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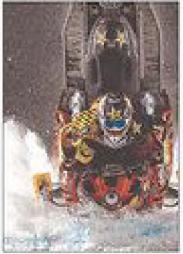


COMING SUNDAY SPECIAL REPORT

South Carolinians exist in two parallel worlds: One where life reflects the modern national average on most measures, and a forgotten one that has been left behind as the rest of the state advances in education, health and economic opportunity. Reporter Doug Pardue spent eight months investigating how we got into this predicament and offers possible solutions. His four-part multimedia series begins Sunday with a 10-page special section and at postandcourier.com.

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Feds: Woman threatened Bush

Ashley Hall suspect had '05 run-in at airport, long history of mental illness

BY ANDREW RKNAPP
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Nearly eight years ago, Alice Roland stood in line at a Canadian airport and got irritated. The U.S. Customs checks were taking too long. She blurted threats, first to Mount Royal police officers, according to

U.S. court documents. Then she blamed President George W. Bush for the inconvenience.

"I am going to kill President Bush with a gun," she said, according to an arrest affidavit. "Just give me a gun. I am going to come back and shoot you all."

The 2005 episode resulted in a

federal indictment and a judge's

order for Roland to undergo psychiatric evaluation. Doctors deemed her mentally unfit to stand trial and forceably injected her with anti-psychotic drugs.

She pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to the felony charge of threatening the president.

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"Just give me a gun. I am going to come back and shoot you all."

Alice Roland,
In a 2005 arrest
affidavit

Want a safer I-526?

Corridor study aims to help curb wrecks, address 'awful' traffic



WADE SPEC/STAFF

Traffic flows along Interstate 526 from the Leeds Avenue overpass toward the Westmoreland Bridge on Wednesday.

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POLL
Since the recent wrecks, are you more concerned about driving on Interstate Highways? Go to postandcourier.com to vote.

The new year got off to a grim start on Interstate 526 as two people lost their lives in back-to-back traffic accidents on an eight-mile stretch from North Charleston to West Ashley.

"The state is taking a \$1 million look at the section of the interstate — Rivers Avenue to U.S. Highway 78 — to see what improvements could be made."

"Safety is a major component of this study," said Dipak Patel, technical applications director for the Department of Transportation.

The DOT has posted on its web-

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Danger Zone: A map of the I-526 corridor being studied. A6

site some of the data collected for the I-526 "corridor analysis," such as traffic volume and flow, accidents and fatalities. From 2009 to 2011, more than 1,000 wrecks happened on the interstate from the Rivers Avenue interchange to West Ashley, including seven deaths.

"The traffic is awful," said Paul Ellig, a hair salon manager. "We have grown to the point

where I think we definitely need to widen I-526."

Stantec Inc., a transportation consultant, will make recommendations on how to improve I-526 traffic and safety when the 18-month study wraps up in the spring.

"They looked at a whole gamut of solutions," Patel said.

More multi-lane, designated lanes for carpools and a toll for solo drivers are among the ideas analyzed.

"We have to look at the bad boy, widening. Basically what you end up with is a bullet of solutions," he said.

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Breach still baffles ex-Revenue official

BY STEPHEN LARGEN
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COLUMBIA — The S.C. Department of Revenue's former chief information officer Thursday claimed partial responsibility for the massive breach of taxpayer information but said he remains baffled that the breach went undetected by the agency. "If procedures were not adequate, that is

HACKED THE AFTERMATH OF THE CYBERATTACK

my responsibility," said Mike Gason, who testified before a panel of House lawmakers investigating the cyberattack at the state's tax-collection agency.

Gason resigned less than three weeks before the Secret Service alerted state officials to the breach on Oct. 10.

Thursday marked the first time Gason has publicly addressed the breach or his departure from the agency. Lawmakers previously have said they had difficulty locating him.

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"I never understood what happened. To this day, I am flabbergasted."

Mike Gason,
former S.C. Dept.
of Revenue chief
information officer

For more on the S.C. Department of Revenue security breach, go to postandcourier.com/hacked.



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EX-REVENUE DEPARTMENT STAFFERS SPEAK OUT

Could hackers have been stopped?

Former department officials say logs should have shown unusual activity before data was stolen

By ANDREW SILAIN
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Checking state computer logs could have spotted hackers before they stole financial data from the S.C. Department of Revenue belonging to 6.4 million consumers and businesses, two former agency employees said Thursday.

The logs should have shown un-

usual activity as hackers searched department servers and stole data over three weeks in August and September, said the agency's former chief information officer, Mike Garon, and former computer security administrator, Scott Shealy.

Garon said he did not know why his staff, which included contract workers, failed to find signs of the

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Effort to strengthen state's open-records law advances. **B6**

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hackers. The state did not learn about the hacking until told about it by the Secret Service in October.

"I'm amazed, in the loss that we had, that we didn't detect anything in our logs," Garon told a state House hearing into the breach. "When I heard they had been in there for a number of weeks and



Mike Garon, former Department of Revenue official, pauses before answering a question about the hacking.

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'CLOSE' CALL
No need to duck when asteroid buzzes by

By BRIAN VASTAG
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A close encounter of the rocky kind is set for Feb. 15 when an office building-size asteroid will speed past the Earth faster than a bullet and closer than some communications and GPS satellites.

It will be the nearest recorded brush with a space rock so large, NASA scientists said Thursday.

The good news: There's no chance of an impact. At its closest, asteroid 2012 DA14 will pass 17,400 miles above Earth.

The bad news: A million other potentially dangerous and unknown city-killing space rocks are out there, and one of them could be on a collision

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BLIZZARD OF '73 IN S.C.



Columbia's Devine Street on Feb. 9, 1973

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SNOWSTORM MEMORIES STILL VIVID

By MINDY LUCAS | mlucas@thestate.com

The snowstorm of 1973 started innocently enough, as a smattering of snow falling across the South.

But as skies darkened on Feb. 9, 1973, and a low front out of the Gulf of Mexico mixed with

BY THE NUMBERS

- 31 of 46 counties declared disaster areas
- 14 deaths, numerous injuries attributed to the storm
- An estimated 30,000 stranded motorists took emergency shelter
- Deepest: 24 inches, at Rimini, along Lake Marion in Clarendon County
- Columbia's snowfall, which remains the city's record:

BIZARRE CASE
Man gets prison for teen sex video

Video was of his girlfriend; he also made bomb threat

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Sidney Myers will be spending the next 18 months in a federal prison for 15 minutes worth of sex videos he made with his teenage girlfriend.

The girlfriend, who knew Myers was taping at the time, happened to be 16 years old — which made her a minor under a federal sex offender law meant to apply to serious sex crimes. Having the video on his cellphone meant

Myers violated federal law by possessing child pornography.

Myers' prison sentence, handed down Thursday, is the type of nightmare scenario that law enforcement

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Mike Garon, former chief information officer for the state Revenue Department, told lawmakers he was "flabbergasted" by the breach. GERRY MELLENDE/21ST CENTURY



Garon says breach should have been detected by agency

By Tim Smith
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COLUMBIA — The transfer of massive files from the state Revenue Department by a foreign hacker should have been detected in the agency's logs, two former key computer officials at the agency said, raising new questions about what happened and security at the agency.

Michael Garon, the agency's former chief

information officer who was asked to leave the agency before the hacking was discovered, told lawmakers that he is baffled why the hacker's file transfer wasn't detected by staffers who should have been monitoring such logs.

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Origin found in 787 fire; cause still unknown

Boeing's line of large planes continues to be grounded worldwide

By Bart Jansen
USA Today

WASHINGTON — Safety investigators announced Thursday that they found the origin of the short circuit and fire in the lithium-ion battery that caught fire aboard a Boeing 787 Dreamliner, but not yet the cause.

Deborah Hersman, head of the National Transportation Safety Board, said the Federal Aviation Administration should reconsider the special conditions it set in certifying Boeing to use the battery aboard the plane.

In pinpointing the origin of the fire, Hersman said the short-circuit in one of eight cells in the battery led to a chemical reaction that sparked the fire in a plane parked in Boston. Investigators are now looking at the charge going to the battery, the manufacturing including any possible contamination and the design such as how tightly packed the cells are.

Hersman said the safety board will issue a factual report in 30 days but that it might not reach conclusions about what caused the fire.

The findings come the same day



Deborah Hersman

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NORTH GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY GETS LARGEST-EVER DONATION



President James Epting announces Georgia T. Roberson's gift with Roberson's sister, Myrtice Boazman, standing by. KEN OSBURN/STAFF

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GIFT TO HELP STUDENTS

By Angelia Davis
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TIGERVILLE — The largest single monetary gift ever given to North Greenville University will be used primarily to fund student scholarships.

GreenvilleOnline.com

GIVING TO STUDENTS

North Greenville University President James Epting's announcement of the

Roberson Scholarship Fund at North Greenville, which Roberson established in 2006, the university said.

Roberson's sister, Myrtice Boazman of Clappells, said Thursday that "she was always interested in young people and she wanted to give this as a way that

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Man shot in head, hospitalized

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The Aiken Department of Public Safety is investigating a Wednesday night shooting that left a man hospitalized.

The shooting happened about 10:30

p.m. at Colleton Court Apartments on the 1600 block of Colleton Avenue, according to a report. Officers found 35-year-old Anthony Oakman, of Colleton Avenue, lying face down on a curb in front of the apartments with a gunshot wound to the head. Oakman was transported to Geor-

gia Regents Medical Center, where he remained on Thursday, according to Sgt. Jake Mahoney. No arrests had been made as of press time on Thursday. Mahoney said investigators were developing leads throughout the day.

"There was a dispute between two

individuals," he said. "The victim was approached by the unidentified suspect. There was an altercation between the two. The victim was shot by the suspect."

A weapon was not recovered from the scene; however, investigators found three bullet shell casings.

"There were witnesses to the crime that have been interviewed by Public Safety officers," Mahoney said.

Teddy Kulmala covers the crime beat for the Aiken Standard. He is a graduate of Clemson University and hails from Williston.

Hitchcock Parkway project draws fervor at meeting

BY AMY BANTON
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The Augusta Regional Transportation Study Policy Committee meeting was more crowded than usual and got a bit tense at times when the Hitchcock Parkway widening project was addressed Thursday afternoon.

Representatives from the S.C. Department of Transportation gave their usual updates on a variety of road projects in the county. But, when they got to the Hitchcock Parkway, the crowd, which was packed into the Aiken County Council Chambers, became a bit more animated.

The proposal is to widen 4.8 miles of Hitchcock Parkway from Silver Bluff Road to Jefferson Davis Highway from two to four lanes to accommodate more traffic. The project, which is about three decades in the making, got the green light for funding from the S.C. State Transportation Infrastructure Bank early last year. It voted to provide \$9.5 million for the Hitchcock Parkway widening. Another \$4 million will come from the one-cent sales tax approved by voters in 2010.

SCDOT Program Manager Kevin Grant said that from the Nov. 8 public information meeting, the comments they gathered from about 250 people varied, and the plan presented that evening showed the most extreme impact to the surrounding area.

Gant said 75 percent of the residents who commented were against the widening as planned and 70 percent recommended something of a lesser degree.

Gant said the comments were considered, and during SCDOT's meeting with its consultant in January, they worked on implementing strategies to reduce the project's impact on neighborhoods, businesses and churches on that stretch.



S.C. Department of Transportation's Ron Patten talks to Sen. Tom Young, resident Robert Gilbert and County Councilman Andrew Siders after Thursday's Augusta Regional Transportation Study meeting.

It is critical for the DOT to understand that public input on any alternative design that they develop is critical. Therefore, another public information session is a must, and that message was conveyed at the meeting this afternoon.

Sen. Tom Young

Sen. Tom Young, who has been following this project closely, asked at the meeting when another public

information session would be held to show the revised plan.

According to Grant, the process of

projects like this is a "dynamic" one and always change depending on the controversy surrounding it. If local government officials feel that more public input is needed, they are asked to contact SCDOT before public involvement closes and a hearing is held for a more finalized plan.

Residents made it clear at the meeting Thursday that they wanted to see an updated plan and offer more input. SCDOT Chief Engineer Ron Patten said they will schedule something in the next two to three months to present a plan with a smaller footprint to residents and gather more comments.

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AHS culinary students to hold benefit dinner

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Southern diet, fried foods may raise stroke risk

BY MARILYN MARCHIONE
Associated Press

Deep-fried foods may be causing trouble in the Deep South. People whose diets are heavy on them and sugary drinks like sweet tea and soda were more likely to suffer a stroke, a new study finds.

It's the first big look at diet and strokes, and researchers said it might help explain why blacks in the Southeast — the nation's "stroke belt" — suffer more of them.

Blacks were five times more likely than whites to have the Southern dietary pattern linked with the highest stroke risk. And blacks and whites who live in the South were more likely to eat this way than people in other parts

of the country, researchers concluded.

"We're talking about fried foods, french fries, hamburgers, processed meats, hot dogs, bacon, ham, liver, gizzards and sugary drinks," said the study's leader, Suzanne Judd of the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

People who ate about six meals a week featuring these sorts of foods had a 41 percent higher stroke risk than people who ate that way about once a month, researchers found.

In contrast, people whose diets were high in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and fish had a 29 percent lower stroke risk.

"It's a very big difference," Judd said.

"The message for people in the middle is there's a graded risk" — the likelihood

American Stroke Association conference in Honolulu.

The federally funded study was launched in 2002 to explore regional variations in stroke risks and reasons for them. More than 20,000 people 45 or older — half of them black — from all 48 mainland states filled out food surveys and were sorted into one of five diet styles.

• **Southern:** Fried foods, processed meats (lunch meat, jerky), red meat, eggs, sweet drinks and whole milk.

• **Convenience:** Mexican and Chinese food, pizza, pasta.

• **Plant-based:** Fruits, vegetables, juice, cereal, fish, poultry, yogurt, nuts and whole-grain bread.

• **Sweets:** Added fats, breads, chocolates, desserts, sugar breakfast foods.



This photo shows fried chicken.

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District names 3 superintendent finalists

By TOM BARTON

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Educators from Illinois, Florida and North Carolina have been named finalists in the search for a new Beaufort County School District superintendent.

The three are:

• Gloria J. Davis, superintendent of the 9,100-

student Decatur Public Schools in Decatur, Ill.

• Kathryn LeRoy, director of high school programs for the 125,000-student Duval County

Public Schools in Jacksonville, Fla.

• Jeffrey Moss, superintendent of the 9,850-student Lee County Schools in Sanford, N.C.

The finalists were selected from a pool of

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LADY'S ISLAND WOMAN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER

DID SUSPECT LIE TO BUY GUN?

Alice Boland had history of mental illness, still able to purchase pistol

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The Beaufort woman accused of attempting to shoot two employees of a private school in downtown Charleston on Monday also faced serious legal trouble in 2005, when she threatened to kill President George W. Bush while waiting in a slow-moving customs line at a Montreal airport.

Alice Boland, now 28, was indicted in federal court after that episode. A judge ordered her to undergo psychiatric evaluation. Doctors deemed her mentally unfit to stand trial and were given permission to forcefully inject her with anti-psychotic drugs.

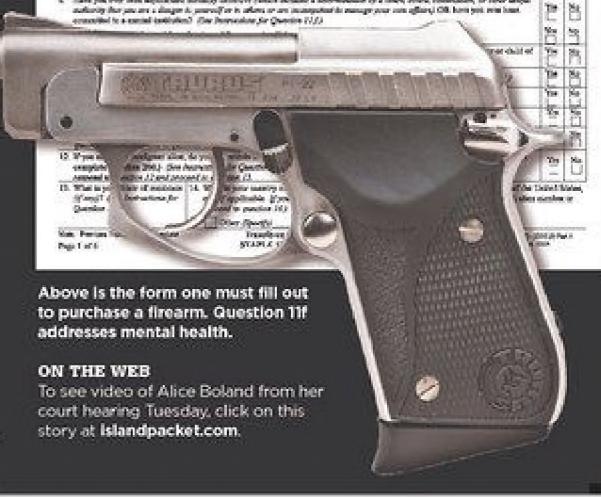
Four years later, Boland pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, and the charges were dropped.

Although state and federal law prohibits gun ownership by those who have been "adjudged mentally defective," none of that prevented Boland from purchasing the palm-sized, .22-caliber handgun she tried to fire outside Ashley Hall, authorities said.

Charleston police have said Boland bought the gun legally a few days before the incident. However, a federal official said Thursday that Boland could face additional federal charges if she provided false information to make the purchase.

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7. Social Security Number (Required), but will help prevent misappropriation	8. Unemployment Insurance Number (UI#) if applicable (See Instructions for Question #8)		
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11. American citizen or alien (check one) a. Are you the actual purchaser or possessor of the firearms listed on this form? Warning: You are not the actual buyer if the dealer cannot transfer the firearms to you. (See Instructions for Question 11a.) Exception: If you are picking up a required firearm for another person, you are not the actual buyer if you do not intend to keep it for your own use or if you are not the intended user. b. If you are not the actual buyer, are you the actual buyer of a felony, or any other crime, for which this judge could imprison you for more than one year? (See Instructions for Question 11b.) c. Have you ever been convicted in any court of a felony, or any other crime, for which the judge could have imprisoned you for more than one year, even if you were not found guilty? (See Instructions for Question 11c.) d. Are you a fugitive from justice?			
12. Are you an felon in possession of, or addicted to, marijuana or any depressant, stimulant, narcotic drug, or any other mind-altering substance?			
13. Have you ever been adjudicated mentally defective (which includes a determination by a court, board, commission, or other lawful authority that you are a danger to yourself or others or cannot manage your own affairs)? (See Instructions for Question 11d.)			
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16. What is your current employment status? (See Instructions for Question 11f.)			
17. What is your current marital status? (See Instructions for Question 11g.)			
18. What is your current residence address? (See Instructions for Question 11h.)			
19. Firearms Transaction Record Part II - Transfer of Possession			



Above is the form one must fill out to purchase a firearm. Question 11f addresses mental health.

ON THE WEB
To see video of Alice Boland from her court hearing Tuesday, click on this story at islandpacket.com.

Former staffers testify on tax breach

By ANDREW SHAIN

The (Columbia) State

COLUMBIA — Checking state computer logs could have spotted hackers before they stole financial

"I'm amazed, in the loss that we had, that we didn't detect anything in our logs.... People are supposed to look at those logs.... Someone was

AT HEARING, BRENNAN DEFENDS DRONE POLICY

A Senate hearing on the nominations of John Brennan to serve

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GOT A TIP?

Anyone with information about the peeping Tom cases should contact Cpl. D. Seifert at 843-255-3414 or Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CRIME-SC (274-6372).

To see a video of islanders responding to the incidents, click this story at islandpacket.com.

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No probation for former sheriff

After paying a fine, Jason Booth's probation was terminated Aug. 6, 2012



By MATT BRUCE
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When former Saluda County Sheriff Jason Booth pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of misconduct in office last year, he was sentenced to serve probation until the year 2017.

But according to state probation officials, Booth has not

served any part of that probation because of a stipulation in his sentencing.

The South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services confirmed this week Booth's probation was terminated upon payment of a \$900 fine levied upon him when an Aiken County judge sentenced him Aug. 6, 2012.

According to SCIDPPPS officials, Booth paid his fine the same day he was sentenced, essentially meaning he never served any time under state supervision.

Booth was indicted by a state grand jury in June, 2012 on the single misconduct count. He stood accused of using the services of an inmate on loan to the

county from the state Department of Corrections to assist in building, constructing and working on his private property.

At the time of his indictment, Booth was in the final year of his third term as Saluda County's top lawman. He immediately resigned and stood before a judge two months later, at which time he was sentenced to one year in

prison suspended to a \$900 fine and five years probation.

A caveat to Booth's negotiated plea deal, officials said, was his five-year probation sentence would be terminated when he paid the fine.

The 2nd Circuit Solicitor's Office prosecuted the case

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COLLISION



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Highway Patrol officers examine the scene where a man was hit by a car early Thursday morning on Highway 34, just outside Greenwood city limits, near the Li'l Cricket gas station.

Man struck by car on SC Highway 34

Investigation is under way by SCHP

From staff reports

The South Carolina Highway Patrol is investigating a collision that occurred Thursday morning on S.C. Highway 34 in which a Greenwood man was struck by a car.

According to SCHP Lance Cpl. Tony Keller, the pedestrian wreck happened about 6:15 a.m. Thursday along the thoroughfare, just outside Greenwood city limits. Officials did not release

the victim's name, saying the incident is currently under investigation by SCHP's Multi-Disciplinary Accident Investigation Team.

The victim was struck by a 1998 Mercury car being driven by Sergio Hernandez-Cisneros, 24, of Greenwood, Keller said. The 26-year-old victim was transported to Self Regional Medical Center to be treated for injuries he sustained in the collision.

SCHP troopers were at the scene of the crash investigating Thursday and had closed off one of

the westbound lanes on Highway 34 just west of Vintage Court. That's where the Mercury Grand Marquis sat with its windshield severely damaged on the driver's side.

The crash occurred yards from a Li'l Cricket gas station on Highway 34, within a block of the road's cross-section with Bypass 25. Witnesses said the victim was heading home from the gas station at the time of the wreck.

Keller said the driver was not charged or cited in connection with the crash Thursday. Officials noted if any charges were to be filed, they would not come until after the conclusion of the MAT team's investigation.



CHARLIE BARRINEAU

Greenwood City Council continued this week its discussion of the ultimate fate of the old Greenwood Mills office building and warehouse on the Kitson Street mill site.

Last week, Council postponed taking a vote on the possible demolition of the two structures. The decision for postponement came after a lengthy public hearing in which numerous people implored Council to consider saving the structures, particularly the office building, which was a Greenwood Mills original.

Among those who lobbied against demolishing the structures were Self Regional CEO Jim Pfeiffer, Greenwood Historical Society president Chip Tinsley and Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation executive director Michael Bedenbaugh.

Bedenbaugh said the Palmetto Trust was even willing to take control of the buildings and secure them until the ultimate fate of the structures is decided.

On Monday, the subject of the two buildings on the Kitson mill site came up during City Council's work session at the Municipal Building.

Longtime Councilman Johnny Williams said he recognizes there could be some historic and aesthetic value in rehabbing the former Greenwood Mills office building. But, Williams said he thinks the old warehouse should be demolished.

"With that warehouse, somebody's going to get hurt in there if we don't take it down," Williams said. "The warehouse is what I'm talking about. It ain't fit to save. ... The warehouse needs to come down before some-

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