re-election to the House 90 seat.

He had compared the lieutenant governor's race to his first political battle in 2006, when the then 21-year-old political novice unseated House District 90 Rep. Thomas Rhoad, a veteran lawmaker who served in the House for 24 years.

Sellers said he's proud of the work that's been done in his district.

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## VINTAGE ORANGEBURG COUNTY



## Egg striking: One of county's most unusual customs

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN  
T&D Staff Writer

Traditions and folk customs are part of the unique history of Orangeburg County.

One such custom, "egg striking," also known as "egg picking," was practiced from one end of the county to the other in the early days.

The town of Springfield today hosts the International Egg Strike competition in conjunction with its annual Governor's Frog Jump each spring.

Pat Williams, son of the late Jila Williams of Springfield who worked for the Governor's Office, was responsible for bringing the event to his hometown.

At the 2014 Governor's Frog Jump and International Egg Strike, Williams talked about the popularity of egg striking.

In an egg striking contest, contestants hit the pointed ends of boiled eggs against each other until one cracks. The competitor with the last unbroken egg wins the contest.

Williams recalled his boyhood when young people lined the main street of Springfield eager to participate in an egg striking contest, which was generally held in the spring or around Easter.

Williams said egg striking is practiced in Ireland, England and parts of Tennessee.

Store-bought eggs are typically not hard enough to survive egg striking, but eggs fresh from country farms are often the winners in the competitions, Williams said.

"Those eggs are much, much harder," he said.

Egg striking was also popular in Holly Hill in eastern Orangeburg County. In a book about the town, the late author Leroy Hart Gilmore described the custom as "egg-picking."

"A gala affair it was, with the farmers and their sons coming to



The old-time tradition of egg striking has been embraced in the town of Springfield, which incorporated the competition into its Governor's Frog Jump and International Egg Strike held each spring.

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### DAY 4

The T&D series "100 Objects in 100 Days," which concluded in September, opened the door to a lot of reader interest in the history of Orangeburg County. Now we are on another journey: "Vintage Orangeburg County." In the new 100-day series, look for more of the stories about people, places, objects and "things" that continue telling the story of Orangeburg County. **Follow the series online at TheTandD.com, where you'll find each installment plus a collection of primary and secondary photos and video.**

## Air attack wounds Islamic State head, Iraqi officials say

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA  
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Associated Press



Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi

BAGHDAD — Iraqi officials said Sunday that the head of the Islamic State group, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, was wounded in an airstrike in western Anbar province. Pentagon officials said they had no immediate information on such an attack or on the militant leader being injured.

Iraq's Defense and Interior ministries both issued statements saying al-Baghdadi had been wounded, without elaborating, and the news was broadcast on state-run television Sunday night.

The reports came at a time when President Barack Obama said the U.S.-led coalition was in a position to start going on the offensive against the Islamic State militants.

Al-Baghdadi, believed to be

in his early 40s, has a \$10 million U.S. bounty on his head. Since taking the reins of the group in 2010, he has transformed it from a local branch of al-Qaida into an independent transnational military force.

He has positioned himself as perhaps the pre-eminent figure in the global jihadi com-

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## Patriots Point museum opens Vietnam exhibit

By BRUCE SMITH  
Associated Press

MOUNT PLEASANT — In time for Veterans Day, the Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum has opened its renovated Vietnam War exhibit.

It features a rare river patrol boat, vintage helicopters, high-tech sound effects and holograms simulating what it was like to fight in the jungles of Southeast Asia 50 years ago.

The Vietnam Experience, a larger 2.5-acre exhibit that opened Saturday, immerses visitors in the sights and sounds of war, amid a soundtrack of thudding helicopter engines, chattering machine guns and the cries of jungle creatures.

The exhibit on high ground near the aircraft carrier USS

Yorktown on Charleston Harbor recreates a river base that supported the so-called Brown Water Navy of boats that patrolled Vietnam's rivers as well as a Marine Corps fire base.

The exhibit's bunkers, mess hall and other buildings were created with \$400,000 in cash and tens of thousands more in kind contributions.

It's part of a \$5 million effort to upgrade exhibits at Patriots Point.

"We want to honor Vietnam Veterans during the 50th anniversary of the war," said Mac Burdette, the museum's executive director. "At the same time we want people to feel like they felt this was really cool and we learned something and we were emotionally connected and inspired."

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## Poison risk for kids

Accidental poisonings from squishy laundry detergent packets, sometimes mistaken for toys or candy, landed more than 700 U.S. children in the hospital in just two years, researchers report. Coma and seizures were among the most serious complications. **PAGE A4**

## Health care site 2.0

With a bright look to its rebuilt website, version 2.0 of President Barack Obama's health insurance overhaul represents another chance to win over a skeptical public. **PAGE A4**

## Mixed messages

Republican leaders and President Barack Obama say the message of the midterm elections is clear: Voters want them to work together. But on what? **PAGE A4**

## An unfamiliar place

Wofford's football team left the River City disappointed for a second straight year and now has an unusual challenge. **PAGE 1B**

## Obama looks to Asia

His influence at home fading, President Barack Obama is looking abroad to China, the opening stop of a three-country trip that will test his ability to play a commanding global role during his final two years in office. **PAGE A3**

## On the Web

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## Woman charged in fatal shooting

Report: Victim, suspect were having argument

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A Spartanburg woman died and another was jailed after a shooting Saturday night at Park Place Apartments in Spartanburg.

According to arrest warrants, Brittany Shaunta Pearson, 25, of 110 Southport Road, Apt. 99, was charged by the Spartanburg Police Department with murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime.



Pearson

Myah Marquerita Cole, 27, was pronounced dead at the scene after the incident, which occurred at 9:15 p.m. Cole and Pearson shared an apartment at the complex, and according to the Spartanburg County Coroner's Office, the shooting is domestic violence-related. An autopsy was performed Sunday. Cole died of a gunshot wound to the chest, according to the coroner's office.

Officers were called to Park Place

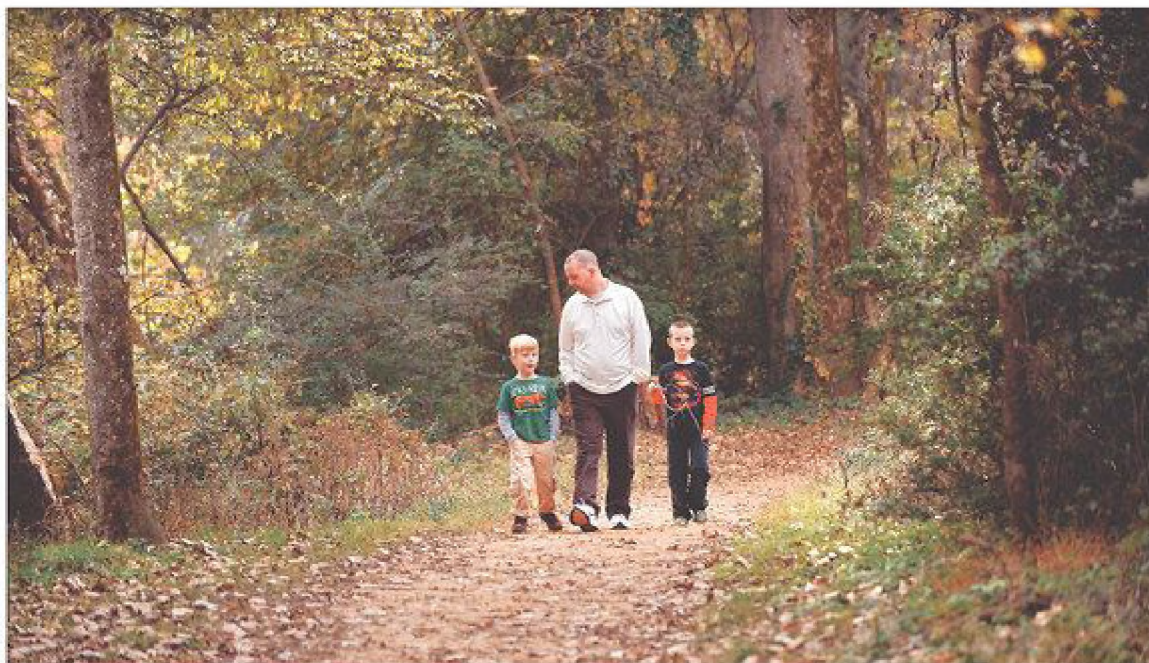
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Officers with the Spartanburg Police Department and the Spartanburg County Coroner's Office investigate a fatal shooting at Park Place Apartments on Saturday night.

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## CONSERVATION GROUP CELEBRATES 25 YEARS



PHOTOS BY TIM KIMZEY/TIM.KIMZEY@SHJ.COM

Dean Blackman and his sons Ethan, 5, and Nicholas, 6, enjoy a walk after school on the Cottonwood Trail at the Edwin M. Griffin Nature Preserve in Spartanburg. The site is a source of pride for SPACE, the Spartanburg conservation group that owns and maintains the now 112-acre property with 5.5 miles of trails.

## SPACE SAVERS

Local group's partnerships with landowners have created a legacy for generations to enjoy

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An untamed property adjacent to Lawson's Fork became the first piece of land entrusted to the fledgling Spartanburg Conservation Endowment in June 1989.

Today, the property is known as

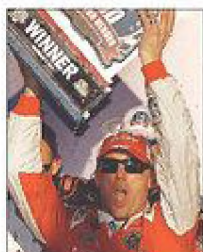
are passionate about the Cottonwood Trail," Executive Director Andrew Waters said.

The Cottonwood Trail, however, was only the beginning. As the organization celebrates its 25th anniversary, SPACE owns and maintains three properties totaling more than 160 acres made









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Master James McElveen has been studying martial arts for over 27 years. For the past 10 years, he has owned and operated the Ultimate Tae Kwon Do Center in Florence.

## Master James

Tae kwon do teacher boosts students' esteem

BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY  
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FLORENCE — Seeing "Enter the Dragon" got James McElveen interested in martial arts as a kid. His father took him to the premiere of the movie at the old Cinema 5 Theatre in downtown Florence.

"And boy, I looked at my dad, and I said, 'Dad, that's something I want to do,'" McElveen said.

"Enter the Dragon," featuring Bruce Lee, was released in 1973 and tells the story of a martial artist who uses his



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invitation to a tournament as a cover to spy on a reclusive crime lord.

McElveen said he guesses his father did not take him seriously, but ever since seeing the movie, McElveen has had an interest in martial arts.

"And so my cousin came down from New York in the

early '80s, and he was a master instructor," McElveen said. "And he was teaching at what they called, back in the day in north Florence, the Boys and Girls Club."

At the club, McElveen learned from his cousin. McElveen later met Master June Lee, a Korean who taught

tae kwon do.

"I met Master Lee, and I started studying tae kwon do, and it took off from there," McElveen said. "The style was different, and I fell in love with it."

McElveen continued with tae kwon do and eventually made a career out of it.

He has been serving the Pee Dee area for 10 years through his Ultimate Tae Kwon Do Center. Nowadays, he is known as Master James to several Pee Dee-area children and adults.

The center is on South Cashua Drive in Florence,

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**SEN. TIM SCOTT**

## Single mother helped with rise from poverty to national stage

BY JENNIFER BERRY HAWES  
Post and Courier

As a kid, Tim Scott badly wanted to fit in with the majority-white kids at Stall High School, and the black kids, too. And he didn't want any outward signs of his family's poverty.



Scott

A pair of Converse high-tops was the ticket.

But his mom said no. A single mother toiling long hours as a nursing assistant, Frances Scott couldn't afford them. She wouldn't have bought them even if she could, much as she disliked the winds of fashion.

"Oh, yes, we had strong conversations about that! He was going to convince me to buy these shoes," Frances recalled last week.

From the living-room couch of his Hanahan home, Scott turned to grin at her: "I always was a salesman."

Frances still didn't buy the shoes.

"You have to live within your means and be who you are," she warned, then and now. "You can't always fit in."

Unwelcome as the advice was to the teenager, Scott later embraced it in the fiscal conservatism that has propelled his rapid rise up the political ladder to become South Carolina's first black U.S. senator. And as a black Republican, he often doesn't fit in.

Thanks to Frances, he said, he's comfortable with that.

A private man with an even more private mother, Scott sat down with The Post and Courier the morning after his historic election Tuesday to talk about their relationship and its role in his ascent to the national stage.

Frances Scott was by his side, as she so often has been through the years.

### History on a big stage

It's election night, and Frances ar-

## VETERANS DAY 2014



First Sgt. Michael Montrose is a veteran of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. He works at the National Guard Armory in Florence.

**RIGHT:** After his deployment in Iraq, First Sergeant Michael Montrose had one of his soldier patches embroidered with the names of the three men he lost and the year he served overseas.



## Iraq War veteran recalls time overseas

BY MELISSA ROLLINS  
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FLORENCE — First Sgt. Michael Montrose said he never expected to spend almost three decades in uniform. He didn't have a family history with the armed forces, other than a few years that his dad served in the Air Force, but he realized that he wanted to make a difference.

"I joined because I wanted to serve my country and my community,"

### Florence Veterans Day Celebration

» **WHEN:** 11 a.m. Tuesday

» **WHERE:** The Florence Veterans Park, across the parking lot from the Florence Civic Center. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will move into the ground floor of the Civic Center.

» **WHAT:** The sixth annual ceremony will feature musical selections from local students.

» **ADMISSION:** Free to the public. Limited seating available, but it is suggested to bring your own chairs.

» **FEATURED SPEAKER:** The featured speaker will be retired Capt. Eugene Paluso, USN. He is the commandant of cadets at The Citadel, Paluso, a 1989 graduate of The Citadel, was commissioned into the Navy from The Citadel. He served as a Navy SEAL officer on active duty in





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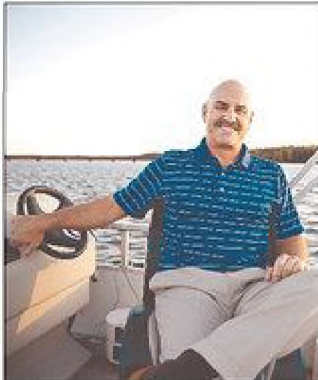
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Tony Curreri relaxes on his boat on Lake Greenwood, the area that he loves and works for at Lakelands Realty.

## ■ LOVE FOR THE LAKE

# Livin' the dream

Curreri's connected life on Lake Greenwood

By COLIN RIDDLE

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**TONY CURRERI**  
Realtor at Lakelands Realty

It's a Saturday morning in June, warm as usual in Greenwood, and Tony Curreri has just finished his last business call.

Work's over: time to play on the lake where his boat is parked just a couple of hundred feet down the hill from his house for some lunch, tying up at the sandbar and play some volleyball with friends.

Curreri, a Realtor at Lakelands Realty, breathes Lake Greenwood now, an adopted home for eight years after growing up in Sonoma County, California.

"Tony's a dedicated Realtor, and strives for the best he can do for his customers, his clients," Kathryn West, association executive of the Greenwood Association of Realtors, said, adding he is focused on customer service.

Curreri lives this side of Lake Greenwood, and started working as a Realtor in October 2006 after moving to the lake in June of the same year.

"Tony is a great example of someone who lives, works and plays on the lake," Angelle LaBorde, president and chief executive officer of the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, said.

LaBorde is one of four leaders of the chambers of commerce that contributes efforts to the newly formed Connect Lake Greenwood.

CLG is the collaboration of the Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry and Ninety Six Chambers of Commerce to promote the future of Lake Greenwood.

"He's been a tremendous asset to the Connect Lake Greenwood initiative," LaBorde said, adding that Curreri is creative, energetic and a real go-getter.

When Curreri moved to Greenwood, he was trying to figure out what to do professionally in

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## Human remains found

# CELEBRATING VETERANS

## Support for veterans parades through Uptown

By KATE HRUBY  
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**S**erving in the United States Army from 1974-82, Rebecca Thompson knows first-hand the obstacles veterans face attempting to readjust to civilian life.

Upon returning home from Korea, Thompson said she had difficulty performing the simple act of clothes shopping. Being in a crowded department store, she suggested, brought back memories of her stint in the densely populated nation.

"I'd go into a store to shop, I couldn't do it," Thompson said.

Her first time attending the Greenwood Veterans Day Parade on Sunday afternoon, Thompson said showing support for veterans when they return home is extremely important as veterans risked their lives in defense of the country. Such reassurance, she indicated, could ease their assimilation to civilian life.

Thompson was one of many who showed support for former service men and women, with throngs of onlookers lining South



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Brownie Troop 1185 marches in appreciation through Uptown for the Greenwood Veterans Day Parade on Sunday afternoon.

Main Street for the parade.

The crowd was one of the parade's largest audiences, according to Jim Wheeler, Greenwood County Coalition of Veterans Organizations president Jim Wheeler.

Starting from South Main Baptist church, participants led by the Greenwood High School Junior ROTC Color Guard headed north on main street in a march that culminated at the Veterans Center, where participants and guests could enjoy a reception.

Wheeler, who served 34 years in the military, said this was the first year such

a route was used, designed to introduce people to the 3-year-old center housed in what was the old Greenwood County Library. He said preparations for the parade began approximately a month and a half ago.

In addition to the coalition, Wheeler said the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars helped immensely in organizing the event and mobilizing participants and attendees.

The procession included an assortment of veterans

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Classic cars decked out on patriotic themes roll through Uptown Greenwood as part of the Greenwood Veterans Day Parade on Sunday.

## SC maritime museum opens Vietnam exhibit

By BRUCE SMITH  
Associated Press

The exhibit on high ground near the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown on Charleston Harbor's western shore







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IN BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOLS

## Bullying app's reviews mixed

Leaders, students disagree on reporting tool's effectiveness

By SARAH BOWMAN  
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Most in Beaufort County's public-school system — students, principals and district administrators, alike — agree bullying is a pervasive problem.

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**TO USE THE APP**  
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SARAH BOWMAN • Staff photo  
Ana Fotla, a junior at Hilton Head Island High School, demonstrates the Beaufort County School District's "See Something, Say Something" application Thursday at the school.

## PATRIOTS POINT NAVAL AND MARITIME MUSEUM EXHIBIT OFFERS TASTE OF VIETNAM WAR

By BRUCE SMITH • The Associated Press

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## Agencies struggle to hold off hackers

The government spends billions annually but lacks the staff and skills to close holes against an ever-evolving foe, a review finds.

By MARTHA MENDOZA  
The Associated Press

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2014 ELECTIONS

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Since the school year began, the district has received more than 550 reports through the app, called "See Something, Say Something," according to head of student services Gregory McCord.

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## Feds face increase in online data loss

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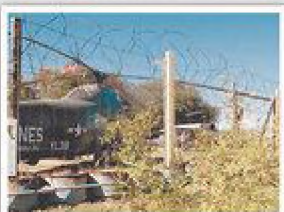
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The division puts the possibility of compromise between political parties in question.

By CONNIE CASS

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