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## Dems end sit-in, vow to fight on for gun bill

Clyburn: 'Time has come for common-sense gun laws'

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WASHINGTON — After 25½ hours, House Democrats concluded their "sit-in" to protest a lack of action on gun safety legislation. But that won't be the end of it.

Party members closed out their marathon demonstration on the chamber floor a little after 3 p.m. Thursday, promising to take up the fight again when the House returns from recess on July 5.

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"When we return to these hallowed halls," U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., declared, "we will be operating under a new sense of purpose." Indeed, Democrats united to accomplish the unprecedented: Shutting down legislative business as usual.

### Inside

State senators divided on compromise gun legislation. **A6**

until Republicans guaranteed them a vote on legislation to ban gun sales to individuals on the "no fly" list. House Speaker Paul D. Ryan, R-Wis., said he would not submit to Democrats' "publicity stunt" following the June 12 shooting at a

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Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga. (center), House Assistant Minority Leader Rep. Jim Clyburn (left) of South Carolina, Rep. Joseph Crowley, D-N.Y., and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of Calif., sing "We Shall Overcome" on Capitol Hill on Thursday.

CAROLYN KASTERIAP

## 'We kind of had to shut down the port'

Mt. P. police block truck access temporarily as backups drag on for 4th day



Mount Pleasant police officers deal with truck traffic Thursday outside the Wando Welch Terminal on Long Point Road as severe congestion related to a new gate system at the terminal entered a fourth day.

BY DAVID SLADE,  
DAVE MUNDAY  
AND JOHN MCDERMOTT  
The Post and Courier

On the fourth day of extensive port-related traffic backups, Mount Pleasant police temporarily blocked all commercial traffic from the

road leading to the Wando Welch Terminal, South Carolina's largest container port.

"We kind of had to shut down the port," Mayor Linda Page said. Page said local businesses have been essentially shut down since Monday due to the truck jam, adding that parents can't pick their kids

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up at gymnastics and residents can't get home or run errands. The port didn't actually shut down, but the town police department did not allow port-bound trucks on Long Point Road for about an hour. It was a call that the head of

## Haley signs S.C. ethics law after long battle

Endorses Martin, says work's not over

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EASLEY — Gov. Nikki Haley said it was a long campaign to get the General Assembly to make strides on ethics reform as she signed the bill into law Thursday but stressed there is more to be done.

Haley said she was "giddy as can be" during the signing ceremony at the Easley Law Enforcement Center. Lawmakers and advocates spent the past four years working to upgrade the state's ethics laws, finally passing bills that address independent investigations into lawmaker misdeeds and income disclosure. Both came about during the final hours of the 2016 session.



Haley

Sen. Larry Martin, R-Pickens, said that after the ethics reform effort had stalled last year, it was unusual for lawmakers to take the topic up again in this year's second part of a two-year session. Martin is credited with working more than anyone to move the legislation through the Senate chamber.

"Normally when you have a major issue like that, you just sort of punt it to the next session," he said. "But we were determined, and after four years now, we finally bring it home here today." Haley stressed and praised the role Martin played in pushing the measures through, giving Martin her endorsement less than a week before he will face challenger Rex Rice in a

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## Video shows officer firing shots at fleeing motorist

SLED investigates May confrontation in Forest Acres

BY TONY BARTELMÉ  
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A suburban Columbia officer fired six shots at a driver last month as the driver turned the wheel and drove away, a dashboard video obtained by The Post and Courier shows.

The video shows Robert Cooper, an officer with the Forest Acres Police Department, on a darkened street and screaming, "Stop! Stop!"

**pc** Video  
To see the dash cam video, go to [postandcourier.com/videos](http://postandcourier.com/videos).

The driver then backs up his Honda Accord, the video shows, and Cooper moves into its path with his gun trained at the car's front windshield. "Stop! Stop! Do not make me shoot you!" Cooper shouts. The driver then raises his right hand but turns the wheel with his left. As the car passes by, Cooper fires into the front windshield at point-blank range and then five more times as it passes by.

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Officer who drove van in Freddie Gray case found not guilty of all charges. **A7**

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NBA star LeBron James to skip Summer Olympics in Rio. **C1**

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PeopleMatter sold to Virginia technology company. **B1**

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## Deadlocked court dooms Obama immigration plan

U.S. justices also defend affirmative action in University of Texas case

BY MARK SHERMAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A short-handed and deeply divided Supreme Court deadlocked Thursday on President Barack Obama's immigration plan to help millions living in the U.S. illegally, effectively killing the plan for the rest of his presidency and raising the stakes even further for the November elections.

The hotly debated direction of America's national immigration

policy as well as the balance of power on the high court now will be determined in large part by the presidential and congressional elections. Immigration and the court vacancy created by Justice Antonin Scalia's death in February already were featuring prominently in the campaign.

Scalia's vote likely would have meant an outright ruling against Obama's immigration expansion rather than the 4-4 tie, a much more

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## Hospital CEO to lead new organization

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Greenville Health System CEO Michael Riordan will be leaving the non-profit hospital to become CEO of the Strategic Coordinating Organization under the hospital's planned restructuring, officials said Thursday.

GHS wants to change its governance structure so that it can remain a public nonprofit as part of a larger private, non-profit multi-regional health system. Officials say that will allow the system to respond quickly in a rapidly changing

health-care environment and expedite partnerships with other health care facilities.

Under that plan, GHS would lease its assets to an Upstate Affiliate Organization, which would operate existing GHS hospitals and facilities, and a Strategic Coordinating Organization would make decisions about the direction of the system.

Riordan will lead the SCO and Dr. Spence Taylor, a vascular surgeon, will become president of the Upstate Affiliate Organization, officials said.

"Moving to this new model is one of



Michael Riordan

the most critical changes in GHS' history as it will allow us to be more nimble and responsive to the changing health-care needs of our communities," said Frances Ellison, chair of the SCO's board of directors.

"To be successful, though, we need dedicated leadership at the top," she added, "and we believe Mike Riordan is well-suited to lead this transition and help us develop a premier system that will bring more value to our

community."

Riordan, who has been CEO at GHS for the past 10 years, said the move will allow him to devote more time to developing the new system.

"While my focus will no longer be on the day-to-day operations of GHS," he said, "I remain committed to our patients and employees and am excited about the changes taking place as we continue transforming health care for the benefit of the people and communities we serve."

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Suzanna Brown Simpson mostly sat expressionless at her trial for the murder of her two children and attempted murder of her husband.

## DACUSVILLE MOM GUILTY OF MURDER

Judge issues harshest sentences allowable: 2 life terms

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PICKENS - A Pickens County jury found a Dacusville woman guilty on all charges in the shooting deaths of her two young children and attempted murder of her husband.

Judge Brian Gibbons said it was probably the worst case he's heard in his 11 years on the bench. He then imposed the harshest sentence possible, sentencing Suzanna "Anna" Brown Simpson to two life sentences on two counts of murder, 30 years on attempted murder and 5 years on possession of a weapon during the commission of violent crime. He imposed the sentences consecutively.

"I cannot imagine a worse scenario than what I've heard



## Clemson tuition, housing and meal fees rising

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CLEMSON - Housing and tuition costs are going up again for Clemson University students.

The university's board of trustees voted almost unanimously via teleconference Thursday to raise tuition rates for the 2016-17 year for in-state and out-of-state students and pass along state-mandated cost-of-living increases for Clemson employees.

Undergraduates from South Carolina will pay an extra 3.14 percent, or \$218 on average per semester, while out-of-staters will pay an extra 4.27 percent, or \$700 per semester on average.

That translates to per semester averages of \$7,159 for tuition and student fees for in-staters, and \$17,100 for out-of-staters.

Meal plans will rise 4 percent per semester on average, from \$1,860 to \$1,940, and housing will go up an average of 6 percent, from \$2,698 to \$2,865.

Vice President for Finance and Operations Brett Dalton told board members the tuition hikes are in line with increases from the last few years. He said the room and board is going up primarily because the Legislature mandated improved pay and benefits for all public employees in the new state budget that goes into effect next week.

Students will tolerate the annual tuition hikes as long as Clemson remains affordable, said undergraduate student government President Joey Wilson.

"Tuition is going up everywhere, and students understand that ... we just hope to keep it as low as possible so students don't have to go deep into debt," said Wilson, a senior from Duncan.

Wilson credited university administrators for working with student groups to hold down student fees for health services, online and information technology services and the like. An athletic department proposal to introduce charges to students for prime



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## Sub shop destroyed in fire



STAFF PHOTO BY TRIPP GIRARDEAU

An early morning fire destroyed the Blimpie restaurant on York Street.

### Investigators trying to find out what set Blimpie ablaze

BY TRIPP GIRARDEAU  
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The Aiken Department of Public Safety is investigating a fire Thursday morning at the Blimpie sub shop on York Street near Rutland Drive.

Firefighters responded to the scene around 2:17 a.m. after a passerby called police saying black smoke was coming from the area, said Sgt. Daymon Spann with the Aiken Department of Public Safety.

"There was heavy fire when we ar-

rived," Spann said. "The building was fully engulfed."

It took firefighters more than an hour to put the blaze out, and the business was completely destroyed, Spann said. No one was injured.

There was minor water damage and light smoke damage to SPCA Thrift Store next door, but their fire wall protected the store from any major damage, said Karen Boyd, manager of

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## Whiskey corridor study moves forward

Comprehensive study will include input from public

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A comprehensive study that will address improvements on the roughly 9-mile Whiskey Road corridor will involve public input and projects could be identified as early as next March, according to Aiken County officials.

At its Tuesday meeting, Aiken County Council approved in its consent agenda a resolution that would authorize Council Chairman Ronnie Young to enter into an agreement with North Charleston-based Stantec Consulting Service Inc. to study the corridor.

Aiken County Planning and Development Director Stephen Strohminger said it will involve looking at the movement of traffic up and down the corridor and multi-modal aspects such as bicycling, walking and sidewalks.

Access management, like shared driveways, future or potential development along with storm water also will be studied.

Addressing storm water and ditches along the corridor is a priority, which is a large reason Stantec was the firm chosen, Strohminger said.

"They were very knowledgeable and a big part of their study and their presentation was on the fact that they realized that you're going need to get rid of these ditches," he

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### AREA DEATHS

Carson LaVaun Fox, Aiken  
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Sammie Wilson, Aiken  
Deacon Ezekiel Kevin Wimberly, Wagener

## Volunteers find joy in helping others



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BENGTON

On duty Tuesday in New Ellenton with Salkehatchie Summer Service are volunteers Alvin Richardson, from Columbia, and Ashley Henthorn, from Spartanburg.

### Area homes repaired through Salkehatchie service program

BY BILL BENGTON  
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Hundreds of teenagers and dozens of adults are spending this week getting acquainted (or reacquainted) with the arts of roofing, plumbing, flooring and electricity, by way of Salkehatchie Summer Service, with its emphasis on spiritual challenges and manual labor.

Aiken, New Ellenton and Warrenville have houses getting attention this week, courtesy of teams from Greenville, Columbia, Florence, Spartanburg and elsewhere around the state, while some teens and adults from Aiken are spending Sunday through Saturday in McCormick and Plum Branch.

"It's a church retreat combined with a

hatchie work.

"The first two days, you have faith programs and ... time with friends, and Monday through Friday, you come back and work on somebody's house that needs repair ... and you do everything from painting the house to replacing the bathroom, or you can re-roof the house — all kinds of stuff there."

Among those being served is Aiken resident Bernice Bonham, who said she is looking forward to getting a walk-in shower. "They're doing my hallways and my floors and then cleaning my yard that's a mess, and they brought me something to eat, two times," she said, with a laugh.

"I just turned them loose, and they do what they want, and they've done me



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BENGTON





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## SUMMER FOOTBALL: PREPS DUEL IN 7-ON-7

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### LOCAL/STATE



#### Street enhancements coming downtown

More bike and pedestrian friendly street enhancements will soon be coming to downtown Spartanburg. The city has received approval from the S.C. Department of Transportation to install a new traffic signal and pedestrian crossing at Liberty and East St. John streets, in front of the George Dean Johnson Jr. College of Business and Economics and Chapman Cultural Center. **C1**

#### Wellford planning community park

Wellford is in the beginning stages of planning a park that will be open for community use. The project is in its infancy, but when it's complete Wellford will have a new playground area, a baseball field, multi-purpose fields and a walking trail. City Administrator Chris Guy said. **C1**

### NATION/WORLD



#### Suspect dead in German theater incident

A masked man was shot dead Thursday after entering a movie theater in southwestern Germany with what appeared to be a rifle and taking several hostages, authorities said. No

### CAPITOL GUN DEBATE

## Dems push on after sit-in

By Erica Werner  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Exhausted but exuberant, House Democrats vowed to fight on for gun control Thursday as they ended their high-drama House floor sit-in with songs, prayers and defiant predictions of success. Republicans offered a dose of political reality, denying House Democratic demands and holding a Senate vote designed to show a bipartisan

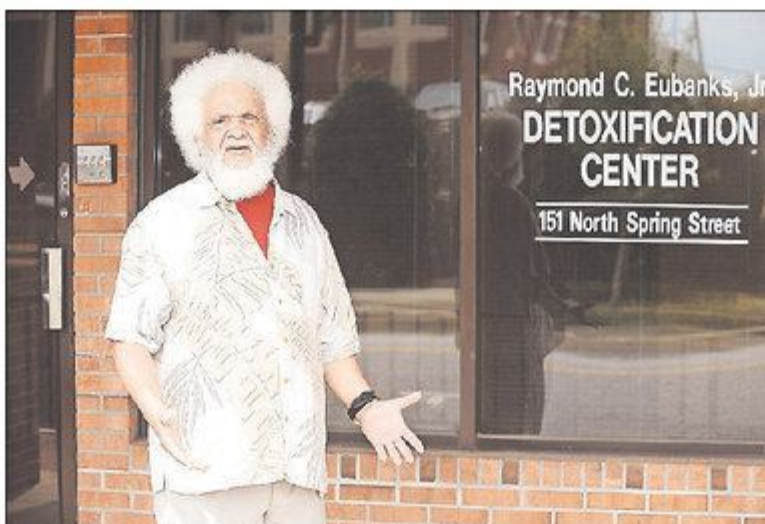
gun compromise can't pass. "They're staging protests. They're trying to get on TV. They're sending out fundraising solicitations," House Speaker Paul Ryan complained in an angry denunciation of the Democrats' 25-hour occupation of the Capitol chamber. "If this is not a political stunt, then why are they trying to raise money off of this, off of a tragedy?" Ryan said the House would

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Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., speaks Thursday on Capitol Hill in Washington after House Democrats ended their sit-in protest on the House floor. CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### 6 YEARS LATER



Mike Patterson talks about how the detox center helped people in the Spartanburg area before it closed. ALEX HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHJ.COM

## Some see need for closed detox center to reopen

By Bob Montgomery  
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The founder of Spartanburg's only drug and alcohol detox center says its closing six years ago has left a major void, but the director of the nonprofit that ran it says her agency alone can't afford to

health therapy, prevention and education services, a drug treatment court, anger management and domestic violence treatment.

"It was a good program in what it could do," O'Brien said of the detox center. She said it was a "social detox" center that helped

It was with much sadness that SADAC announced the center's closing in 2010.

"It's not something we wanted to do," SADAC Executive Director David Forrester said at the time. "It's something that has to be done unfortunately. It's an emotional thing, but we just

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

## Agencies will split body camera money

By Seanna Adcox  
The Associated Press

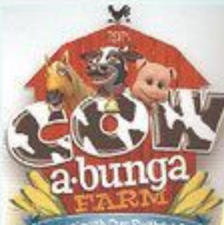
COLUMBIA — More than 160 law enforcement agencies across South Carolina will split the \$5.8 million legislators provided for police body cameras, their maintenance and video storage.

The state's Public Safety Coordinating Council is distributing the money to all 168 agencies that applied for funding. That includes four solicitors' offices, Ports Authority police, and public safety at four airports and 16 colleges.


In all, the agencies requested \$13.8 million; 31 applications were fully funded by the council's votes last week, said Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Sherri Iacobelli.

The council isn't yet announcing how much each agency will get. Noti-






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## Man of the hour

Rocky Gannon receives Distinguished Citizen Award

BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY  
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FLORENCE — Colonel Rocky Gannon was the man of the hour at Thursday's Distinguished Citizen Award Banquet.

Nearly 150 people attended the reception and ceremony hosted by the Boy Scouts of America Pee Dee Area Council to celebrate

Gannon's integrity, kindness and service to others. He was honored with the Distinguished Citizen Award, something that is given to people who have been unselfish in their service to others on an individual and community basis.

Gannon was a pilot in the Army Air Corps and served in the military for 37 years. Fifteen of those years were overseas. He flew missions in World War II, Korea,

Belgian Congo and Vietnam and received several military awards and medals.

Gannon, a man known for telling stories about his military experience, was highly deserving of the honor, according to many of the people who attended the ceremony.

Gannon's son, Mike Gannon,

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**Francis Marion  
University**

## Tuition increase approved

BY MELISSA ROLLINS  
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FLORENCE — Francis Marion University's Board of Trustees approved a 3.25 percent increase to tuition and other university fees Thursday night at their June meeting. The increase will go into effect starting in the fall semester.

This increase comes one year after the university's board approved a 3.25 percent increase in tuition and fees. For one year, undergraduate in-state tuition will now be \$9,880.

"As we've said time and time again, no institution wants to increase tuition, least of all Francis Marion University," President Fred Carter said. "We have an obligation to ensure the quality of our programs and to pay our faculty and staff adequately. It's necessary from time to time for us to do modest increases with regard to tuition and that is what we have done this time. I'm deeply appreciative to the board for supporting this effort."

Other universities across the state are expected to increase their tuition as well. On Thursday night, Coastal Carolina University's Board of Trustees approved an increase of 3.29 percent.

FMU's overall projected budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year is \$55,332,823. That figure includes another increase, this one required by the state.

"As you might know, the state has mandated a 3.25 percent cost-of-living increase for state employees," board member Stephen Jones said in the Financial Affairs and Facilities Committee report. "They, the state,

**Downtown Florence Restaurant**



PHOTOS BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN/MORNING NEWS

Julie and Dickie Knight sample a smoked whitefish crostini at Town Hall's soft opening on Thursday.

## Florentines get first peek at Town Hall

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN  
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FLORENCE — Deann Moore remembers visiting the Kress Corner building years ago when it housed Zeigler's Drug

Store.

"We used to come here to shop," the Florence real estate agent recalls.

But Thursday evening Moore entered the building on the corner of South Dargan and West Evans streets for

a much different purpose as Town Hall, Florence's newest restaurant, celebrated its soft opening with invited guests.

Moore attended the opening with her friend and coworker, Joann Talbott, who raved about the rustic

and repurposed beauty of the restaurant.

As a real estate agent, Talbott has seen her share of buildings. With its wood accents and open kitchen, Town

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## All-Day Music Festival comes to downtown Saturday

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN  
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FLORENCE — Saturday's All-Day Music Festival will be a

day just captures a different genre of music, genre of people. I mean, people just want variety," said Weatherford, who serves as general manager at The Library and 1031 Grill and

ers of all kinds.

Weatherford hopes the event will draw a new crowd of people to the downtown courtyard.

She said she is always surprised to hear that people have

ing in downtown Florence," Weatherford said.

But despite Weatherford's goal of attracting new folks to downtown, she said the all-day festival can be counted as a



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Bob Cuttino, long-time Beaufort County pastor, dies at age 86 3A



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Hilton Head town manager Riley in running for Savannah job 3A



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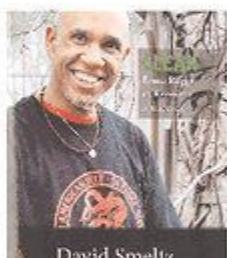


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# THE ISLAND PACKET



Shore Beach Service lifeguard James Williams lifts the framework of a large folding tent as he drops off a load of beach trash at the service's waste holding facility behind the Coligny Beach public parking lot. The service keeps eight dumpsters of various sizes at the facility.



LOCAL

## OF HEROIN AND HILTON HEAD

Singer David Smeltz was all the rage on the island in the 80s. He was also a drug addict. He's back — clean and sober. 3A

BEAUFORT COUNTY

## Beach trash piling up

Hilton Head Island resident Jim Meehan posted a sign after picking up someone's cigarette butts

Meehan says he's seen more litter on the beach; Shore Beach Services uses more dumpsters than it did a decade ago

Abandoned beach tents and canopies can scare away sea turtles that need to nest

BY WADE LIVINGSTON  
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Jim Meehan had a message for the Marlboro Menthol man. Or woman.

Whomever had arranged the 20 or so cigarette butts in the sand near the waterline like tombstones in a miniature beachfront graveyard.

Meehan finished his sunset walk Monday and nailed a sign to a post at the beach access point near Sandpiper Street on Hilton Head Island.

"MARLBORO MENTHOL MAN," the sign read, "(OR WOMAN)"

"ON BEHALF OF THE TUR-  
TLE FISH CRAB DOGS

AND HUMANS PLEASE DISPOSE OF YOUR BUTTS PROPERLY!!

"YOUR FIRST PACK CLEAN UP IS ON ME!"

"THANKS!! ENJOY YOUR STAY!!!"

It was the first time he'd made a sign like that, he said Wednesday. He'd picked up the cigarette butts and become angrier when he found more — Marlboro Menthols — scattered along the boardwalk. Meehan, who's lived on Hilton Head "off and on for 26 years," says he's seen more litter on the beach this year. He's used to picking up after people's dogs on the beach, he said, but finding a

hole with a half-dozen Michelob cans near the ocean at high tide

## One day of garbage

These numbers show garbage collected from Beaufort County's beaches and waterways during the annual Beach River Sweep held in September.

### Beaufort County



NOTE: Garbage collected in Beaufort County, from beaches and boats

### Coastal counties



NOTE: Charts are not to scale. Coastal counties include Beaufort County's garbage totals as well as Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown and Horry counties. Source: SC Sea Grant Consortium

is troublesome.

What's more troubling, he said, is that he often sees people walk past litter and do nothing about it.

By Wednesday morning his sign was gone.

There was no sign of the Marlboro Menthol man.

about 12 loads — meaning trailers, hauled behind the company's ATVs — of waste off the beach a day, said operations manager Mike Wagner.

SEE TRASH, 11A

VIDEO

Operations manager Mike Wagner talks about the trash problem at islandpacket.com

## WASTING AWAY

Shore Beach Services hauls



NATION

## CORPS UPDATES IWO JIMA INFO

The Marine Corps says one of the men shown in the iconic Iwo Jima flag-raising photo was misidentified. 7A



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## DEMOCRATS END HOUSE PROTEST


Wary but jubilant Demo-



Ralph Stanley dies at 89 **News, 4A**

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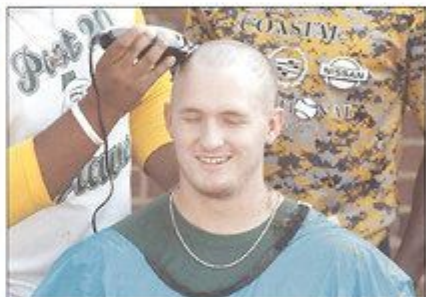
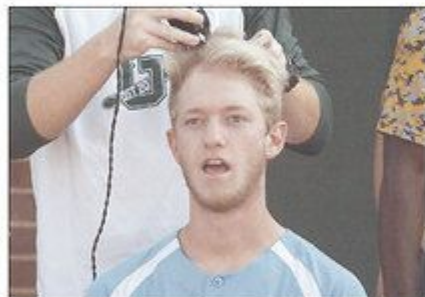
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**LEFT:** Chapin-Newberry's Kyle McCrary reacts as Greenwood assistant coach Hunter Dowis makes the first cut Thursday. **MIDDLE:** Greenwood's Blake Fallaw gets his head shaved by assistant coach Hunter Dowis. **RIGHT:** Greenwood assistant coach JoJo Chaney gets his hair cut finished up by Carlos Sorcia on Thursday.

## Post 20 shaves heads for St. Baldricks

By ANDREW MACKIE  
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Dylan Burton debated whether or not to shave his head on Thursday.

Before hosting Chapin-Newberry, the Greenwood American Legion Post 20 baseball team was hosting its second St. Baldrick's fundraiser

where the Braves shaved their heads to raise money and awareness for the charity that battles childhood cancer. Burton sported hair nearly grazing his shoulders last year and got it cut off during the inaugural event.

He did not have as much hair Thursday, but having gotten just one hair cut in the year since, Burton still

carried a solid flow.

Once Burton saw coach Mack Hite in the chair, though, he was soon to follow.

"It was a debate, 50-50," Burton said. "Then I saw Coach Hite doing it, and I felt more apt to do it seeing more and more people go. You think about the cause and stuff like that,

you feel bad not doing it.

"It always feels good to do something like this. I enjoy doing it. It's going to a good cause, and getting a hair cut is not that big of a deal."

Like Burton, Brandon Pruitt also was not sure he would get his hair cut. The Ninety Six graduate passed last year, but as other players took a

seat in the cutting chairs on Thursday, Pruitt felt drawn to join in.

Pruitt eventually relented and got sheared.

"I wasn't really all for shaving my head," Pruitt said. "I like having hair, but some of the boys were talking

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## AN ALL-STAR JAM



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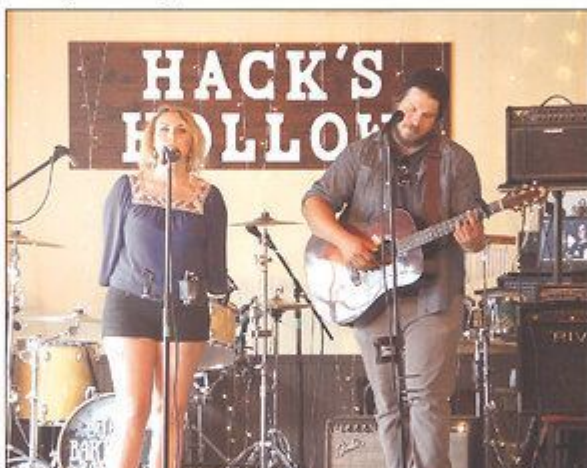
**ABOVE:** The upstairs room of T.W. Boons is nearly full just before 7 p.m. Thursday evening as people come to honor the late Hack Bartley at the All-Star Jam. **BELOW:** A sign behind the bar at T.W. Boons reads "We love you Hack Bartley."



## Community honors late musician Bartley

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"What a great way to honor a great friend and such a meaningful part of the music



### ■ SC POLICE

## 168 agencies to receive money for body cameras

By SEANNA ADCOX  
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COLUMBIA — More than 160 law enforcement agencies across South Carolina will split the \$5.8 million legislators provided for police body cameras, their maintenance and video storage.

The state's Public Safety Coordinating Council is distributing the money to all 168 agencies that applied for funding. That includes four solicitors' offices, Ports Authority police, and public safety at four airports and 16 colleges.

In all, the agencies requested \$13.8 million; 31 applications were fully funded by the council's votes last week, said Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Sherri Jacobelli.

The council isn't yet announcing how much each agency will get. Notifications will be sent with the money after the fiscal year starts next month, she said.

But Sen. Greg Hembree, a council member, said Thursday the smallest agencies will receive 100 percent of their request, mid-size agencies roughly 75 percent and the largest agencies about half.

The goal was to spread the limited money as fairly as possible, focusing on tiny departments that likely can't buy cameras otherwise, he said.

That could mean McBee Police, for example, will



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## Clyburn participates in House sit-in

Democrats stage protest for gun vote

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., was among the weary but jubilant House Democrats who ended their extraordinary sit-in on the chamber's floor Thursday



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after more than 24 hours. The protest allowed them to promote their demand for votes on gun control after a mass shooting recently in Orlando and last year's killing of nine people at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, part of Clyburn's district.

Clyburn, a Sumter native has issued

no official statements but tweeted, "It's time for common sense gun laws in America."

There were no indications that Republicans who control the U.S. House of Representatives had granted Democrats' demand for votes on bills strengthening background checks and barring firearms sales to people on the government's no-fly list. Still, Democrats filed out of the chamber and de-

clared victory.

"We are going to win this struggle," said Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., a civil rights icon who helped lead the sit-in.

Hours earlier, Republicans left the Capitol, branding the sit-in a publicity stunt and summarily adjourning the chamber at about 3:15 a.m. until after the Fourth of July.

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## REACHing for the stars



Lily Pruitt looks over her colored pencil drawing titled "Creative Thinking" at the REACH Summer Showcase.

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### Summer arts program has creative students shining

BY KONSTANTIN VENGERSKY

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Quinnez Allen, Benjamin Way and Tianna Roberts stole the show with their performance of the late singer Prince's "Purple Rain" on Wednesday evening at Crestwood High School.

"Purple Rain" was the surprise song of the evening, said Linda Beck, choral di-

rector. Allen, an eighth-grade student at Furman Middle School; Way, a junior at Lakewood High School; and Roberts, a sophomore at Sumter High School, each sang a different verse of the song with the chorus singing behind them.

The three singers were part of 150 students, grades three through 12, who participated in Sumter School District's Reinforcing and

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See page A3 for more scenes from this year's REACH Summer Showcase.

Expanding Artistic and Creative Horizons program this summer. On Wednesday, students in art, chorus and theater displayed the talents they've been honing during the three-week program at the school.

Each student chosen for the program was referred by a teacher and had to audition for chorus, theater or art. Students could audition for all three sec-

tions, and if they were selected, could then choose which section they wanted to do.

The theme for this year's chorus performance was "Broadway's Best," Beck said. The show featured selections from "West Side Story," "Phantom of the Opera," "Pippin," "Rent" and "Hamilton." The show also included "REACH for the Stars," a song written by students in the 2014 program.

Three students, all from Sumter High School, received "superstar" awards. Justin Floyd, a sophomore,

### City water department to relocate next year

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By the end of 2017, Sumter residents will travel to a new location to pay their water bills after Sumter Utility Finance Department moves into a new building at the corner of South Harvin and East Bartlette streets.

Sumter Downtown Development Manager Howie Owens said the city intends to move the utility finance department because its current location is not conducive to providing the best customer experience.

Many times, the utility finance department is the first place new residents visit, he said.

"We want that experience to be professional, warm and inviting and very customer focused," he said.

The cost for the project has not been finalized, but Owens said the project will be funded by the utility department money because it is for the utility department.

The property is currently zoned general commercial and light industrial-warehouse, but the city has requested that the parcels be rezoned to central business district for the new building.

He said the city is working on environmental testing, and officials anticipate construction will begin between January and March of 2017.

It is estimated that construction will take six to nine months, so it is anticipated that the department will move to the new location between October and December of 2017, Owens said.



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