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Judge: Give Veronica to Capobiancos

Birth father's failure to appear for visit prompts judge to scrap gradual transfer

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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A Charleston judge on Monday ordered the immediate transfer of 3-year-old Veronica to her adoptive parents and called for action from state and federal authorities after the girl's birth father failed to appear for a court-ordered visit the day before.

The decree by Family Court Judge Daniel Martin suspended a transition plan intended to gradually reintroduce the toddler to Matt and Melanie Capobianco of James Island. It also requests assistance from Dustin Brown's commanding officer as he finishes a 30-day training mission with the Army National Guard. The order is one of the strongest

Read more

To read more about the case, go to postandcourier.com/veronica.

actions in the custody dispute since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in June that Brown strongly got custody of the girl under the Indian Child Welfare Act. After

the case was sent back to South Carolina courts, the Capobiancos' adoption was finalized. The girl, who turns 4 next month, lived with the couple for the first 27 months of her life.

Attempts to reach Shannon Jones of Charleston and John Nichols of Columbia, two of Brown's attorneys in the state, were not successful.

The judge ordered both of the attorneys to divulge their personal knowledge of Veronica's whereabouts. Last week, Jones released a statement from Brown that said he wouldn't abide by a ruling he thought would harm his daughter.

Martin also asked Solicitor

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Veronica "is being unlawfully withheld from her lawful parents," the judge said.

R U asking 4 a ticket?

Mt. Pleasant proposes ban, hoping motorists will hang up and drive



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What's next

Mount Pleasant Town Council will debate and vote on its proposed ban on driving while using a hand-held electronic device at its next meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 13 at Town Hall.

Poll

Does Mount Pleasant's ban go too far? Go to postandcourier.com to vote.

BY ROBERT BEHRE
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MOUNT PLEASANT — The town soon may join the ranks of South Carolina local governments that ban using hand-held devices while driving.

Town Council's Police, Legal and Judicial Committee voted 3-1 Monday to recommend such an ordinance to full council.

Drivers who use a cellphone, whether to call, send a text or for some other purpose, could be cited

with a violation punishable by a \$160.50 fine.

Despite having some of the nation's deadliest highways, South Carolina is one of just a few states that still allows texting while driving. Beaufort, Columbia, Sumter, Clemson and other towns have passed their own bans, but neither Charleston nor North Charleston have tried to follow suit.

Mount Pleasant council members have debated banning texting while driving for years, and may be ready to act after the Legislature declined

to tackle the issue this year. Council members have debated outlawing only texting but decided to expand their proposed ban to use of all electronics while driving, except in emergencies.

Council members Thomasesa Stokes Marshall and Elton Carrier voted for the proposal, while Councilman Chris Nichols voted no. Mayor Billy Swank was not at the meeting because he was out of town following the death of an uncle.

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SPA tries to stop cruise lawsuit

Claims terminal's foes just want delay

BY TYRONE RICHARDSON
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The State Ports Authority is asking a state judge to dismiss a lawsuit opposing its plans for a new \$35 million cruise terminal in downtown Charleston, alleging opponents are deliberately using the court system as a delay tactic.

Lawyers for the state maritime agency have filed a motion asking S.C. Administrative Law Judge Ralph Anderson III to approve sanctions, including the dismissal of the case, claiming the suit is "frivolous, lacked any reasonable or defensible grounds of support, and was filed solely for the purpose of delay," according to the filing.

This marks at least the second recent attempt the SPA has tried to shed its fast-growing series of lawsuits opposing its new cruise terminal at Union Pier in downtown Charleston.

The 65-acre property was planned to have a new cruise terminal up and running in a 108,000-square-foot warehouse by mid-2017, replacing the aging structure at the south end of the pier, near the historic City Market.

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Poll

Do you like the location of the proposed cruise terminal? Go to postandcourier.com to vote.

Wild hogs pig out, make mess of suburbs

Flooding prompts porky scavengers to root for grub in W. Ashley yards

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Alligators, snakes, rats, muskrats — varmints on manse — are scouring suburban neighborhoods in the flooded Lowcountry this summer. Well, look out. Here comes another

one wild hog.

A "sounder" of feral pigs is rooting up lawns in Village Green off the Ashley River Road in West Ashley, snorting away in the dark, apparently feeding on insects and grubs. "We've got several 'pet pigs' out here," said resident Ja-

set Hardeman with a sighing laugh. "If they have really torn it up at the edge of the woods. Last night they tore up around the pond right below our window." The subdivision sits up against an expanse of wetlands woods that makes up the plantation land along the river road, not far from creeks and swamps itself. In other words, prime country for hogs. Wildlife biologists believe they are being

pushed out of the flooded bottomlands to look for food.

If you live in river country, "that habitat is right behind your house," said Sam Chappellear, S.C. Department of Natural Resources regional wildlife coordinator.

Feral hogs are the ranked scavengers of the swamps, rooting up acre after acre, digging for

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PHOTO BY BILLY ESCOFFIER
Billy Escoffier's cameras spied these wild pigs in Charleston County. Pigs are a recurring nuisance in the area between the Ashley River and Rantowles Creek.



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IN THE NEWS

Intercepted message cause for U.S. embassy shutdowns

An intercepted message between al-Qaida chief Ayman al-Zawahiri and his deputy in Yemen about plans for a major terror attack was the trigger that set off the current shutdown of many U.S. embassies. A3

BACK TO SCHOOL

'Tax-free' means heavy store traffic

Extra deals, extended hours drew big business over weekend, managers say

By RODDIE BURRIS
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If you noticed you were not alone on the roads or in stores around Columbia over the weekend — well, you're not alone.

Midlands' merchants say

they were much busier than normal during South Carolina's tax-free holiday weekend this year, many of them capitalizing on the sales tax break by extending store hours and putting on added promotions.

The popular S.C. sales tax holiday, where businesses sus-

pend collection of the 6 percent state sales tax and any local sales taxes on applicable items for three days — like their online competitors can do year round — ended at midnight Sunday.

Some states, like North Carolina, are nixing their tax-free holidays next year as they change tax policies. And Georgia — which has its tax holiday this weekend — has limited the

amount shoppers can claim for exemption from sales taxes.

"South Carolina is still going incredibly strong in tax-free," said Mechelle Carey, Best Buy general manager at the Sunset Boulevard store in Lexington. "Our customers love it."

The store extended its business hours over the weekend by four hours, formally, Carey

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'NO SENTENCE CAN LESSEN THEIR PAIN'



David and Karen Longstreet and Karen's sister Cathy Webb embrace while the sentencing is read for Billy

Bond denied for two arrested in child-sex sting

Accused pimp on bond in Richland County for murder, other charges

By NOELLE PHILLIPS
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A federal judge denied bond Monday for an alleged pimp and an alleged prostitute accused of setting up a 16-year-old to advertise sexual services on the Internet.

William J. Gibson, 21, and Andrea Bostic, 20, both of Columbia, appeared before U.S. Magistrate Shiva V. Hodges after each was charged July 28 with sex trafficking of children by force or coercion for their alleged roles in the 16-year-old's work as a prostitute.

Hodges called their charges "a very serious case" and said she was saddened that people continue to force minors into prostitution.

For Gibson, the bond denial put an end to a cycle of committing crimes,

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INSIDE

Haley's chief spokesman takes new position as her political adviser, 4A

New insurance costs still uncertain

Subsidies could cushion blow but will depend on income

By Eric Connor

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Premiums are sure to rise for those in South Carolina who don't get health insurance through an employer once the first policies under the Affordable Care Act are available this fall — but just how much residents will actually have to pay isn't certain, experts say.

The state Department of Insurance's recently released estimates of premium increases are alarming, such as predictions of between 50 to 70 percent average rate increases for individuals who buy insurance themselves.

However, the analysis didn't factor in subsidies that the federal government will pay a person, based on household income, who buys insurance on one of the

health care law's new exchanges that come online Oct. 1.

The Affordable Care Act, which has divided the country since its passage in 2010, guarantees coverage on the exchanges for anyone who wants insurance and imposes fines on those who don't.

Those with insurance through their employer aren't

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HEALTH FINES

Fines faced by individuals without insurance, but who are financially able to pay

IN 2014

\$95 or 1 percent of annual income, whichever is greater.
\$47.50 per child but no more than \$285 for a family

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\$325 per adult or 2 percent of annual income, whichever is greater.
\$162.50 per child but no more than \$975 for a family

IN 2016

\$695 per adult or 2.5 percent of annual income, \$347.50 per child but no more than \$2,085 for a family

SC GOP looks to Greenville for 'voice of reason'

Local party delays
chairman election

By Rudolph Bell

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The Greenville County Republican Party has ostracized itself by attacking fellow Republicans across South Carolina and needs to elect a "voice of reason" as its new chairman in order to return "from the slippery slope it's started down," a high official with the state GOP said Monday.

Alex Stroman, executive director of the South Carolina Republican Party, made the remarks during an interview with GreenvilleOnline.com as the Greenville party got ready to pick a new chairman.

The local party's executive committee on Monday night was supposed to choose between one of two local attorneys, Chad Groover or Samuel Harms, to replace former chairwoman Betty Poe, who resigned suddenly from the job in June, not long after winning a second term.

But committee members voted instead to postpone the election for chairman until Sept. 9 as Harms and his supporters had wanted.

Groover agreed to the change in the name of party unity. "Because that's the reason I'm running, to have unity in our party," he told about 200 Republicans gathered in an auditori-

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DESPITE A DELAYED CROP, THE PEACHES HAVE RECOVERED, CLEMSON EXTENSION SAYS



Too much rain has taken its toll on crops throughout the state. However, Tommy Fisher, owner of Fisher's Pick Your Own, said his crop of peaches has fared well as contract workers bring in the harvest on his Greer orchard. HEIDI HELBRUNN/STAFF

RAINS SLOW HARVESTS ACROSS STATE

Recent weather patterns help area farmers

By Nathaniel Cary

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sion's Upstate commercial fruit and vegetable agent.

Rollins has visited numerous other farms that have faced the same set-

"Talking to some of the farmers market managers, their plants are shutting

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DROPPING OUT

Thompson apparently withdraws from Spartanburg mayoral race
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SUSPENDED

Major League Baseball drops the hammer on several players, including Alex Rodriguez B1



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Fire station opening

Woodruff will open an anticipated fire station this week. The Cavins Station, also known as "fire station three," has hosted a fire engine for about two months, but will be staffed by a professional firefighter beginning this week. **PAGE C1**

Face to face in court

After years of delay, survivors of the 2009 shooting rampage that claimed the lives of 13 people at the Fort Hood Army base will come face to face with Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, the Army psychiatrist who goes on trial in the attack starting today. **PAGE A3**

Prep realignment

Two schools will move to new regions and one to a new classification under the South Carolina High School League 2014-16 realignment plan. **PAGE B1**

Lake access

The Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation wants to hear from the public about the possibility of allowing early access to Lake Blalock for duck hunting. The delegation had a public hearing on Senate Bill 558 during its meeting Monday. **PAGE C1**

New-look Denny's

Former Denny's Corp. executive turned franchisee Craig Herman hopes local residents will get a taste of something extraordinary when they set foot in his restaurant at 2306 Reidville Road. **PAGE D1**

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Police, people work together

Law enforcement, neighborhood events slated for tonight

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City and county law enforcement officers will be out in force for a national event to strengthen ties with residents in their neighborhoods tonight.

National Night Out began in 1984 in an effort to promote crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Both police and fire divisions of the Spartanburg Public Safety Department, along with the city's Community Services, and Parks and Recreation departments have

mobilized numerous neighborhoods to participate in National Night Out. Most events around the city will begin about 6 p.m., but residents can check with their local neighborhood watch groups for exact times.

Participating neighborhoods include: Archibald Rutledge Apartments/Barksdale, Cammie Clagett Apartments, Camp Croft Apartments, Carriage House Condominiums, Cleveland Park/Northside,

Collins Park, Converse Heights, Forest Park, Hampton Heights, Heritage Court Apartments, Highland, J.C. Anderson Apartments, J.C. Bull Apartments.

Also, Kensington Manor Apartments, Liberty Square Apartments, Maxwell Hills, Pine Forest, Pineview Hills, Prince Hall Apartments, South Converse Neighborhood Association, Summer Place

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PRACTICE TIME AT WOFFORD



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US EMBASSIES

Al-Qaida message put world on alert

Other factors called into play in Yemen

By LARA JAKES
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An intercepted secret message between al-Qaida chief Ayman al-Zawahiri and his deputy in Yemen about plans for a major terror attack was the trigger that set off the current shutdown of many U.S. embassies, two officials said Monday.

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Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the sensitive issue publicly.

While the Wofford Terriers held their first football practice of the season Monday, the Bulldogs of the Wofford College



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Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is shown July 16 during the 51st Delta Sigma Theta National Convention in Washington.

TV BATTLE

Clinton
projects
raise ire
of RNC

Republicans
threaten blackball
of NBC, CNN

By KEN THOMAS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican National Committee charged Monday that NBC and CNN are promoting a potential presidential candidacy by Hillary Rodham Clinton, threatening to blackball them from future GOP primary debates if they air upcoming programs on the former secretary of state.

RNC chairman Reince Priebus called a planned NBC miniseries on Clinton and a CNN documentary on the former first lady an "extended commercial" for a future Clinton presidential campaign. In separate letters to the networks, he urged them to cancel "this political ad masquerading as an unbiased production."

Clinton has not yet said whether she'll run for president again in 2016 but her future remains the subject of wide speculation in political circles and beyond. The primary debates typically provide a ratings boost for the networks and are highly coveted as the presidential campaign unfolds.

In making the charge, the RNC was raising a common complaint among Republican activists that news and entertainment industries favor Democratic candidates. Republicans also used a potential Clinton campaign as a fundraising tool in recent months as both parties begin to assess the crop of candidates to succeed President Barack Obama.

CNN Films is planning a feature-

City talks Gateway Trail

Proposed path would run alongside West Cambridge between park, Bypass 225

By CHRIS TRAINOR

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Greenwood City Council had a discussion Monday night about possibly accepting a portion of a South Carolina Department of Transportation right of way in order to make the proposed Cambridge Gateway Trail a reality.

City Council's discussion came during Monday night's work session at the Municipal

Building. The city's talks about the would-be trail came a week after Greenwood County Council had similar debates.

The proposed Cambridge Gateway Trail would be just less than a mile long. It would run alongside West Cambridge Avenue, from Bypass 225 down to the area near the American Legion Post 20 home, and would tie in with the existing West Cambridge Park Trail.

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Greenwood city manager Charlie Barrineau discusses the proposed Cambridge Gateway Trail during Monday night's meeting.

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ON BOARD

Due West leader joins ranks
of Association of SC Mayors

By FRANK BUMB

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Mayor Lee Logan has never been shy about trumpeting the virtues of Due West. Now, he'll do so as a board member of the Association of South Carolina Mayors.

"I'm looking forward to being on the board," Logan said of his July 19 appointment. "It's definitely an honor."

The association is an affiliate of the Municipal Association of South Carolina. Bringing together more than 130 mayors — about half of all the mayors in South Carolina — the association focuses on legislative advocacy, disseminating information, educating members and exchanging best practices.

Casey Fields, manager for municipal advocacy for the MASC, said the group provides a support structure for new and experienced mayors alike.

"It just gives all the mayors the opportunity to talk to each other," Fields said. "It provides educational activities as far as



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Couple
perishes
in blaze

Summerton house fire
kills 2; flames 'visible
from nearby highway'

BY JADE ANDERSON
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A husband and wife are dead following an early Monday morning fire off Willie Richburg Road in Summerton.

The names of the 66-year-old man and the 56-year-old woman have not been released as the Clarendon County Coroner's Office is still trying to notify family, said Clarendon County Coroner Hayes Samuels Monday evening.

"Apparently someone saw the flames from the highway, and it was well off the highway," said



SAMUELS

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School board meeting tonight

BY BRADEN BUNCH
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The Sumter School District Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting at 6 tonight at the district's administrative offices to discuss personnel.

As has been the case with several of their previous specially called meetings, the only item on the agenda for the trustees is an executive session. During the closed-door session, the trustees are expected to discuss various employment matters, which

could include any resignations, terminations, transfers and/or reassignments. If the trustees need to make any changes to the personnel makeup of the school district, any action would be taken in public after the trustees' executive session.

The meeting will be the first



since the trustees named Dr. Frank Baker the interim superintendent of the district, following the resignation of Randolph Bynum. Last week, the trustees, by a 5-2 vote, offered Baker the interim position, effective immediately.

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3 face charges
of murder in
deadly assault

Manning man endures
2 months on life support,
dies from several injuries

BY ROB COTTINGHAM
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MANNING — Manning Police Department has charged 3 suspects in an attack that left a Manning man with injuries that eventually resulted in his death.

Jonathan Cody Newman, 20, of 6051 S. Brentwood Road in Manning; Montag La-mall Webb, 21, of 217 Packard Lane in

'This man was brutally beaten by three men with several witnesses present. Those people remained there afterward and did nothing to help. They let that man bleed and suffer on his floor for three hours. They will be held accountable.'

Manning; and Letroy Samuels, 32, of 720 W. Huggins St. in Manning, have been charged with first-degree murder and first-degree burglary this week in connection to the death of Anthony Ronald Wimberly.

"This man was brutally beaten by three men with several witnesses present," Manning Police Chief Blair Shaffer said. "Those people remained there afterward and did nothing to help. They let

Chief Blair Shaffer,
Manning Police Dept.

I-20 wreck near Bishopville claims 1

Semi, car collide,
killing 82-year-old
Florence woman

BY BRADEN BUNCH
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BISHOPVILLE — A fatal crash along Interstate 20 in Lee County involving a tractor-trailer and a sedan claimed the life of a Florence woman and blocked the highway for several hours Monday afternoon.

Occurring around 1:15 p.m. on the westbound side of the interstate at the exit for S.C. 341/Wisacky Highway, the wreck blocked



both lanes of the interstate as well as the exit leading to Lee Central High School. Shortly after the accident, the South Carolina Department of Transportation issued

a traffic advisory suggesting motorists look for alternative routes to avoid the wreckage.

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TOP: Law enforcement and others
stare in amazement at the remnants



Florence City Council

Relief on the way for town of Timmonsville

City of Florence moving ahead with emergency fixes to town's broken sewer system

BY LINDSAY S. BUCHANAN
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FLORENCE — With a lot of long hours and plenty of compromise, the city of Florence has managed to create a piecemeal financial

package made up of low-interest loans and grants that finally allows it to move forward in providing emergency assistance to the town of Timmonsville's overflowing sewer system.

In a special called meeting Monday, city council met for the first time in its brand new council chambers in City Center and heard a special report from city manager Drew Griffin, who addressed the council with relief in his voice.

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Florence City Council members sit in their new council chambers in City Center first time Monday at a special meeting to vote on next steps for taking over Timmonsville's water and sewer system. From right are council members Glynn F. Willis, Octavia Williams-Blake and Buddy Brand.

LINDSAY BUCHANAN/MORNING NEWS

Al-Qaida leader's message led to closures

The Associated Press

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Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the sensitive issue publicly.

American spies and intelligence analysts on Monday scoured email, calls and radio communications between al-Qaida operatives in Yemen and the organization's senior leaders to determine the timing and targets of the planned attack.

The call from al-Zawahiri, who took over for Osama bin Laden after U.S. Navy SEALs killed the al-Qaida leader in May 2011, led the Obama administration to close diplomatic posts from Mauritania on Africa's west coast through the Middle East to Bangladesh, east of India, and as far south as Madagascar.

The U.S. did reopen some posts on Monday, including well-defended embassies in Kabul, Afghanistan, and Baghdad. Authorities in Yemen, mean-

Schools opening doors all week to get students signed up for class

BY ELLEN MEDER
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FLORENCE — As the Darien ladies started their registration paperwork at West Florence High School Monday they laughed and smiled, a slightly unusual reaction to beginning a somewhat tedious round of paperwork.

But with Bella Darien starting her senior year and Tatyana Darien beginning her freshman year, they and their mother Sunshine Darien were excited to get the school year — which begins in just two weeks — started.

"It's a big moment with both of them in senior year and freshman year, and we have another daughter in the 10th grade too," Sunshine Darien said while waiting to complete the next step of registration. "We're all excited, and in just a little bit she'll (Bella) will be getting her senior pictures made."

As sets of students and parents came into the school they quickly made "to-do lists" for registration day with a number of things to sign up for, pay up for and wait in line for: Association For Parents, Teachers and Students memberships and coupon books, school IDs, parking passes, clubs, a line for

TO-DO LIST

Fall registration afoot in Florence



PHOTOS BY ELLEN MEDER/MORNING NEWS

Students and parents sit Monday in the West Florence High School lobby as they wait to see a guidance counselor during fall registration.



West Florence High School senior Bella Darien grins and laughs with her sister, Tatyana Darien, soon to be a freshman at the school, while her mother Sunshine Darien starts some paperwork at registration.

senior portraits in the library and an even longer line for those waiting to see a guidance counselor.

Throughout this week fami-

lies will be flocking to their Florence School District 1 base schools to sign students up for the fall semester, which begins Monday, Aug. 19. All students

are required to register, even if they have not moved and have been in the district for years.

Each school has particular registration hours, and sometimes particular days for certain grades in high school. But though it isn't widely publicized, families who cannot make it to the designated registration time can register at the school's office another time. Leslie Collins of the district attendance office said that families should call the school ahead of time to make sure the right personnel will be in the office to help, but that missing the designated registration day is not the end of the world for working parents. She said the district will take registrations

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Taste test: Lab-grown hamburger short on flavor

The Associated Press

LONDON — The food of the future could do with a pinch of seasoning — and maybe some cheese.

Two volunteers who took the first public bites of hamburger grown in a laboratory gave it good marks for tex-

ture to concentrate on the flavor of the meat itself.

Mark Post, the Dutch scientist who led the team that grew the meat from cattle stem cells, regretted having served the patty without his favorite topping: aged gouda cheese.

"That would have enhanced the



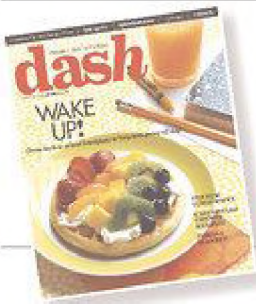
American author and journalist Josh Schonwald tastes a burger made from cultured beef grown in a laboratory from stem cells of cattle



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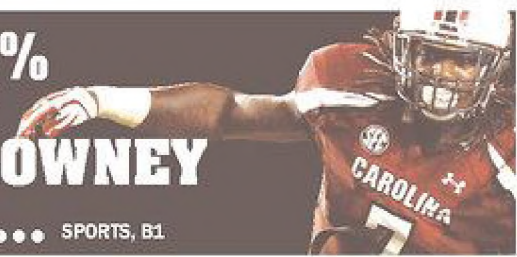


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Cold busted



Sgt. David Martin patrols Interstate 26 on Wednesday morning as part of the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office I.C.E. Team. **See** footage from the scene by visiting us at TheTandD.com/videos

ICE team turning up heat on interstate drug runners

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

CALHOON COUNTY — Years in the planning, the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office finally has an ICE team that's aimed at putting a chill on drug trafficking.

The Interstate Criminal Enforcement, or ICE, team, has been in operation for about six months on Interstate 26 in Calhoun County.

"We're doing everything we can do to make Calhoun County a safer place," Sheriff Thomas Summers said. "Hopefully, our presence is making us safer out there."

Vehicles transporting illegal drugs are on interstates every day. But Summers said the

drug traffickers sometimes get off the interstate and stop in towns along the way. The ICE team's domain reaches from county line to county line on I-26, as well as the overpasses and off-ramps.

Last week, a father-and-son duo pleaded guilty in General Sessions Court to drug-related charges after they were arrested by the ICE team in May. Two other defendants in the case are still awaiting trial.

The four were arrested after an ICE unit spotted a traffic violation on Murphy Mill Road, which passes over I-26. As officers spoke with the two occupants of that vehicle, a van drove past slowly and repeatedly.

That van was also stopped by the ICE team.

An occupant of the van eventually admitted they were connected to the stopped car.

Officials say the occupants of the van drove past the traffic stop to stash methamphetamine down the road. Authorities recovered the illegal drugs before they could be transported further on the interstate or into Calhoun County.

"The whole thing is designed to make us safer," Summers said of the drug interdiction units.

Funded by Calhoun County, the ICE team is made up of two veteran officers of the Cal-

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Shane Williams is facing multiple charges.

Suspect arrested in home shooting

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An Orangeburg man turned himself in after a residence was shot up in a drive-by shooting by what witnesses said was a man hanging out of a truck firing two handguns.

Shane Williams, 25, of 1045 Baxter Street, is facing multiple charges, including two counts of attempted murder, possessing a weapon during a crime, firing a weapon into a residence and malicious injury to personal property.

Williams turned himself in Sunday, explaining that he felt his back was against the wall, according to an incident report related to the shooting in broad daylight.

Witnesses said that around 3 p.m. Saturday, they heard shots fired in the Second Avenue area off Old Edisto Drive. One woman said when she went to investigate the shots, she saw a black Ford truck moving past her home. When the truck turned around for another pass, she saw a male "hanging outside the passenger window of the vehicle and (the gunman) started shooting with two handguns" at another house, the report states.

Investigators located multiple .45-caliber shell casings in the roadway along with one 9 mm shell casing.

Bullet holes were found in a porch column and a front gate. Two shots also hit a mail-

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