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FINAL EDITION

Shot fired, three arrested

Officers patrolling
downtown pursue suspects

By Nathaniel Cary
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Greenville police arrested three people after a shot was fired in downtown Greenville, authorities said.

The incident occurred around 2 a.m. Sunday on Brown Street near East North Street behind the Wireless Communications building, said Jonathan Bragg, a Greenville Police spokesman.

Two officers who were patrolling in the area of North Brown Street around closing time for downtown's late-night businesses heard what sounded like a gunshot, Bragg said.

"It didn't hit anybody," Bragg said. "It was fired in the air. We couldn't find where it had hit anything. We just found the spent shell casing."

The officers saw four or five people running from a parking lot, where the suspects jumped into a black Jeep and began to drive away, Bragg said.

Officers yelled for the driver to stop, and were eventually able to stop the vehicle, Bragg said. They detained all five occupants of the vehicle and smelled alcohol on their breaths, he said.

Officers discovered a handgun and open alcohol containers in the vehicle, he said.

Police charged three suspects and booked them into the Greenville County Detention Center, and two other subjects were released without charges, Bragg said.

Laquan Frazdoran Harley, 20, faces charges of discharging a firearm in the city limits, unlawful carry of a pistol, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, public intoxication and possession of an open container of alcohol, according to police and detention center records.

Shambray Carroll, 19, faces charges of interfering with police, public drunkenness, open containers, driver's license not in possession, and a drug charge, according to police and detention center records.

Sydney Quatez Griffin, 22, faces charges of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and public drunkenness, according to police and detention center records.

No one was injured in the incident, Bragg said.

BUDGET BATTLE



After waiting anywhere from 2 to 17 years for a permit to run the river through the Grand Canyon, a group of runners from as far away as Austria made camp Saturday at Lee's Ferry in hopes that the 5-day-old government shutdown would end soon enough to open access to the Colorado River.

WASHINGTON YIELDS LITTLE ON SHUTDOWN

DEBT LIMIT DEADLINE

» The budget standoff is playing out as an even bigger financial crisis looms. The Treasury Department has said the federal government will reach the limit of its authority to borrow money on Oct. 17. If Congress doesn't raise the debt limit, the U.S. will default on its obligations for the first time, triggering what many economists say would be an economic catastrophe.

» Sen. Ted Cruz, a Texas Republican, said the threat of a first default is the best leverage that Congress has to rein in the White House. Cruz told CNN on Sunday that any agreement to allow the government to borrow more money to pay its bills must include a "significant" plan to reduce future spending, no new taxes and "mitigating the harms from Obamacare."

Treasury's Lew: Republicans' 'threats have to stop'

By Stephen Ohlemacher
and Charles Babington
Associated Press

House Speaker John Boehner said Sunday that he sees no way out of the government shutdown unless President Barack Obama is willing to engage in negotiations with Republicans.

But Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew rejected that approach, saying Congress needs to quickly pass legislation re-opening the government, as well as a measure boosting the nation's \$16.7 trillion debt limit. Lew said Obama has not changed his opposition to tying these measures to Republican demands on health care and spending cuts.

"What we've seen is ... 'Unless I get my way, you know, that we'll bring these terrible consequences of shut-

down or default,'" Lew said Sunday on CBS. "Those kinds of threats have to stop."

No end in sight

Boehner and Lew, in separate television interviews, gave no hint of any compromise to end a budget impasse that has shut down part of the government since Tuesday and is running the risk of a first default on the government's debt unless the current debt ceiling is raised by an Oct. 17 deadline.

Asked how the standoff might end, Boehner said Sunday on ABC that he was uncertain: "If I knew, I'd tell you."

The Ohio Republican said that Obama can call him any time to start negotiations to end the shutdown.

"He knows what my phone number is," Boehner said.

In one promising development, a large chunk of the furloughed federal

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Rare faith-based dorms promote Bible before beer

But some question their existence at public universities

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BOUND BY WAR

Bond forged on the battlefield is never forgotten as medic and Marine he saved meet again



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Sue Avenel listens as her husband Topper talks about the day he saved Dennis Mills' life while on patrol in Vietnam in 1970. Above, the pair pose for a photograph in Vietnam in 1969.

BY CHRISTINA ELMORE
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The year was 1970, and an unpopular conflict was raging in Vietnam.

Topper Avenel, then a baby-faced 22-year-old Navy petty officer 3rd class, found himself trekking behind a handful of Marines carrying out a reconnaissance mission in rocky, mountainous terrain.

Avenel was the rookie of the bunch, having left his young wife behind in the states in order

to serve his first tour as the group's medic.

Then, out of the blue, an explosion erupted. One of the men had tripped a land mine.

Avenel dove behind a boulder just as jagged fragments of metal buried into the flesh of every other member of the team.

There was no time for him to panic. He was their "Doc."

The group needed him to stay strong. "That's what they trained me to do," he said.

Avenel took a deep breath, steadied his hands and moved from one Marine to the next, doing

what he could to staunch their bleeding.

One man, Dennis Mills of Centralia, Mo., Avenel's closest friend on the team, was worse off than the others.

"His pants were saturated with blood. I started examining him and he had nails and glass all in his body," Avenel said. The young medic took great care to start an intravenous drip and gave the wounded man morphine. "I patched him up the best I could."

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A blessed Baptism by the sea

Coast Guard ship's bell has role in ritual

BY DAVE MUNDAY

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Baptized with a sand dollar from a ship's bell.

That's how 3-month-old Nilah Jo Silvey will always remember her baptism, once she's old enough to hear about it.

She was baptized Sunday aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Avall at the Charleston base. Her father, Eric Silvey, is the vessel's executive petty officer.

Silvey was dressed in his navy blue Coast Guard uniform as he held his daughter over the inverted bell. She was dressed in a white gown and didn't make a peep.

Father Robert Higgins, a Catholic priest with the Apostleship of the Sea, gave the family a choice of full submersion, pouring or sprinkling. Silvey decided Nilah was too big to fit in the bell and chose sprinkling. He used a sand dollar to scoop water out of the bell.

Paul Rosenblum, a Citadel biology professor preparing to become a deacon, assisted with the oils and the tones.

"I think it was probably one of the more memorable things I'll remember in my lifetime," Silvey said.

Nilah's name will be inscribed inside the bell this week, traveling with her father as he keeps Lowcountry waterways safe.

The Avall is a construction tender, with a big yellow crane attached to the back.

Silvey has been in the Coast Guard for 10 years. He and his wife, Kathleen, moved here from Cape Cod, Mass., in May. Nilah is their first child. The family could get the bell when the ship is decommissioned. If the bell isn't put into a museum, Silvey said.

Higgins said this is not the first time he's baptized a baby in a ship's bell. Silvey said it's an old tradition.

Reach Dave Munday at 937-5553.



LEROY BURNELL/STAFF

Father Robert Higgins introduced Nilah Jo Silvey to the guests aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Avall after her baptism Sunday at the Charleston Sector Headquarters.

End of road for Kiawah turtles?

Terrapin habitat, and in turn, marsh may be lost

BY BO PETERSEN
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KIAWAH ISLAND — A tiny snail could turn the sweeping marshes along Capt. Sam's Spit into mud flats. That's a little-talked-about, worst-case possibility in the controversy over building an embankment along the river bank here.

When the marsh periwinkle snail takes over, cordgrass dies. The snail has ribbons of teeth that scrape like tongue to eat algae from the grass. That can shred it enough to let in a fungus that kills it. When the snails turn up in hordes, the marsh becomes a mud flat.

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FILE/STAFF

A diamondback terrapin rests in the salt marsh.

In court

S.C. SUPREME COURT: South Carolina Law Project and Kiawah Development Partners are battling over a state permit for a revetment embankment for an access road to a development on Capt. Sam's Spit.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT: Seabrook Island property owners are battling each other over whether it's necessary to re-cut Capt. Sam's Inlet to provide more sand to the island's beach.

Poll

Should developers do more to protect the diamondback terrapin turtles on Capt. Sam's Spit? Find this story at postandcourier.com to vote.



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WILL HE OR WON'T HE?

Strained muscle could keep Jadeveon Clowney out of this week's game against Arkansas. **B1**

AP POLL: Clemson stays at No. 3, USC slides to No. 14. **B5**

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ELECTION 2013: COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL

Rival in 'uphill battle' against council's Devine

By TIM FLACH
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A north Columbia neighborhood leader is challenging a veteran City Council member in the sole at-large council race on the Nov. 5 ballot.

Electrical contractor Tommy Burkett is banking on a time-for-change theme as the key to ending Council-



Devine

Burkett

woman Tameika Isaac Devine's tenure of nearly 12 years as a city leader.

He hopes that disenchantment with City Hall decisions on finances, police leadership, treatment of the homeless, Bull Street development and other matters make her vulnerable, even though she hasn't always supported the outcome of those issues.

But Burkett describes the match as an "uphill battle" to defeat Devine, known for

staying in touch with neighborhood concerns.

Neither is running against Mayor Steve Benjamin even though both don't always agree with him.

Benjamin has done "a halfway good job" as top city elected leader, Burkett says.

Recent decisions "highlighted" conflicts with Benjamin.

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YOUR WEEK

'Don Quixote'

The Columbia Classical Ballet opens its season with "Don Quixote," the story of the man who tilts at windmills in his quest to win over his love. Is his behavior insane, or saving his sanity? Performance is at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Koger Center. Details and tickets: Capitol Tickets at www.capitoltickets.com or (803) 251-2222.



FILE PHOTOGRAPH/THE STATE

Ultimate Challenge Mud Run

Teams will gather early Saturday in Sandy Run again to traverse a 6.2-mile muddy obstacle course. The after-party, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Marine Corps-inspired event, features the group Jackyl. The afterparty, which all can attend, begins at noon; Jackyl takes the stage at 8 p.m. Details and tickets to the afterparty: www.usmcmudrun.org

Libya protests American raid, militant's capture

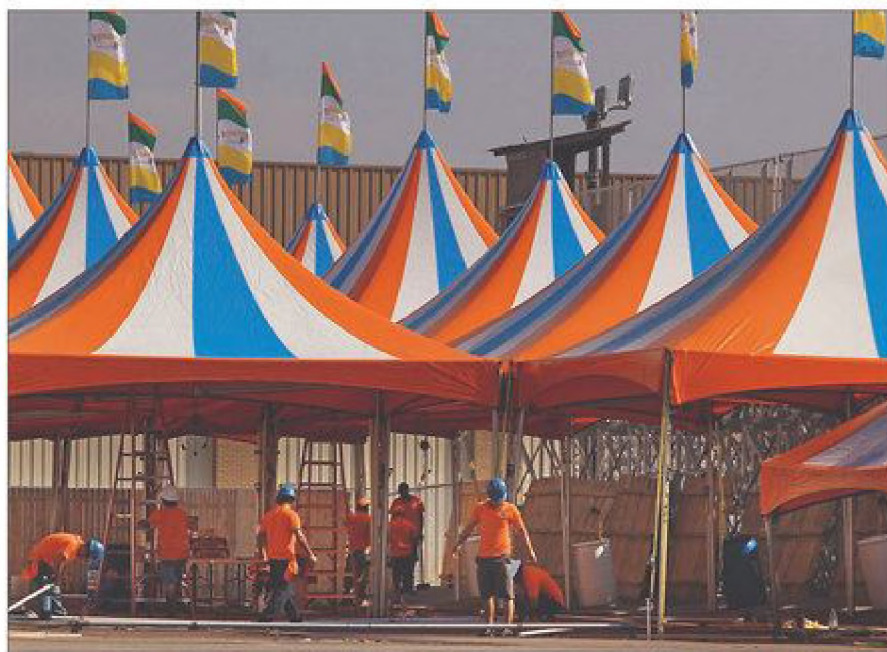
By TONY G. GABRIEL
and ESAM MOHAMED
The Associated Press

A suspected Libyan al-Qaida figure nabbed by U.S. special forces in a dramatic operation in Tripoli was living freely in his homeland for the past two years, after a trajectory that took him to Sudan, Afghanistan and Iran, where he had been detained for years, his family said Sunday.

The Libyan government bristled at the raid, asking Washington to explain the "kidnapping."

The swift Delta Force operation in the streets of the Libyan capital that seized the militant known as Abu Anas al-Libi was

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GERRY MCLENDON/GAMEL ENDORE@THESTATE.COM

Workers set up rides and prepare attractions for this year's State Fair.

State Fair? There's an app for that

By BERTRAM RANTIN
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Visitors to the State Fair will have assistance about events, schedules and all things fair at their fingertips this

ONLINE:

Scan the code on **Page A2** to access a photo gallery of early setup at the fair.

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Jury duty: What comes next?

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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In high-profile court cases such as those of Casey Anthony or George Zimmerman, much of the emphasis and media attention are focused on the parties involved, with little attention being paid to the people actually deciding the fates of these defendants: The jurors.

South Carolina rarely has such cases that captivate the interest of the nation, but if you ever receive a letter summoning you to serve on a jury, it's important to know what comes next and to be prepared. After all, while jury duty may be an inconvenience or a hardship, it is still a duty.

To be a juror

The Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees an accused party the right to a speedy and public trial "by an impartial jury of the State."

A jury for a capital murder case requires a larger jury pool because of the larger exposure those cases receive ...

To put together that impartial jury, the Aiken County Clerk of Court sends out 200 jury summons each week court is in session. Typically, you will receive your summons 10 to 30 days before your assigned term of court, according to Clerk of Court Liz Godard.

Potential jurors will serve either in criminal or civil court.

A jury for a capital murder case requires a larger jury pool because of the larger exposure those cases receive before the trial, according to Godard. Additional questionnaires are usually attached to the summons.

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AREA DEATHS

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WEATHER

Center to highlight impact of Savannah River Site



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Photographs like this of a worker's meeting at the Savannah River Site are part of the historical artifacts the proposed Savannah River Heritage Center would like to see in its new building through the Aiken Together capital campaign.

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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Editor's note: This is the third of a three-part series about the Aiken Together campaign that was recently announced to raise funds through private donations for the Center for African American History, Art and Culture, the Aiken Visitors Center and Train Museum and the funding to open a Savannah River Site Heritage Center. Today's story covers the Savannah River Site Heritage Center.

The third major project in the Aiken Together campaign is a Savannah River Site Heritage Center, which will be housed in downtown Aiken.

Chaired by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions CEO Dwayne Wilson, Aiken Together will look to raise funds

SRS has always been a major influence on the community and the nation. It has produced numerous scientific accomplishments and forever changed the lifestyle of the surrounding communities, schools, roadways and employment demographic.

J. Walter Joseph, executive director of the SRS Heritage Foundation

for the development or completion of the Center for African American History, Art and Culture; the Aiken Visitors Center and Train Museum; and the Savannah River Site Heritage Center.

"SRS has always been a major influence on the community and the nation. It has produced numerous sci-

entific accomplishments and forever changed the lifestyle of the surrounding communities, schools, roadways and employment demographic," said J. Walter Joseph, executive director of the SRS Heritage Foundation.

The SRS Heritage Center would be built in a downtown Aiken building; although, members of Aiken Together

have not specified yet which one. The center will showcase the history of the Site, including its past and present work and people. It will feature a timeline and a series of videos, photographs and interactive exhibits all related to the legacy of SRS.

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Math major assesses game of bridge

USC Aiken student maps statistics as senior project



CARDS DEAL TOUGH HAND TO PANTHERS

Arizona rolls past Carolina B1



Herald-Journal

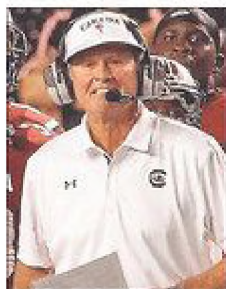
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Spurrier addresses Clowney's status

South Carolina defeated Kentucky 35-28 Saturday night at Williams-Brice Stadium, but most of the talk during Steve Spurrier's teleconference Sunday afternoon was about a player who did not play in the game. **PAGE B1**

Truck disaster

An out-of-control monster truck shot into a crowd of spectators at a Mexican air show, killing eight people and hurting 79, officials said. The driver was detained Sunday on suspicion of manslaughter, and officials said they were investigating possible safety violations in the show's setup. **PAGE A4**

Prestigious honor

A Wolford College alumna and Upstate native who has spent the past few years studying in Ghana has been selected for a prestigious program that will send her to Brazil for a year. **PAGE A6**

Raid in Libya

A suspected Libyan al-Qaida figure nabbed by U.S. special forces in a dramatic operation in Tripoli was living freely in his homeland for the past two years, after a trajectory that took him to Sudan, Afghanistan and Iran, where he had been detained for years, his family said Sunday. **PAGE A9**

Harvick prevails

Kevin Harvick won a wreck-filled race at Kansas Speedway on Sunday, keeping out of trouble all afternoon and making a big move in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. **PAGE B1**

Pro-life supporters line street

Rally held to voice opposition to abortion

By JENNY ARNOLD
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They did it without shouting or waving signs with bloody, aborted fetuses.

Instead, proponents of the Life Chain movement lined the sidewalks of John B. White Sr. Boulevard Sunday afternoon and quietly demonstrated their beliefs about abortion.

There wasn't an exact count, but at least 100 people of all ages and representing many churches stood along John B. White Sr. Boulevard from Camelot Drive to Interstate 26. The staging area for the event was West Side Baptist Church.

The demonstrators held signs reading, "Abortion hurts women," "Adoption, the life saving option" and "Jesus forgives and heals." Many smiled and waved at drivers as they passed by.

Life Chain, according to www.lifechain.net, is "a visual statement of solidarity by



Online

For a photo gallery of the rally, visit GoUpstate.com

the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death."

Participant Don Mauro, 76, a member of Jesus Our Risen Savior Catholic Church, held a sign with his son's baby photo on it, with the message, "Work and pray to end abortion."

"We're trying to get the message across that every life is sacred," Mauro said. "I think most people are pro-life. Who wants killing?"

Mary Clements, of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church held a sign reading, "Abor-

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Joan Carroll of Moore sits among a group of pro-life supporters during a rally in Spartanburg on Sunday. The supporters held signs and waved at cars traveling on John B. White Sr. Boulevard.

FESTIFALL DEMONSTRATION



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Roger J. Lindsay, above and at right, of Pickens shows off primitive



BUDGET BATTLE

Boehner: No debt limit hike

Speaker says Obama needs to make concessions for deal

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States moved closer to the possibility of the first-ever default on the government's debt Sunday as Speaker John Boehner adamantly ruled out a House vote on a straightforward bill to boost the borrowing authority without concessions from President Barack Obama.

With no resolution in sight, Treasury Secretary Jack Lew warned that Congress is "playing with fire" as he called on lawmakers to quickly pass legislation reopening the government and a measure increasing the nation's \$16.7 trillion debt limit.



Boehner

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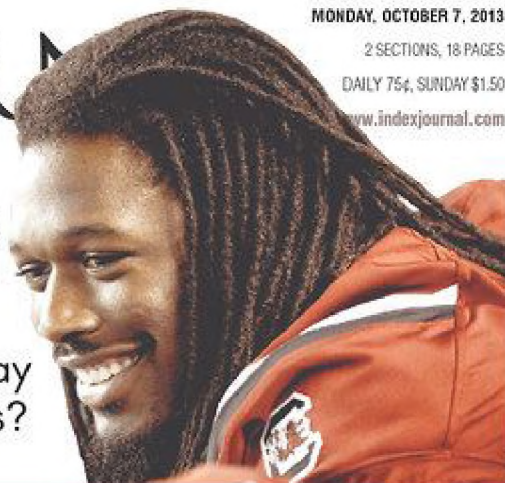
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NEW PRESIDENT/CEO

LEGACY RESOURCES

Kasper takes reins of community foundation

By ST. CLAIRE DONAGHY • sdonaghy@indexjournal.com

If your great uncle John has a sizable financial gift and a taxidermy collection to bequeath one day, Mark Kasper and Greenwood County Community Foundation can help make sure his assets benefit causes dear to him in perpetuity.

Or, if the great uncle chooses to give a gift

of various assets right now, to avoid capital gains tax, the foundation can help with that, too.

Kasper was selected to lead Greenwood County Community Foundation (GCCF) by

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What do you want to do
for your community?



J. Mark Kasper

Greenwood County Community Foundation

■ Who: J. Mark Kasper, the first president and CEO of Greenwood County Community Foundation. Age: 56. Resides: Greenwood. Education: Bachelor of Arts in psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in sociology, both from North Carolina State University; Master of Divinity from Duke University. Hobbies/interests: Member of Rotary Club of Greenwood. Member of a weekly film discussion club. Sings with Pride of Greenville men's chorus. Enjoys cooking and reading.

MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about the foundation and its work call 223-1524 or go online to: GreenwoodCF.org.

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How can we help you
make this happen?



■ SALUDA

Town clerk fired

Cochran gave
herself \$10,299.94
raise, memo says

By FRANK BUMB
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SALUDA — A longtime town employee of Saluda was fired recently amid allegations of improper raises.

Saluda Town clerk/treasurer Claudia Cochran was asked for her resignation Aug. 30 by Town Administrator Tom Brooks. When she refused, Brooks terminated Cochran's employment. Cochran was the town's clerk for more than 13 years.

"The employment of Claudia Cochran with the Town and her services as Town Clerk ended on August 30, 2013," Brooks said in a written statement.

"The Town and its representatives have no comment on the circumstances preceding the end of Mrs. Cochran's employment. Mrs. Cochran was employed by the Town for more than 13 years. The Town wishes her well in her future endeavors."

Documents obtained by the Index-Journal through a Freedom of Information Act request shed light on possible explanations for Cochran's dismissal.

According to a March 25 memo to Cochran, Cochran was disciplined for an unapproved raise to her salary in fiscal year 2012-13.

"It has recently come to the attention of our Council that during the last budget cycle you gave yourself a \$10,299.94 annual raise in addition to the (3 percent) cost of living raise that Town Council awarded to all (full-time) employees that have worked for the Town for over one year," the memo said.



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Death penalty trial begins

Delaine being tried for two counts of capital murder

BY TRACI BRIDGES

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FLORENCE — A Darlington man accused of a September 2009 double murder in Florence County will go to trial for his life on Monday.



Delaine



THE DELAINE TRIAL

Fonnelle Travis Delaine, 26, is charged with two counts of capital murder in the deaths of 32-year-old Talya Poston and

26-year-old Billy L. Hall. If convicted of the crimes, he faces a possible death sentence.

Prosecutors say Delaine masterminded a plot to get rid of Poston and Hall, who he concluded were confidential informants after he was arrested on drug distribution charges. As part of the court process of disclosure in the drug case, prosecutors were forced to show Delaine and his attorney surveillance video of the controlled drug transaction. Despite the fact the video had no audio, prosecutors believe Delaine — who was out on

bond on the drug charges at the time of the slayings — was able to figure out who the informants were by a handicap tag in the vehicle that was visible in the video.

The state alleges Delaine then hired two men to kill the couple, who were fatally shot Sept. 1, 2009, along Isalah Street, a dirt road just off of Flowers Road

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Coming Events

Jasmine Digital and Smart Device Workshop: Today, 10-11:30 a.m. and Oct. 23, 3-4:30 p.m. Participants learn to download free library eBooks and audio books to their smart devices. Workshop is held in Florence Public Library's Dunlap-Hopkins Technology Training Room on the second floor. Registration required. For information, call 843-413-7074.

Line Dancing: Today, 6 p.m. at Lake City Public Library. Admission is free, but registration is required. For more information, call 843-394-8071.

Taste of Coker: Today, 6-8 p.m. at Coker College. Event takes place on Coker soccer fields. Participants can enjoy food, live music, athletic demonstrations, and many other activities. Tickets are \$15 for singles, \$25 for couples, and \$40 for families. Tickets can be purchased at Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce, Brown and Coker Realty and Coker athletics office. For more information, contact Dan Shanks at 843-383-8353 or dshanks@coker.edu.

Vino's Palette: Today, 7-9 p.m. at Art Trail Gallery in

downtown Florence. Jenny Altman guides participants through a social painting class with easy step-by-step instructions for completing a painting. Cost is \$35 and includes materials. For more information, call 843-250-4592 or 843-667-0428.

Artsville Open Mic: Today, 7-9:30 p.m. at Midnight Rooster, 136 E. Carolina Ave. in Hartsville. Sign-up is \$3. Winner receives a cash prize and a slot in the Artsville Songwriting Competition set for Nov. 9. For more information, call 214-686-3996 or email info@welcometoeartsville.com.

PEO Chapter N Meeting: Today, 7 p.m. For more information, call 843-665-7800.

Florence Symphony Orchestra with Wesley Baldwin: Today, 7:30 p.m. at FMU

ABSTRACT MEETS GOVERNMENT



PHOTOS BY JONAH RUSSELL/LABORING NEWS

Stephen McCrae is a local abstract artist who was commissioned to do paintings for the new City Center in downtown Florence.

Artist provides color with Florence landscape paintings

BY MELISSA ROLLINS
Morning News
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FLORENCE — Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and Florence residents can now behold the work of local artist Stephen McCrae inside the City Center building in the new commissioned pieces he painted for the city.

Since most of his work is abstract, McCrae was excited when he was given the chance to work on something outside his sphere of experience: landscape portraits.

The opportunity arose when Florence City Manager Drew Griffith bought one of McCrae's pieces for his collection.

"I first saw his work when he was a part of Railroad Junction downtown," Griffith said. "We thought it would be really nice to highlight a local artist that would put something together that was fun and colorful; we didn't want something too traditional. It also seemed appropriate to have Stephen do this since he was at Railroad Junction at the very beginning of downtown redevelopment."

Now anyone can see McCrae's work simply by stopping by the City Center



Stephen McCrae looks at a mixed media piece he painted for the City Center that represents all eight departments of the city.

McCrae did four paintings for the City Center building. One of them is a mixed-media collage with representations of all of the departments the city has, like police and fire. The other three are a depiction of the city from the top of the city center

riculum. I started getting interested in pop art, more modern or abstract (styles)."

Before that visit, McCrae thought being an artist was out of the question because he did not have technical skill. However, seeing abstract paintings changed everything.

"At first I would just play around with it and I wasn't very good," McCrae said. "When Andy (Stout, the student teacher and now executive director of the Florence Museum) told me that you don't have to be a great illustrator or anything like that to be an artist, it allowed me to just feel comfortable doing whatever I wanted to do."

McCrae embraced his new found love of abstract painting and continued to work on his art while attending the College of Charleston, focusing on physics and mathematics.

Art often is seen as representative of a left-brained personality while math and sciences are typically considered signs of a right-brained personality. To McCrae though, the areas fit well together, especially in his work.

"Some people think of art as a free-flowing form of expression," McCrae said. "Other people, going back to Leonardo da Vinci, express a very close connection."



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Wire Reports

■ 'Mutt-lated' currency

A Montana man who painstakingly gathered and reassembled parts of five \$100 bills eaten by his golden retriever has been reimbursed by the U.S. Treasury for the "mutilated" currency.

Wayne Kinkel of Helena received a \$500 check, the Independent Record reported.

His 12-year-old dog, Sundance, downed all but half of one of the bills in December. Sundance, a rescue from a Wyoming animal shelter, snacked on the cash left in the family vehicle while Kinkel and his wife ate at a restaurant, but he left a \$1 bill untouched. They were on a road trip to visit their daughter in Colorado.

Kinkel carefully picked through the dog's droppings over the next few days to recover parts of the bills, and his daughter recovered more when the snow melted in the spring.

Kinkel cleaned and carefully reassembled the bills, put them in plastic bags and sent them to the U.S. Treasury in April with an explanation.

He got a receipt for the bills 10 days later, and didn't hear from the Treasury until he received the check. He said there wasn't any correspondence with the check, but the memo section in the bottom left read: "MUT-CURR RETUND."

■ Birthday cake attacked

A woman in Washington state brought her child's birthday cake into a courthouse, thinking that would be safer than leaving it in the car with her dog. She realized her error when a stranger grabbed and ate handfuls of the cake.

The chocolate cake passed through a metal detector and was sitting on a table when it was attacked.

Cake and frosting went flying when a Cowitz County sheriff's deputy grabbed the cake molester and took him to the ground. The Daily News of Longview says more deputies rushed to help, only to end up smeared with frosting.

Deputy Joe Connor told KATU-TV that 50-year-old Robert Fredrickson was arrested for investigation of third-degree theft.

■ Stinky aftermath

Residents of a Buffalo, N.Y., neighborhood plagued by skunk odors now know what caused the stink: trapped critters that were shot and stored at a shuttered police station.

The Buffalo News reports that the city's public works commissioner confirmed that humanely trapped skunks have been taken to an old police station in South Buffalo, where they're shot and stored in an outdoor freezer until they can be incinerated.

Residents say they complained about the smell months ago but were told by city officials that skunks weren't being killed inside the building. Later, they were told only a few skunks were killed there by lethal injection.

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Historic connections

Orangeburg native, husband open artisanal craft distillery in Charleston

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High Wire Distillery is currently selling two different brands of liquor, a vodka and a white rum. Owners Ann Marshall and Scott Blackwell hope to expand into making gin and brown liquors, including bourbon.

Orangeburg native Ann Marshall says she remembers well evenings growing up near Orangeburg Country Club in the early 1980s.

Her late father, Harris Marshall Jr. and mother, Theresa, would often relax after a hard day's work with an alcoholic beverage.

That memory never left Marshall, now 34.

"It was a peaceful time of day gathered around the table," she said. "It was a tradition in my house that paved the way for the spirits being a vehicle of conversation and relaxation that has stuck in my brain."

Little did she know it, but those memories and experiences would eventually pave the way to her current occupation as co-owner of Charleston's first in-town artisanal craft distillery.

She and her husband, Scott Blackwell, opened High Wire Distilling on Sept. 12 in a former 8,000-square-foot car dealership. The distillery's current production area on King Street, next to Bulcher & Bee restaurant, is in the former service area of the dealership.

High Wire Distilling is the only distillery in downtown Charleston. Wadmalaw Island's Firefly Distillery opened about nine years ago and is considered the granddaddy of the state's craft-distilling scene.

Marshall said Charleston seemed like an ideal place to locate their business.

"My husband and I felt like the tourism industry would be a big boost in our business," she said.

The historic connections also drew them to Charleston.

"Rum has a deep history in Charleston that dates back to the 1700s and 1800s," Marshall said. "There were quite a few distilleries in downtown Charleston."

The rum trade was tied to the slave trade and Barbados, Marshall noted.

The Charleston area served as an overflow site in the late 1600s for Barbados, which could not handle the number of slaves brought into the country from Africa, she said.

Marshall said the area of Hazel Street to Society Street and the upper King Street district was heavily populated with liquor establishments.

There was even a street — Rumney — in Charleston at the time, which was later changed to Romney, she noted.

"It faded away and met its final end with Prohibition," she said.

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Clafin planning for higher ed's future, Tisdale says

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Higher education is facing shifts academically and economically, and Claflin University will not be left behind, President Dr. Henry Tisdale says.

"We can no longer do business as usual," he said. "If we hold on to the status quo, we run the risk of being blown away by the winds of change," he said.

This will be a year of visions, decisions and promises, according to Tisdale. Five years ago, the university

changing? What is driving change? What are Claflin's greatest opportunities and challenges? How can we differentiate Claflin from the rest? What is needed now to ensure Claflin's continued excellence in teaching and research?"

Tisdale said that the number one issue universities face today is going digital and Claflin is ready to take a step forward with online classes.

"I envision that this will be the year that the university ... makes the decision to launch a major initiative on online education beginning in the summer of



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