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NEED A RIDE? Uber hits the streets of Columbia. **B4**

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The evolution of the 'Apes,' E1



ON THE ROAD



At a welcome center, motorcyclist Bill Downing asks employee Frederick Summers about directions.

Pull in, plug in, recharge

Under new management, welcome centers to get a more modern feel

By CASSEL COPE
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When travelers journey along Interstate 26 near Spartanburg headed to Columbia, Charleston, Hilton Head or elsewhere, they can stop by the Landrum welcome center for advice on how to make their trip better.

"Everybody needs a change of scenery, especially when you've been traveling," said the center's manager, Lisa Davis, who along with her five-person staff greets travelers.

The state's nine aging welcome centers soon will have a new look, too, after the state budget transferred control of the centers to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism from the Department of Transportation on July 1. About \$3.2 million will be redirected to the tourism department for the centers' daily operations.

AT THESTATE.COM

Photo gallery, map of the welcome centers with this story online

The tourism department also will be responsible for maintaining, renovating and replacing facilities at the welcome centers. Additional money will be given to Parks, Recreation and Tourism for renovation of the centers.

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THE DEADLY BENGHAZI ATTACK

MILITARY: WE MADE RIGHT MOVES IN

BENGHAZI: Officers take issue with GOP criticism of their actions in assault. **Page A5**



Gowdy

ONLINE: A look at Trey Gowdy, the Spartanburg Republican who is leading the U.S.

House's investigation into the Benghazi attack, thestate.com

ELECTIONS 2014

Haley outpaces Sheheen 2-1 in fundraising

Third candidate, Ervin, borrows more than \$1 million during the quarter for the race

By ANDREW SHAIN
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Republican Gov. Nikki Haley continues to hold a large fundraising lead over Democratic gubernatorial challenger Vincent Sheheen, doubling his contributions during the past three months and nearly tripling what he has in the bank.

But a petition candidate, financing much of his own campaign, gathered—and spent—more money than both major-party candidates over the past three months.

Haley's campaign raised \$1.05 million during the April-to-June period, a record quarterly haul in her re-election bid. Her previous high fundraising

mark was \$950,567 set last summer.

Sheheen, a state senator from Camden who lost to Haley in 2010, raised \$505,089 in the quarter that ended June 30. His biggest fundraising quarter was \$565,508, also last summer.

Sheheen finished June SEE **HALEY** PAGE A4



Haley



Sheheen

INSIDE

The candidates for state schools chief finished the primaries and runoff with little cash on hand. **B1**

'Nobody can resist a baby pig. Ain't nothing cuter.'

Susan Allen, Wee Pigs Farm and Sanctuary



Susan Allen, who runs Wee Pigs Farm and Sanctuary in Batesburg-Leesville, said pigs are social animals. She has about 65 pigs, among other animals.

Sanctuary is hog heaven

Woman runs Lexington County not-bellied rescue

dream on a farm called Wee Pigs Sanctuary, where she has rescued 65 pigs from bad endings



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FINAL EDITION

Rural roads a deadly drive

SC's high fatality rate
renews calls for funds

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COLUMBIA — South Carolina's rural roads are the most dangerous in the nation. And according to a national transportation research group, they are nearly six times more deadly than the state's other types of roads.

In a report released Thursday by TRIP, a national transportation research group, South Carolina's rural roads had a fatality rate of 3.99 per 100 million miles of vehicle travel. By comparison, the next closest state was Florida, with a rate of 3.35, and West Virginia, with a rate of 2.8, according to TRIP.

"I think it is a wake-up call to South Carolina's Legislature," said Tom Crosby, spokesman for AAA Carolinas, the motor club that advocates for highway safety. "People are losing their lives because we haven't raised the state gas tax to help keep our roads and bridges in good shape."

Sen. Thomas Alexander, a Walhalla Republican, said it is "unacceptable" that the death rate in the state is so much higher for those on rural roads.

"Hopefully this will be a call to action for the Legislature to put a focus on those roads," he said.

The report's release came as members of Congress debate what can be done as a short-term fix to the national highway trust fund, which officials say is running out of money.

Stephen Sandherr, CEO of Associated General Contractors of America, said the report should be a wake-up call for members of Congress.

"As this report makes clear, Washing-

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Family REUNION



Army Capt. Lex Oren, home on leave from South Korea, waited out of sight during his daughter Lili's soccer game at the Mesa Complex on Thursday, then sneaked into the team photo after the game, giving Lili an unexpected surprise. Watch the events leading up to the on-field reunion in a video at GreenvilleOnline.com. **Full story begins on 1C.** MYKAL MCELDOWNNEY/STAFF

Gowdy popular with campaigns

By Mary Troyan
Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — Rep. Trey Gowdy traveled the mid-Atlantic region the past three months campaigning for fellow Republican members of Congress, a sign that the leader of the House investigation into the Benghazi terrorist attacks has become a popular political draw.

Gowdy, R-Spartanburg, campaigned with seven members of Congress since April at events in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland, according to his office.



Gowdy

Five of the seven were appearances after he was named chairman of the special House committee investigating the 2012 attack on the U.S. consulate in Libya that killed four Americans, including Ambassador Christopher Stevens.

Some of the appearances were keynote speeches at local party fundraisers. Rep. Bill Shuster, R-Pa., invited him to the Franklin County Republican

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"I just kind of repeat that expectations need to be tempered by the fact that it's going to be a process you respect. There's enough, with IRS and executive overreach, to talk about other than Benghazi."

REP. TREY GOWDY

Conference seeks to strengthen ceramics standards



Clemson partnerships with industry serve as model

By Ron Barnett
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CLEMSON — On a hallway wall inside the Clemson Advanced Materials Research Lab is a large photo of what looks like a golden replica of the Eiffel Tower.

The image is actually of a single silicon crystal 2 nanometers, or 2 billionths of a meter, in size, etched by an advanced scanning electron micro-

ing international standards for ceramic tile.

Not only your ordinary, run-of-the-mill bathroom tile but high-tech ceramic surfaces that can do such things as kill bacteria or reduce air pollution.

Last year, the group met in Istanbul. The year before that it was in London.

This year's meeting in Clemson is another indication that the university is on the world map for advanced materials, according to Eric Astrachan, executive



Mount Pleasant native digs USC sand volleyball

PEOPLE, D1

\$30M hotel, condo project coming to Summerville



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Mom blames 'lockdown' for Lieber riot

Woman says enraged inmates attacked her son during disturbance at Ridgeville prison

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The mother of an inmate at Lieber Correctional Institution said Thursday that a strict, months-long security program for prisoners set off a riot in

which her son was stabbed.

Cathy Wright, 56, of Greenville said her son also was beaten by other inmates Tuesday after they stole an officer's keys and unlocked several cells in the prison's Ashley A dorm. State records showed Wright's son, Ryan Wright, 30, was hospitalized after the disturbance.

"Being on lockdown," Cathy Wright said, "it's making them angry."

S.C. Department of Corrections spokeswoman Stephanie Givens on Thursday could not confirm Wright's account of what happened at the maximum-security prison in Ridgeville that houses more than 1,500 inmates, including 50 on death row.

No information has been released about what caused the disturbance in the prison's Ashley A wing that sent three correctional officers and five inmates to the hospital.

"The incident is under investigation," Givens said Thursday, "so the reports will take some time."

The wing has been "operating on a

regimented schedule for the safety and security of inmates and staff," she said. The effort gives prisoners access to hygienic and medical care, programs and some visitation, she said.

But inmates are not allowed to move as freely about the wing under such a

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City gone to the dogs

Charleston fetches Dog Fancy's honor as best in Southeast



MICHAEL PRONCZAK/STAFF

Kelly Campbell throws a ball to her Labradoodle, Layla, who flips through the air Thursday during Yappy Hour at James Island County Park. "She taught it to herself," said Campbell. "She loves it, we do it every day."

BY KATIE WEST
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Charleston is lately the alpha dog of national accolades, but now even its pooches are getting into the act.

Fido and Fluffy are living in the best city in the Southeast in 2014 — no hang dogs here. Dog Fancy magazine is barking about what a great

Other dog-friendly cities

- Austin, Texas (national winner)
- Eureka Springs, Ark.
- Gettysburg, Pa.

town this is for man's best friend, and it's one of the most widely read magazines on the subject. Readers nominate towns, and the publica-

tion's editors choose the winners based on the cities' dog-friendly businesses, events like Yappy Hour and Pups, Yaps and Food Trucks, rescue programs and, of course, places to walk your pups like those great romps on the beach (even if they are somewhat restricted during the summer.)

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Summey: Energy solutions a breeze

N. Chas. mayor backs push for wind energy

BY DAVID SLADE
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North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey joined the National Wildlife Federation and environmental groups Thursday in calling for the government to take a leadership role in promoting offshore wind power.

"If government leads the way (people) will follow," Summey said. "I'm very excited about the potential of doing this."

One of the world's largest facilities for testing wind turbine drivetrains is located in North Charleston at Clemson University's SCL&G Energy Innovation Center, on the former Navy base. There are, however, no specific plans for offshore wind power in South Carolina or neighboring coastal states.

The nation currently has no offshore wind power, but the U.S. Department of Energy has a goal of generating 20 percent of the nation's power from wind by 2030, up from less than 4 percent last year, and the size and scale of offshore wind power would be needed to reach that goal.

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Poll

Do you support offshore wind power? Find this story at postandcourier.com to vote.

Clash over 'Rent' stirs drama between artists, politicians

Summerville leaders accused of being in 'Dark Ages' after funding for Flowertown Players is threatened

BY DAVE MUNDAY
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An effort to cut funding for a Summerville theater company after a popular musical generated complaints over language is the latest battle in an ongoing war between conservative politicians and artists.

Flowertown Players' production of "Rent" was nearly sold out for every one of its



Poll

Should politicians cut off funding to artistic productions they find objectionable? Find this story at postandcourier.com to vote.

11 performances in January, according to artistic director J.C. Conway. It's the story of a group of impoverished young

artists and musicians struggling to survive in New York City, while a couple of them are living with HIV/AIDS. It's won four Tony awards.

Some found the language offensive, according to Summerville Councilman Jerry Jenkins. "It was one of the raunchiest things I'd ever seen in my life — and I'm far from being a

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Flowertown Players in Summerville presented a production of the popular musical "Rent" in January. Now town council wants them to explain their decision to produce the play.

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Parcel contained pipe bombs

Suspicious package at Kroger belonged to area man



Mabrey

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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A suspicious package that temporarily shut down the Kroger parking lot a week ago contained two pipe bombs, according to the Aiken Department of Public Safety. Danny Lee Mabrey, 36, of North Augusta, was charged with possessing a destructive device, as well as possession of a Schedule

IV controlled substance, possession of marijuana-second offense, driving under suspension-second offense, providing false information to a public safety officer and breach of trust with fraudulent intent. He remained in the Aiken County detention center on Thursday afternoon.

Mabrey was pulled over for speeding at about 8 a.m. on Saturday and pulled into the Kroger parking lot on Whiskey Road,

according to Lt. Karl Odenthal, a spokesman for Aiken Public Safety. An investigation revealed that the vehicle was being sought in a breach of trust case. An inventory of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of a Schedule IV substance, a quantity of marijuana and a suspicious package.

The S.C. State Law Enforcement Division bomb unit responded and determined the package to be two pipe bombs, Odenthal

said. Mabrey confessed to knowledge and possession of the pipe bombs, police said. The store parking lot was cordoned off for several hours while police investigated the vehicle and package. North Augusta Public Safety assisted with the investigation.

Teddy Kulmala covers the crime and courts beat for the Aiken Standard and has been with the newspaper since August 2012.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Larry Sanders Jr. is survived by his two daughters, LaKendra Sanders, left, and Mona Sanders. Both of his daughters are now 8 years old.

Family seeking justice

Murder victim's mother waiting for answers

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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Carolyn Bates said it's still pretty surreal, but she has accepted that her late son, Larry Sanders Jr., was murdered on July 10, 2010.

Four years later, she is still searching for answers to the unsolved murder to gain closure for herself and, most importantly, for Sanders' two 8-year-old daughters.

"I think they understand that their father was killed, but when they get older, I want them to know exactly what happened so they can have that closure," Bates said.

The only information available after four years is that Sanders, who was 28 years old at the time, was at his Edgeland home one evening when two people broke into his house, Bates said. One broke in through the front door and the other through the back.

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AREA DEATHS

No new deaths

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WEATHER

Historic library finds new home in Wagener



STAFF PHOTO BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER

Wagener residents pulled their cars aside, and some even took pictures, as the historic Kitchings Mill Library moved from its former home to a new, permanent spot near Wagener's downtown area on Thursday.

BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER
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WAGENER — The historic Kitchings Mill Library moved to its permanent home in Wagener on Thursday following a two-year effort by Aiken County officials and residents to preserve the structure.

Residents stopped their cars as police escorts drove by, and some even took pictures of the large J.E. Oswald and Sons truck carrying the library through the heart of Wagener and down Park Street.

Town officials were able to finalize the process of moving the library into its new location from Highway 4 after Aiken County Council unanimously approved the structure's move last year. The County used approximately \$20,000 of its contingency fund for the project's preservation. The decision to relocate the building came after a long back-and-forth debate on whether the library would better fit inside Aiken city limits or somewhere else within Aiken County. Wagener Mayor Mike Miller, who

"I think a lot of people have anticipated the move, and we're just glad to have it here," Miller said. "We're going to start working on the library as soon as we can. ... It's going to look good, and I want it to look like it did when it was what it used to be. I just want to thank everyone for helping out, and donations are always welcome."

The library was originally established by Della and James Kitching in the 1880s to promote literacy in the Kitchings Mill community. Della, a matron of the community, stocked the library and even set up a foundation to maintain it. She later dedicated it in memory of her mother, Harriet Kitching.

About 25 years later, the foundation was unable to sustain the library so the property became Della's once again. Della's descendants later occupied the property until 2012. It was suggested the library move to the Aiken County Historical Museum after the Aiken Design Review Board approved its move on the condition that the Board see

History of library's move to Wagener:

- The building was occupied by Kitching descendants until 2012 when Jerry Waters, who last owned the property, was contacted by the family of then-resident Virginia Surles, who was moving into an assisted living home.

- Surles tasked Waters to assist in the preservation of the old library.

- The initial suggestion was to move the Kitchings Mill structure to the Aiken County Public Library. But it was later pitched to move to the Aiken County Historical Museum, located in the City of Aiken on Newberry Street.

- The request was approved by the City Design Review Board in early March on the condition that it have a better idea of where the building would sit on the museum's property.

- A variance request was later filed by the County, but was unanimously denied by the City's Board of Zoning Appeals in May 2013. The proposed placement of the library deviated from the 50-foot minimum setback, which is required by the City's zoning ordinance.



STAFF PHOTO BY AVERY WILKS

Joseph Whitehurst holds Boon, a puppy he adopted on Tuesday from the Aiken County Animal Shelter.

A day at the animal shelter

BY AVERY WILKS
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Bobby Arthurs bent down on one knee and stretched out a hand to a tiny, black puppy that hadn't stopped screaming since another shelter worker tried to pick it up off the concrete floor. "It's all right," Arthurs said in a soothing voice. "I'm here. It's all right."

The dog, a victim of animal cruelty that was impounded to the shelter, quieted and regained itself.

Arthurs patted his knee, and the dog hopped into his lap, letting Arthurs, a 6-foot-2-inch gentle giant by comparison, carry it back to its cage.

Responding to an animal cruelty complaint an hour later, Arthurs flexed some muscles as he and another officer hoisted an emaciated horse back to its feet, with little help from the animal itself.

It was a routine day for Arthurs, seemingly cast into his ideal role as the Aiken County Animal Control's chief enforcement officer, a job that requires a stern hand and a big heart.

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ONLINE

See a video of the animal shelter

Photos from the day with Bobby Arthurs at aikenstandard.com



STAFF PHOTO BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER

Kitchings Mill Library pulls into its new home off Park Street in Wagener.



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2012 BENGHAZI ATTACKS

'Stand-down' theory refuted

Testimony: Special Operations team told to care for those being evacuated

THE THEORY

The "stand-down" theory centers on a Special Operations team of four — a detachment leader, a medic, a communications expert and a weapons operator with his foot in a cast — who were stopped from flying from Tripoli to Benghazi after the attacks of Sept. 11-12, 2012, had ended. Instead, they were instructed to help protect and care for those being evacuated from Benghazi and from the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli.

By **BRADLEY KLAPPER**
 and **DONNA CASSATA**
 The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The testimony of nine military officers undermines contentions by Republican lawmakers that a "stand-down order" held back military assets that could have saved the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans killed at a diplomatic outpost and CIA annex in Benghazi, Libya.

The "stand-down" theory centers on a Special Operations team of four — a detachment leader, a medic, a communications expert and a weapons operator with his foot in a cast — who were stopped from flying from Tripoli to Benghazi

after the attacks of Sept. 11-12, 2012, had ended. Instead, they were instructed to help protect and care for those being evacuated from Benghazi and from the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli.

The senior military officer who issued the instruction to "remain in place" and the detachment leader who received it said it was the right decision and has been widely mischaracterized. The order was to remain in Tripoli and protect some three dozen embassy personnel rather than fly to Benghazi some 600 miles away after all Americans there would have been evacuated. And the medic is credited with saving the life of

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IMMIGRATION CRISIS

Border policy could be reversed

By **DAVID NAKAMURA**
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 The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Border-state lawmakers have begun talks on Capitol Hill to reverse current federal policy on the

MORE INSIDE

A graphic shows the rising number of unaccompanied minors crossing U.S. borders from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. 7A

processing of young immigrants from Central America, a change that could accelerate the return of the children to their home countries.

At least two legislative proposals are being developed, according to congressional aides, one by Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas, and a separate effort by Arizona's Republican senators, John McCain and Jeff Flake.

Though details could differ, the goal is the same, aides said — namely, to give the Obama administration the flexibility to more quickly deport thousands of unaccompanied minors who have entered

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NOAA INVESTIGATES DEATH OF 15-FOOT-LONG BEACHED WHALE



JAY KARR • Staff photos

Beachgoers gather for a look at a 15-foot pilot whale that beached itself Thursday on Hilton Head Island. Turtle project volunteer Sally Krebs, left, advised onlookers not to touch the carcass. Representatives of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration later arrived to conduct a necropsy.

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No cause found; specialists to check for viruses or other conditions

A 15-foot-long pilot whale beached itself Thursday morning on Hilton Head Island and died, causing a stir for beachgoers, some of whom tried unsuccessfully to save the mammal.

A necropsy performed on the whale, found near the heel of the island at Port Royal Plantation, did not reveal a cause of death. More tests to check for viruses or

The whale was found near marker 118 at about 6 a.m. by a beachgoer who notified the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office.

A group of about eight people tried to push the dying whale back into the water, according to an email to The Beaufort Gazette from an onlooker. The whale had been thrashing in the surf, but was dead by 7:30 a.m. when volunteers with the island's

Some pets still missing after 4th festivities

More than 60 pet owners called Beaufort County Animal Control this week in search of pets that panicked and ran away after hearing fireworks.

By **LAURA OBERLE**
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More pets go missing on the Fourth of July than any other day of the year, according to Beaufort County Animal Control director Tallulah Trice.

This year was no exception. Animal control received more than 60 calls this week from owners looking for pets that panicked and ran away after hearing fireworks.

Beaufort resident Kelli Bright left her three dogs — Tiny, Jack and Shadow — in

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Ordinances promote outdoor dining

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Two ordinances adopted by Hartsville City Council on Tuesday are aimed at encouraging more sidewalk dining or outdoor cafes at restaurants in the downtown area, city officials say.

One measure establishes rules and regulations for sidewalk dining areas. Another ordinance will allow possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in designated outdoor dining areas of restaurants downtown as long as the establishment has a proper outdoor dining permit issued

by the city and the patron purchased the beverage from the establishment. The business owner must also have sufficient insurance coverage and a state license to sell alcoholic beverages.

Council gave unanimous approval to both ordinances.

The dining ordinance amends

the city's previous outdoor cafe ordinance but keeps many of the rules, regulations and permit requirements for sidewalk dining. "We tightened up the regulations a little bit," said City Manager Natalie Zeigler.

The main change is the alcohol provision, Zeigler said.

Under the alcoholic beverages ordinance, while alcohol can be consumed on the public sidewalk in front of the premises in the designated dining area if purchased from the establishment, walking up the street

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Hundreds of bright yellow sunflowers set the afternoon landscape aglow in a field off Bay Road in Hartsville. The sunflower is a large inflorescence, which means the flower head is actually made of many tiny flowers called florets. After pollination, every little flower or floret produces a seed.



PHOTOS BY BOB SLOAN/
HARTSVILLE MESSENGER



According to www.scientificfacts.com, the stem of a sunflower can grow up to 12 feet in height and the flower head can be as wide as 12 inches. The Guinness World Record for the tallest sunflower is 27 feet, grown in Germany in 2012.

DARLINGTON COUNTY

Contract decision spawns questions

Similar situation occurred in his previous position

BY GAVIN JACKSON
BJH Media Group

DARLINGTON — Reasons behind the Darlington County Council's decision not to renew County Administrator Dale Surret's contract are still unclear after only one member of council discussed the details around the 5-2 decision on Monday.

But the council's actions last July were foreboding when a motion to not renew his contract narrowly failed by 4-3, with one abstention, and was then renewed by the same margin, according to council meeting minutes.

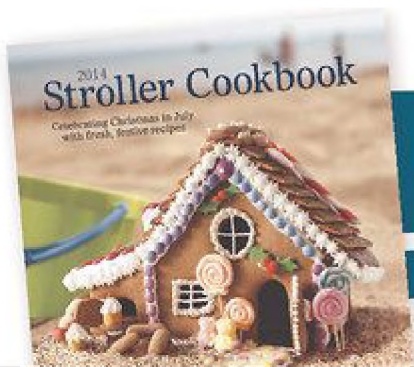
Surret's original yearlong contract was signed on Jan. 4, 2011. That contract was then renewed in August 2011 for two years, through Jan. 2, 2014. Had council terminated or failed to renew his contract last July, Surret would have received a full year's salary of \$95,000, along with benefits accrued at that time.

A similar situation occurred in Oconee County: Surret was the administrator there from July 2007 until May 2009, when three new council members created a majority to terminate his contract—seven months after a prior council renewed his contract through July 8, 2012. According to news reports on the terms of his contract, his severance package came to roughly \$175,000.

The Darlington County Council has the right to terminate his agreement at any time with or without cause. Whilehelmina Johnson's motion to create a list of grievances Monday evening failed, preventing a full understanding of why Surret's contract wasn't renewed.

"I think council will be fair,"

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Sunday alcohol sales

A referendum on Sunday alcohol sales in Spartanburg County cleared a second hurdle on Thursday morning when county council again approved an ordinance to put the question before voters in November.

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Waiting for LeBron

When it comes to LeBron James, all that's certain is this: One fan base is about to feel soomed, and the other is about to feel absolute joy. Miami or Cleveland? The same choice he faced four years ago is the one facing the four-time NBA MVP now. **PAGE B1**

Suing Obama

House Republicans took the initial step on Thursday to sue President Barack Obama over the administration's decision to delay the employer mandate of the health care law. **PAGE A3**

Israeli offensive

As Israel intensified its bombardment Thursday of the Gaza Strip in an offensive against the Hamas militant group, it said it was doing everything possible to avoid civilian casualties. **PAGE A7**

Solar power plant

Spartanburg-based Pacolet Milliken Enterprises Inc. recently announced the completion of a 6-megawatt solar energy facility in Dartmouth, Mass. **PAGE C4**

SHOT DURING RED, WHITE AND BOOM

Spartanburg can't use drone footage

FAA regulation restricts commercial usage of video from unmanned aircrafts

BY LYNNE P. SHACKLEFORD
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New federal regulations will prevent the city of Spartanburg from using video footage from a drone taken during Red White and Boom on the Fourth of July.

The regulations, which went into effect June 23, allow drones for recreational and hobby purposes, but don't allow for commercial use. For commercial purposes, a certified aircraft, licensed

pilot and operating approval are required.

The Federal Aviation Administration is "looking into an unmanned aircraft operation" during the city event, according to a FAA statement. The FAA reviews operations that aren't for hobby or recreation on a case-by-case basis and could issue a warning letter, letter of correction or civil penalties, if warranted, according to the statement.

A production company, Green Giant Media, that the city contracts with suggested using the drone to get video footage from the annual Fourth of July concert and fireworks show, said City Communications Manager Will Rothschild. Getting similar video using aircraft would be expensive and impractical, Rothschild said.

The media company had used drones in the past with no issues, but Red White and Boom! was the first event where they had used a drone since the new regulations.

City staffers spoke to Federal Aviation Administration officials

Tuesday and said as long as the city didn't purchase the video footage from Green Giant, they were in the clear, Rothschild said.

Rothschild said he was disappointed the city wouldn't be able to purchase or view the footage. The city had not paid Green Giant Media, since they issue bills after services are provided.

"The good news is no taxpayer funds were used," Rothschild said. "I feel bad for these video production companies that bought these drones as a way to further their business and to offer another service to their customers."

CRISIS AT THE BORDER

Possible compromise emerging

Republicans want faster deportations for migrant children

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Outlines of a possible compromise that would more quickly deport minors arriving from Central America emerged Thursday as part of President Barack Obama's \$3.7 billion emergency request to address the immigration crisis on the nation's southern border.

Republicans demanded speedier deportations, which the White House initially had supported but left out of its proposal after complaints from immigrant advocates and some Democrats. On Thursday, the top House and Senate Democrats pointedly left the door open to them.

"It's not a deal-breaker," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. "Let them have their face-saver. But let us have the resources to do what we have to do." Her spokesman Drew Hammill later clarified that any changes "must ensure due process for these children."

In the Senate, Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said: "I'm not going to block anything. Let's see what comes to the floor."

But opposition arose late in the day from key Democratic senators, suggesting battles ahead before any deal could be struck.

"I can assure you that I will fight tooth and nail changes in the Trafficking Victims Protection



Marchers hold signs as they make their way to Department of Homeland Security offices to protest the nation's immigration policies on Thursday in El Paso, Texas.

EL PASO TIMES, VICTOR CALZADA/AP

Acting to escape sex, violence and gangs, Leahy said: "I'm not sure Americans all really feel we should

Obama a "blank check" to deal with the crisis of tens of thousands of unaccompanied children arriving

"We want to make sure we actually get the right tools to help fix the problem," McConnell said

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A SIZZLIN' GOOD TIME

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Shirley Johnson sings along with Maurice John Vaughn during Blues Cruise in Uptown at the kickoff of the Festival of Discovery.

Que Q'orner slows things down a little

By JOSEPH SITARZ
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Attendees at this year's South Carolina Festival of Discovery and Greenwood Blues Cruise will have a chance to learn about barbecue and hash like they never have in the past. Organizers have created an intimate

Festival schedule

■ For a complete schedule for the Festival of Discovery see 4A.

place, Que Q'orner, where people can go and learn about the cooking culture. Countybank Plaza, on Main Street in Uptown Greenwood, becomes Que Q'orner today and Saturday. Que Q'orner is a slow-paced venue away from the hustle and bustle of the main Festival area where people can learn about the cooking culture, listen and share stories, listen to music and have an adult beverage or two. It will be open from 5 to about 9 p.m. today and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

The Festival of Discovery unveils "Que Q'orner" this year, and according to Greenwood city manager Charlie Barrineau, the concept is a simple one.

"What we're wanting to share is getting people to discover the culinary history of barbecue and hash. Really, the only way to do that is to demonstrate and to tell stories," Barrineau said.

"It's more of an intimate setting," Barrineau said. "It's for somebody that's wanting to maybe drink an adult beverage, enjoy talking about barbecue and hash and learning about the history and heritage of South Carolina."

One of the highlights of Que Q'orner is Stan Woodward, a noted



Gail Storm sings the blues and plays piano at Flynn's On Maxwell on Thursday evening during Blues Cruise to kickoff the Festival of Discovery.



GREENWOOD

Credit coming to CPW customers

Consumers could see average of \$90 refund

By FRANK BUMB

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The Greenwood Commissioners of Public Works received an unexpected windfall Thursday morning.

In anticipation of additional revenue from Duke Energy's True-Up program, the Greenwood CPW budgeted \$500,000. But Tuesday, CPW Manager Steve Reeves said the Duke Energy would pay Greenwood CPW \$2,176,594.

"True-Up is where Duke goes back and looks at what we paid for power and adjusts it, either up or down, and provides us with the funds depending on how their year went," Reeves said.

Reeves offered the Board of Commissioners two proposals for the funds. Topping off the Rate Stabilization Fund at \$5 million was one option.

"Right now, we're within \$400,000 to \$500,000 to meet that \$5 million cap," Reeves said.

The CPW Rate Stabilization Funds is a rainy-day fund of sorts that allows the CPW to make up revenue shortfalls from excess power costs and other expenses without increasing the cost to consumers.

Reeves said the money left over could then be refunded to customers. Commissioner Arthur Bush proposed putting the \$2.1 million toward a future bond project. However, he sided with both Michael Monaghan and Henry Watts to refund the entire balance to consumers.

"After all, it's their money," Bush said.

Reeves said the Rate Stabilization Fund would be just fine without an influx of True-Up funds.

"The rate stabilization fund should finish reaching that \$5 million mark within the next three, four months anyway," Reeves said.

Commissioner Michael Monaghan said the amount each consumer would receive back was compelling.

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INVESTIGATION

3rd suspect arrested in connection with March 2013 slaying

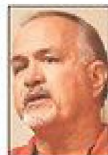
By FRANK BUMB

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An arrest in Anderson County led to the capture of a man wanted in connection with the shooting death of a Greenwood man.

According to Nick Futch, commander of Greenwood County's Violent Crimes Task Force, Lamarcus Bryant, 27, of 218 Ashcroft Lane, in Greenwood, was arrested in Anderson County last week on unrelated charges. Bryant was transferred to the Greenwood County Detention Center in connection with the shooting death of 30-year-old Tremayne Turner.

Bryant is the third suspect arrested and charged in the death of Turner. Bryant, Eric Cardie, 23, of 149 M...



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Insulation and other materials that sustained smoke damage lie outside Mariachi's on Thursday. A Wednesday night fire caused an estimated \$200,000 in damage.

Blaze burns popular eatery

Fire at Mariachi's ruled accidental

BY JADE REYNOLDS

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That smoky smell at 1072 Broad St. is not a new taco seasoning.

A fire broke out at Mariachi's late Wednesday evening.

Capt. Joey Duggan with Sumter Fire Department said heavy smoke was coming from the restaurant when



DUGGAN

firefighters first arrived about 11:20 p.m.

Wednesday, "We conducted an aggressive interior attack," Duggan said. "We did set up a ladder operation in case we needed it, but we gained control of the fire fairly quick."

No one was injured in the fire that was under control 25 minutes later. The ladder deployment also provided access to the roof to check for the extent of the fire, he said, and to ensure it was out.

The 18 firefighters battling the blaze were able to leave the scene about 90 minutes after arriving, leaving shortly before 1 a.m. Thursday.

Although the outside of the restaurant looks fairly unscathed, the structure sustained an estimated \$150,000 in damage, the report states. The loss of content was about \$50,000. An estimated \$250,000 in structure value and another \$50,000 in contents were saved, according to reports.

The fire is being ruled accidental, Duggan said.

No charges yet

SCDNR investigating boating death of woman, 21

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The Lake Marion boating wreck that claimed the life of a Sumter woman July 4 remains under investigation as officials with S.C. Department of Natural Resources determine what charges might arise from the incident.

"There aren't any charges yet,"

Capt. Robert McCullough of SCDNR said Thursday. "I expect charges to come, but we're still going over all the details right now."

Investigators are sifting through details about the circumstances surrounding the death of 21-year-old Sumter native Hailey Bordeaux, who was killed in a boating wreck near Scarbor-

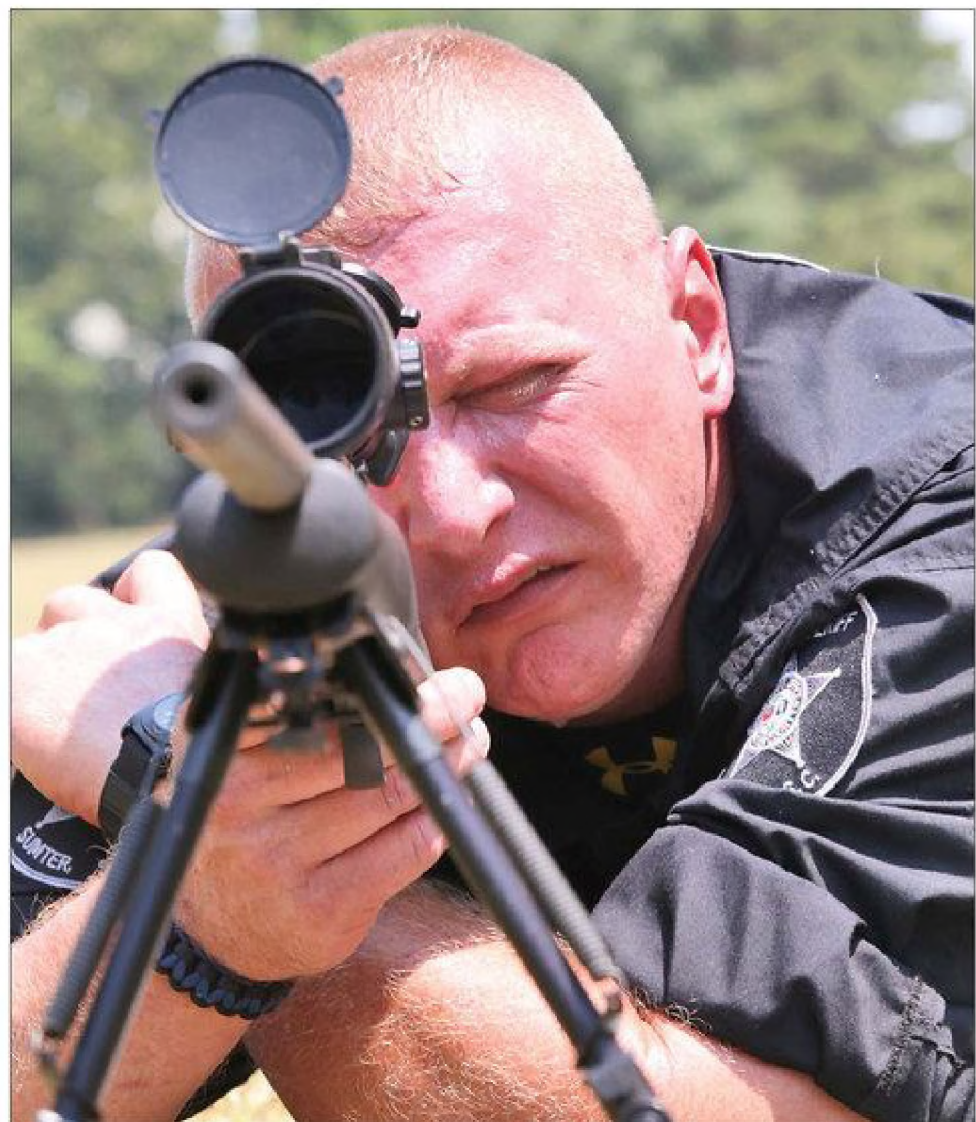
ough's Landing on Lake Marion.

McCullough said some investigations take longer than others, and investigators are processing as much information as they can.

"Our investigators are checking the boats, double-checking witnesses and their statements, among other

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Staring down the barrel



MATT WALSH / THE SUMTER ITEM

Cpl. Larry Wix of the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team in Sumter County takes aim at a target during a demonstration at a firing



BUCKLING DOWN

Jenkins, Clemson secondary look to limit big plays. C1

FIRST-TIME BUYER?: Read these tips to avoid housing market pitfalls. B1
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Tech park 'in the mix' for college campus site

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEJE
THE JOURNAL

The sprawling Oconee Industry and Technology Park property is likely among the sites under consideration for a new Tri-County Technical College satellite campus in Oconee County.

In the opinion of county council chairman Joel Thrift, the more than 400-acre park hugging S.C. Highway 11 between Walhalla and Westminster "is sure to be in the mix."

"Before we even developed the first phase, this (park) was suggested as a possibility," Thrift told The Journal on Thursday.

Conjectures about an Oconee County site for a Tri-County Technical College campus have been surfacing since Rep. Bill Sandifer announced the school's intentions to build in Oconee at a recent legislative delegation meeting.

A Tri-County Tech spokesperson confirmed plans this week

to open a campus in Oconee.

Rebecca Eidson said the college is hoping to make a decision about the location of the campus by the end of the year. "For several years, Tri-County Technical College has focused on expanding education and training opportunities in Oconee County," Eidson said.

"Our present goal is to take the next step and establish a campus in Oconee County."

The news swirling about a local Tri-County campus made its way into the Seneca City Council meeting Tuesday when resident Allan Yarid pitched the idea that

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Workers with New South Construction and its subcontractors are working on construction of the new Oconee County Detention Center set to open in May 2015.

Sheriff: New jail construction on schedule

BY NORMAN CANNADA
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — Three months after the \$16.25-million guaranteed maximum price for the new Oconee County Detention Center was approved by county council, sheriff Mike Crenshaw says the work is "progressing on schedule" with plans for completion by the May 2015 target date.

"From what I have been told,

there have been no problems encountered with construction," Crenshaw said this week.

He added that some tweaks are still being done to the final design, such as enlarging a room for larger printers that are the result of a new county contract. Different vendors are also still being considered for

visitation, as well as medical and food service needs.

"We put together kind of a transition staff," Crenshaw said. Capt. Steve Pruitt, who oversees the detention center, said the transition team is working on plans and policies for dealing with "routine scenarios" in the jail and revising jail policies to accommodate the changes when operations

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Walhalla scales back streetscape

Price tag now 'significantly less' than \$2M estimate

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEJE
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — The price tag for Walhalla's streetscape project, which stalled earlier this year when cost estimates soared over \$2 million, has been scaled back to the point where city officials might feel comfortable enough to move forward with it.

Mayor pro tem Tjay Bagwell said Thursday the cost of the project "now is significantly less than \$2 million."

"The last report I got was that the total price of streetscape

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Oconee council to double dip for 'thorough' talks

BY STEVEN BRADLEY
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — Oconee County Council has so many pressing matters to handle next week that one meeting simply isn't enough.

The council announced this week it will hold a special called meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday in council chambers to "discuss three economic

development matters" ahead of Tuesday's regularly scheduled council meeting.

But county administrator Scott Moulder says the main purpose of the extra meeting Monday is to give council plenty of time to give the economic development issues the attention they deserve.

"One of the three

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Strickland Museum design unveiled

Officials to discuss how to reduce preliminary \$500K cost estimate

the museum to see how to bring down costs.

A rendering of the new museum was presented to the public at the city council meeting Tuesday. O'Kelley

Strickland was an African-American housekeeper who worked for almost a half century through 1969 for the Lunney household in downtown





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Latta changes chain of command

BY TRACI BRIDGES

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LATTA — The Latta Town Council voted 6-0 Monday on an ordinance to change the town's chain of command, giving council members ultimate authority in personnel issues.

The ordinance, introduced officially by Mayor Pro Tem Brian Mason, stipulates that at the last regular council meeting of each year, the council will select one of its own to serve as the town's administrator.

The administrator will answer the daily questions of employees, handling the

hiring, disciplining and firing of employees with council approval. The administrator, selected by vote of the majority of the council, will also enter into and sign contracts and grants on behalf of the town with council approval and have the authority to approve departmental purchases of \$1,500 or less.

"We don't have the money to hire a town administrator, and we don't have to hire a town administrator," Mason said. "Under this ordinance, the administrator would be a yearly assignment for a member of council. This gives the town and our employees a single place to go,

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Latta Mayor Earl Bullard (center) looks over a document presented by Mayor Pro Tem Brian Mason during the Latta Town Council's regular monthly meeting Thursday night. It was the first time Bullard has met publicly with council since the town voted to change its form of government to strong council, stripping the mayor of much of his power.

TRACI BRIDGES/MORNING NEWS



Wallace-Gregg Elementary School teacher Shabranda Fulmore works with students who are scouring a projected painting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence for various visual clues about what's happening before they begin a writing prompt about the image at summer reading camp.

Catching up on summer reading

FSDI uses statewide intensive camps to help lagging students

BY ELLEN MEDER

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FLORENCE — A lot of summer camps feature crafts and even skits but those fun activities at Florence School District 1's summer reading camps serve a higher purpose: to get students who struggle with reading and writing to catch up to



In Florence School District 1, the statewide summer reading camps were tweaked to include integration in many subjects, like social studies and science, and feature a lot of hands-on activities, like acting out plays and reading aloud. Maddison Cameron and Leilani Brown were very excited to perform a skit about British taxation of American colonists.

Important and these books will give them the springboard to do that," said Lorna McBride, the district's director of elementary education.

About 50 students who were identified as needing some extra reading help are participating in the first program of its kind in

often say that until third grade, students are learning to read, but after they are reading to learn, making school extremely difficult for those who struggle to read after the benchmark year.

The idea of the camp is to get students who have trouble reading in third grade into a six-week

FMU receives gift of \$500K

Donation to help support two health care programs

From local reports

FLORENCE — Francis Marion University President Fred Carter's recent lunch with an old friend turned into a celebratory occasion for the university when James S. "Jim" Konduros handed Carter a check for \$500,000.

The donation comes from the Konduros Fisherman's Fund, a non-profit foundation directed by Konduros. It continues Konduros' support of FMU's missions and programs, both through the Fisherman's Fund and the PSARAS Foundation.

Konduros, a Columbia attorney and businessman, is the chairman and president of PSARAS.

"Jim has always had enormous faith in this institution and its mission



Carter

Konduros

and programs," Carter said. "His generosity over the years has just been incredible, and has always been the case, this gift will benefit far more than Francis Marion University. It will provide a great service to the people of South Carolina."

Konduros said the gift carried special meaning for him.

"This is at least as meaningful for me as it is for the university," says Konduros. "It is one of the last, and

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Some candidates fail to file campaign disclosure reports

Fundraising race between Willis, Jebaily kicks up

BY GAVIN JACKSON

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FLORENCE — Several current and former local candidates for public office in Florence County failed to file their second-quarter campaign disclosure forms on Thursday.



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SCSU Foundation pledges \$1M to boost enrollment

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The South Carolina State University Foundation has pledged to give the university \$1 million to assist students who have exhausted grants and scholarships and still need financial assistance.

The pledge follows a request made by S.C. State President Thomas Elzey at the directive of university trustees last month.

"We are extremely grateful to the S.C. State University Foundation for this monumental commitment to the success of the university and its students," Elzey said in a press release.

"This is the time when students and their parents are making their final decisions about where to go to college. For many of them, that final decision comes down to whether they have the money or not," he said.

The \$1 million pledge is one of the

largest made by the Foundation in recent history, the release states. The donation is an effort to boost recruitment and retention efforts for the upcoming academic year.

S.C. State Vice President for Enrollment Management Betty Boatwright told trustees last month that without additional funding, the fall enrollment at the university will be between 3,200 and 3,400 students. Its goal is 3,700 students.

The \$1 million will help students who sometimes need as little as \$300 to get into school, Boatwright told trustees in June.

"These days, students have choices," Boatwright said in the release. "It's important that prospective students and their parents know that S.C. State has the best offerings and is committed to doing whatever it takes to help its students get a quality college education."

Boatwright said a large number of those who have been accepted by the university and received financial aid packages remain uncommitted and have not paid orientation deposits because they lack sufficient finances to secure class schedules.

Boatwright further explained that if the university offered assistance to

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THE REAL D.W.



CHRISTOPHER HURF/160

Kim Brown, at right, shows kids how to draw children's book character Arthur in eight steps on Thursday afternoon at the Orangeburg County Library. Brown is the sister of Marc Brown, author and illustrator of children's books including the 'Arthur' book series, and the inspiration of her brother's character, D.W. She also read a D.W. book, showed how Marc illustrates a book from start to finish and shared information about how the characters were based on real people from their childhood. The program was funded by the Friends of the Library, the Dick Horn Foundation and the Family and Community Leaders. **Find more pictures online at TheTandD.com.**

Media lawyer: Court's
secrecy note no surpriseBy SEANNA ADOOX
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Critics of House Speaker Bobby Harrell said Thursday they're concerned by the state Supreme Court's call for secrecy in future court arguments in his case.

But media attorney Jay Bender said he thinks the justices only recognized the secrecy of grand juries.

On Wednesday, the state's high court unanimously overturned a lower court's decision and said Attorney General Alan Wilson has the authority to investigate Harrell and

Bender noted that Wilson wanted to present sealed grand jury evidence to the Supreme Court as part of his appeal. The justices did not allow it, saying he can't use documents on appeal that were never presented to Manning.

By law, state grand juries operate in private. Bender said there's a difference between the two open hearings that Manning held and future hearings that concern what the grand jury is considering.

"I don't think this changes anything," Bender said about the one-sentence footnote.



Harrell

VA: Rowesville man
threatened ObamaBy RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

A Rowesville man is being investigated after a Veteran's Affairs operator reported threats against the president of the United States.

County deputies were contacted by a New York VA operator on Wednesday who said a man threatened to kill himself and the president.

The man called the VA hotline around 7 p.m., saying he was upset about the service, according to an Orangeburg County Sheriff Office's incident report.

"I'm going to kill everyone, Barack Obama and myself," the incident report states the man said. "Then I might not come back to the state."

OCtech laptop
with student
data stolenBy DALE LINDER-ALTMAN
T&D Staff Writer

A laptop containing student and employee information was stolen from an Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College staff member's office on Monday.

The computer contained files with the names, birth dates and Social Security numbers of about 20,000 former and current students and faculty members dating back six or seven years, according to President Dr. Walter A. Tobin.

"But we don't believe it was an attempt to get the personal information," he said Thursday. "We think it was somebody after hardware."

Tobin also said that some safety factors were in place to protect the information. The computer was locked out, locked and password protected, he said.

Additionally, the data were not formatted, Tobin said. "The untainted eye would not know what they are."

The university has no indication the information was accessed or used in any way.

The individual whose computer was stolen is responsible for reporting data to the Technical College System and the Commission on Higher Education, according to Tobin.

No action has been taken against her, he said. "We consider her to be the victim in this case."

The Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office was notified and the college will begin personally notifying the individuals whose information has been compromised on Friday morning, he said. The S.C. Department of Consumer Affairs has also been notified.

OCtech will be installing encryption software on all its computers to ensure that this does not happen again, Tobin said.

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