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Building an arson case

Police say accomplice described helping with downtown fire

BY GLENN SMITH
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The sounds of breaking glass and shouting roused Carter Downing from a deep sleep on the morning of Dec. 9, 2010. She heard her neighbors scream that the Montagu Street apartment house where she lived was on fire.

When Downing opened her bedroom door, smoke came pouring in. She, her boyfriend and the two guys who lived upstairs managed to escape as flames crawled up the side of the house. But with no smoke detectors in the Charleston home, Downing shuddered to think how things would have turned out if her neighbors hadn't seen the fire's eerie glow at 3:30 a.m.

Inside

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"None of us would have woken up," she said. "If the girls next door had not seen the fire, the four of us would have died in the house that night."

Charleston junior at the time, got another chill Monday when she learned that the man now accused of starting that fire was a carpenter who did plenty of work around the house at 48 Montagu St. That fire is one of three that 55-year-old Kenneth Boone, of Charleston, is accused of setting around the area. The other two



Kenneth Boone is being held in lieu of \$300,000 bail on arson-related charges.

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What would you do with \$500 MILLION?



PHOTOGRAPH BY BRADLEY SPEER/STAFF

"I've got something good here. These are good numbers," said Ernestine Brown about her Powerball Quick Pick ticket as the left V-Go Foodmart on Savannah Highway on Tuesday. Brown, heading home after work, said she and her mother have won other lottery prizes with tickets there.

Lowcountry hopefuls mention church, charities

BY CHRISTINA ELMORE
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Theodore Wayman has tried his hand at the Powerball jackpot in South Carolina, Georgia and Kentucky. He hasn't won yet, but that won't stop the North Charleston man from taking a shot at the \$500 million prize up for grabs in tonight's drawing. The top prize is the jackpot's largest to date.

After Saturday's drawing did not produce a winner, lottery officials estimated that the prize would be worth a record \$425 million.

That number increased to \$500 million Tuesday after a boost in ticket sales, and could potentially be raised again before tonight's cutoff. S.C. Education Lottery spokeswoman Holly Armstrong said.

"As we get closer and closer, and as word spreads, ticket sales do typically pick up," Armstrong said.

Armstrong described ticket sales across the state as being "brisk," but said exact numbers

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The odds

You win the jackpot by matching all five white numbers and the red Powerball number. Each white number can be 1-59 and the red number 1-35. The odds of winning the jackpot are 1 in 175 million, according to the lottery commission.

The rules

You must buy a ticket by 9:59 tonight. A jackpot ticket costs \$2. If you think you might not win the big one, you can pay an extra dollar to multiply your winnings in case you match fewer than six numbers. For example, you get \$2 million instead of \$1 million for matching all five white numbers but not the red Powerball.

The money

Winners have 60 days to decide whether to take the entire sum spread over 30 years or a smaller cash payout. The cash payout is \$227 million, minus 32 percent in taxes (25 percent federal, 7 percent state), leaving you with a bit over \$222 million.

The wish list

What you could buy with a winning ticket. Page A4.

Horne keeps pressure on DSS

Lawmaker cites 'outrageous' case

BY PRENTISS FINDLAY
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A child was molested for 15 months after being placed by social workers in a Dorchester County home where a registered sex offender lived, state Rep. Kenny Horne said Tuesday.

"It's outrageous," said Horne, who lives in Summerville. Dorchester County officials did not confirm the report.

"I do know there is an investigation ongoing now," she said.

Horne said she could not reveal the source of her information.

"It's just grossly negligent. There is no other way to describe it," she said. The Legislative Audit Council on Monday approved an audit of the state Department of Social Services based on Horne's account of this case and others. More than two dozen members of the state House Republican Caucus, including Horne, asked for

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Temple Grandin speaks Tuesday to College of Charleston students.

Speaking up for different mind types

BY DIANE KNICH
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Temple Grandin's triumph over the challenges of autism makes clear there is room and need in the world for many different kinds of minds.

Grandin, 65, a professor of animal sciences at Colorado State University, spoke Tuesday at the College of Charleston's Suttle Theatre. Her talk was titled "Thinking in Pictures," which describes how she experiences the world.

Grandin didn't talk until she was 4 years old, and medical professionals suggested to her mother that she be institutionalized. But Grandin grew up to earn a doctoral degree, become an expert in animal sciences, a noted

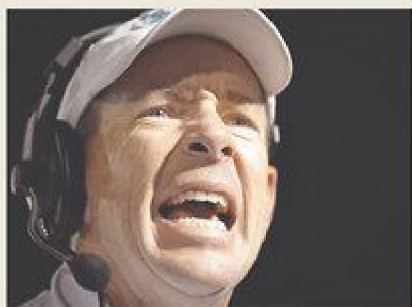
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Knotts has Silver Foxes aiming high

Dutch Fork head coach Tom Knotts shouts orders to his players in the first quarter of their playoff win against White Knoll Friday night.



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It has taken the accomplished coach just three seasons to get Dutch Fork to the state title game

By AKILAH IMANI NELSON
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Year by year, athletes and families in the Dutch Fork area are buying into coach Tom Knotts' way of doing things.

Knotts came to town in the spring of 2010 with a long resume of building

winning teams and with plans to add the Silver Foxes to his list of championship squads.

Knotts was 296-60 at three Charlotte high schools, getting Harding, West Charlotte and Independence programs to 11 North Carolina Class 4A title games and winning

eight championships.

Dutch Fork is one game from delivering on Knotts' promise, as the Silver Foxes face Gaffney on Saturday in the Class 4A Division 2 title game.

"When I got here, we set very definite goals and the goal was to not just to reach a state championship, but to win," Knotts said.

In his first two seasons, Knotts' Silver Foxes were

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John Freeman, corporate real estate manager for First Citizens Bank, discusses the renovation of the Brennen Building on Main Street. The bank is renovating the street's oldest building.

ONLINE

See a photo gallery with this story at thestate.com.

Renovations to Brennen Building could bring back 'focal point' on Main Street

By JEFF WILKINSON
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The Brennen Building — the oldest building on Columbia's Main Street, reportedly built circa 1870, and home to the legendary Capitol Cafe from 1911 to 2002 — will become bank offices, meeting space and perhaps a restaurant once again.

First Citizens Bank, which purchased the building in 2002, is in the midst of a total renovation of the unique Victorian-style building, one of the first to be built on Main Street after downtown Columbia was torched during the Civil War.

When finished, the landmark building

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RICHLAND COUNTY ELECTION MESS

Board can ax director, state says

Court would have to back attorney general's opinion

By CLIFF LeBLANC
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Richland County's elections board has the power to fire embattled elections director Lillian McBride, the state Attorney General's Office said Monday.



McBride

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Vote in The State's survey on whether the elections director should be disciplined.

INSIDE
Voter confidence must be restored.
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But the legal opinion — which doesn't carry the force of law and might not ultimately determine McBride's professional future — at least offers guidance that the five-member board, and not the county's legislative delegation, has the authority to punish the person many critics blame for the 2012 Election Day fiasco.

"... it is our opinion that a court would likely conclude that the direct discharge authority of the 'initial director' rests with the Board of Elections and Voter Registration," veteran deputy attorney general Robert D. Cook wrote.

Efforts Tuesday to gauge whether the board would consider disciplinary action against McBride were unsuccessful. Messages left for three of the board members, as well as for the attorney it

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'THIS POLICY IS OUTDATED' Women in U.S. military sue for the right to fight

By MICHAEL DOYLE
McClatchy Newspapers

helicopter pilot and other female service members are opening a new front in the challenge to the

[IN THE NEWS]

\$500 million jackpot up for grabs tonight

Historic lottery jackpots — like tonight's \$500 million Powerball prize — are all part of a plan to



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ERROR TO HIT BUSINESSES

Mistake spurs debate about governor's cabinet operations

By Tim Smith
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COLUMBIA — Barbara League, the chief executive officer of G.F. League Manufacturing in Greenville, says she isn't surprised to hear that a programming error at a state agency failed to pick up almost \$9 million in unemployment charges that must now be billed or used in calculating taxes for nearly 12,000 businesses in the state.

"We've been in business for 95 years

and we are so used to those little surprises," she told GreenvilleOnline.com.

But others are not so open-minded about the mistake caught in an audit this year by the state Department of Employment and Workforce.

"How could you make such an asinine mistake?" asked Frank Knapp, president and chief executive officer of the South Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce.

The mistake is also raising questions about the operations of agencies in Gov. Nikki Haley's cabinet, coming soon after

other high-profile lapses that are costing taxpayers money. A spokesman for the governor rejected criticism.

Sen. Kevin Bryant, an Anderson Republican who chairs a Senate subcommittee that deals with issues involving Employment and Workforce, said he was upset that so many businesses would be affected by the error.

"I'm just shocked that we still have this kind of irresponsibility over there that they can't read a calendar," he said, referring to the programming error.

However, Lewis Gosssett, president of

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Answers for businesses to frequently asked questions about the changes.

State Democratic Party Chairman Dick Harpootlian: "(The problems) are a lack of diligence and scrutiny and work."



Chekeia Hughes sells Power Ball tickets at Palms on Easley Bridge Road in Greenville. PATRICK COLLARDY

Powerball fever grips Upstate

Jackpot at \$500M for
Wednesday drawing

By Ron Barnett

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With a half billion dollars out there for the taking, Powerball fever has hit the Upstate over the past few days in anticipation of the drawing for Wednesday's record prize.

People around Greenville who normally don't play the lottery were plunking down their \$2 to buy a chance for unimaginable riches.

"The odds are smaller but I guess the big numbers brings your attention back to the lottery," said Michael Bryan, owner of an indoor mini-golf busi-

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EMBASSY ATTACK

WHITE HOUSE CONTINUES TO BACK THE POTENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE



Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said, "I'm more disturbed now than I was before that 16 September explanation." AP

RICE CONCESSION ON LIBYA FAILS TO SATISFY REPUBLICANS

By Donna Cassata
Associated Press

**WHAT ARE THEY
TALKING
ABOUT?**

about her much-maligned explanations about the cause of the attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens.

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WASHINGTON — U.N. Ambassador

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Terriers left out?

When the All-Southern Conference choices were released last week, most of the talk by Wolford football players who made it was about the ones who didn't. There were two oversights — junior safety James Zotto from Libertyville, Ill., and senior offensive lineman T.J. White from Troy, Ohio. **PAGE B1**

More help available

Instead of the usual long lines of people seeking assistance from Goodfellows, there was barely any wait for the applicants who came to the Bethel United Methodist Church gymnasium Tuesday morning in Spartanburg. Applications will be accepted through Thursday. **PAGE C1**

Economy improving

American consumers are growing more confident about the job market, companies are ordering more equipment and home prices are rising in most major cities. **PAGE C6**

Nomination blocked?

U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice told lawmakers Tuesday that her initial explanation of the deadly Sept. 11 raid in Libya was wrong, but her concession failed to mollify three Republican senators who signaled they would try to block her possible nomination to be secretary of state. **PAGE A3**

Historic vote

The Palestinians predicted a historic U.N. vote recognizing their statehood this week, praising support from France on Tuesday and likely backing from other European nations seen as critical to enhancing their

Parties split on fiscal cliff matters

GOP, Democrats moving in opposite directions in talks

By **ANDREW TAYLOR**
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans' newfound willingness to consider tax increases to avert the "fiscal cliff" comes with a significant caveat: larger cuts than Democrats seem willing to consider to benefit programs like Medicare, Medicaid and the president's health care overhaul.



Obama

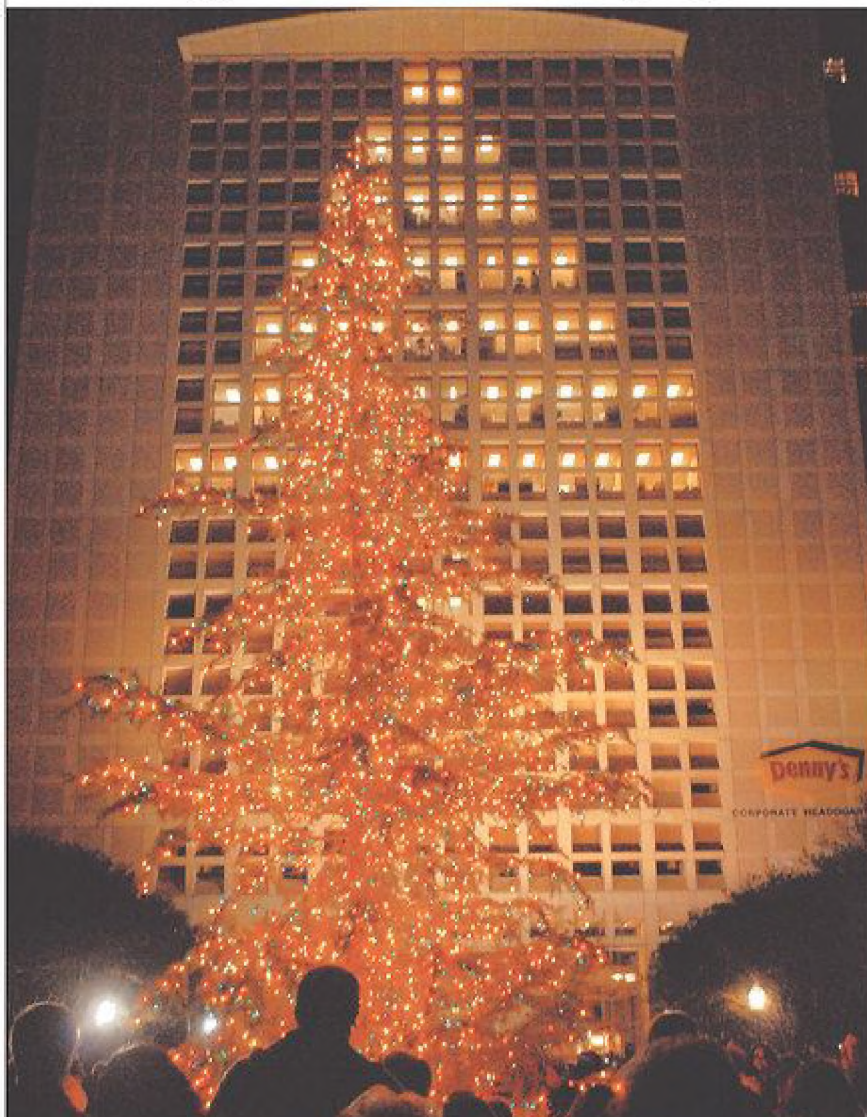
The disconnect on benefit programs, coupled with an impasse between Republicans and the White House over raising tax rates on upper-bracket earners, paints a bleak picture as the clock ticks toward a year-end fiscal debacle of automatic spending increases and harsh cuts to the Pentagon and domestic programs.

Democrats emboldened by the election are

moving in the opposite direction from the GOP on curbing spending, refusing to look at cuts that were on the bargaining table just last year. Those include any changes to Social Security, even though President Barack Obama was willing back then to consider cuts in future benefits through lower cost-of-living increases. Obama also considered raising the eligibility age for Medicare, an idea that most Democrats oppose.

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Getting into the holiday spirit



ALEX C. HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHJ.COM

Brittany and Jesse Bishop take a moment as the new dad sees his child for the first time at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center on Tuesday. See more photos of the Guardsman arriving home and greeting his daughter at GoUpstate.com.



Baby girl gives early welcome to soldier

Guardsman arrives to meet newborn

By **JENNY ARNOLD**

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Three days ago, Jesse Bishop thought his daughter would be 7 months old when he saw her for the first time.

A specialist with the National Guard, Bishop, 22, of Mayo, was deployed to the Kosovo region of Europe during the summer and was set to return home next year. His wife, Brittany, was due to give

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Sheep shot at rescue farm

Officials investigate incident which occurred at Big Oaks Rescue Farm

By MATT BRUCE

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The Greenwood County Sheriff's Office is investigating a weekend shooting in which someone killed a sheep at a Greenwood animal safe haven.

Deputies responded to the Big Oaks Rescue Farm, 2305 Keway

"It's just a coward who would shoot a little ol' sheep. If I had a problem with you, I would come and talk to you. I wouldn't shoot your animals."

— Joe Mann

Founder of Big Oaks Rescue Farm

Road, on Sunday morning after receiving reports of the incident. Officers found a sheep with lying dead

with a single gunshot wound to the neck, reports indicated. The animal was shot on a pasture near the back

end of the 40-acre rescue ranch. Officials at the farm had buried the animal by Tuesday afternoon, they said.

"It's just a coward who would shoot a little ol' sheep," said Joe Mann, who founded Big Oaks in 2007. "If I had a problem with you, I would come and talk to you. I wouldn't shoot your animals."

The sheep was shot near a neighboring manufacturing plant just

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■ ABBEVILLE COUNTY

School district touts ratings

Elected members sworn to board

By MICHELLE LAXER

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ABBEVILLE — The Abbeville County School District touted its excellent scores on the 2012 state report cards during the Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday night.

The district as a whole received an "excellent" absolute rating, which is the highest available. Its growth rating, which measures performance from one year to the next, scored "good."

The report card also graded schools individually and all of the Abbeville schools rated average or higher, with most scoring "excellent." The school principals were recognized by the board Tuesday night.

"We did all this with a poverty index of 79.09 percent, so I think we did pretty well," said director of instruction Jean Smith. "We did extremely well, I think, in all our areas. We still have room for improvement, but we still keep plugging away."

When asked about subjects to improve on, Smith said the focus will turn to implementing the upcoming Common Core State Standards.

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GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA

CELEBRATING A CENTURY



MATT WALSH / INDEX JOURNAL

Girl Scout Troops celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the organization.

Organization turns 100 this year

Did you know?

■ Girl Scouts of the USA began in the early spring of 1912, with 18 girls gathered in the parlor of a boarding house in Savannah, Ga. Today, Girl Scouting reaches 2.3 million girls across the U.S. and American girls in more than 90 countries around the world. A total of 890,000 adults, women and men are involved as volunteers.

■ On April 26, 2012, The White House announced President Obama posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to the founder of Girl Scouts, Juliette Gordon Low. The Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States, recognizes individuals who have made "an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural or other significant public or private endeavors."

■ During the 2011-12 cookie season, Girl Scouts sold 207 million packages of cookies with an estimated value of \$760 million. The cookie program is regarded as the largest financial literacy training program for girls in the world and the largest giraffe business in the world. Source: www.girlscouts.org

To learn more about Girl Scouts opportunities in the Lakelands, which is part of the Girl Scouts of South Carolina — Mountains to Midlands Council contact:

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By ST. CLAIRE DONAGHY

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For 100 years, Girl Scouts of the United States of America has focused attention and support on advancement of female leadership.

The organization celebrates its centenary this year and declared 2012 Year of the Girl. Debbie Culbreath, a longtime Girl Scout volunteer on a local level, said, "Girl Scouts builds confidence. It helps girls discover things about themselves and how they want to pursue life."

Culbreath is a program manager for the Greenwood-Abbeville area Girl Scout service unit team. She helps implement activities such as the annual spring encampment at Camp Star Fort off S.C. 246.

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■ STATE

29,000 to lose jobless benefits

Payments will stop by Jan. 3

By SEANNA ADCOX

Associated Press

COLUMBIA — About 29,000 South Carolinians will stop receiving jobless benefits at year's end as federally funded extensions expire, the state's unemployment agency reported Tuesday.

Payments to anyone in that federal program will stop by Jan. 3, as per a phase-out approved by Congress in February.

That means a loss of \$6.2 million weekly to unemployed South Carolinians, according to the state

Department of Employment and Workforce.

In South Carolina, the average payment is \$239 weekly. The maximum is \$326.

Anyone filing for unemployment insurance after Dec. 29 will be eligible only for the maximum 20 weeks of state-governed benefits paid by employers.

When the year started, unemployed South Carolinians qualified for up to 78 weeks of payments — or 19 1/2 months — thanks to two different federally paid extension programs. One of those, for states with chronically high unemployment, expired in April after the jobless rate dropped below 9 percent.

Congress voted in February to phase out the other program, which will shave off 42 weeks. Those emergency benefits were initially approved by Congress in 2008 and later expanded.

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Dana funeral at 3 p.m.

From staff reports

DARLINGTON — The funeral service for Morning News columnist Dwight Dana and his son Radisson will be held at 3 p.m.



Dana

Wednesday, Nov. 28, at First Baptist Church in Darlington, with the burial following in Grove Hill Cemetery. The two men died when the elder Dana's home was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. Radisson Dana, who lived in an house behind his father's residence, made the 911 call to report the fire and then went into the house after his father. Look for more coverage of Dana's career, including some of his best-loved columns, in Sunday's Morning News and online at www.scnw.com.

INSIDE

» Dwight Dana cut a swath during a 40-year newspapering career. On the way he made an impact and inspired many people, his co-workers included. **7A**

Baseball bat beating ends in death

From staff reports

DILLON — A Dillon man has been arrested and charged with murder in connection with the baseball bat beating death of a second Dillon man early Tuesday morning.

Craig Alexander Bellmon, 30, was taken into custody at his home at 320 Beaufort St. in Dillon — the scene of the incident.

Dillon County Coroner Donnie Grimsley identified the victim as James "Greg" McLellan, 39 of 406 E. Dargan St., Dillon.

McLellan was pronounced dead at a Dillon hospital shortly after 2 a.m. Tuesday, Grimsley said.

McLellan's body has been sent to Grand Strand Regional Medical Center for an autopsy, he said.

The incident started at 12:50 a.m. when Bellmon and his girlfriend responded to a knock at their door and saw that it was a woman known to them who had clothing at their residence, according to the Dillon Police Department incident report.

When they opened the door, McLellan stepped into the home along with the other woman. The two women got into an argument and when Bellmon told McLellan and the other woman to leave, McLellan and Bellmon scuffled, according to the incident report.

As the two men struggled, Bellmon told officers he grabbed a baseball bat and struck McLellan several times on the arms and then in the head.

Authorities say Bellmon continued to hit McLellan after he fell to his knees.

The woman with McLellan ran from the residence when the fight escalated to include the baseball bat.

Bellmon called 911 following the fight, according to the report.



Bellmon

A DOGGONE GOOD TIME



Ashley O'Connor, as Cruella De Vil (center), with Brooke Turner as Jasper (left) and Sallyanne Frost as Horace, rehearse on Monday.



Jalisa Daniels waits for rehearsal to start on Monday for the IMPACT Children's Theatre production of "101 Dalmatians Kids."



The cast rehearses Monday for the IMPACT Children's Theatre production of "101 Dalmatians Kids" at The Church at Sandhurst. The production, in partnership with East Florence Mission's Center Day School, will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday. IMPACT Children's Theatre is an after-school drama program that promotes Judeo-Christian values as students explore musical theater.

Sandy teaches lessons

SC emergency officials study Sandy for tips

The Associated Press

MYRTLE BEACH — Emergency officials on the South Carolina coast are looking at Superstorm Sandy to try to learn ways to better prepare for storms.

Horry County Emergency Management Director Randy Webster has been looking at the impact of Sandy, The Sun News of Myrtle Beach reported.

The storm hit the East Coast on Oct. 29, causing problems from North Carolina to Maine. More than 100 deaths were reported, most from drowning in the storm surge. The storm had moved by Myrtle Beach two days earlier, far offshore.

Webster has considered what would have happened if Sandy had hit the area.

"The immediate coastal impacts would be just as catastrophic, but when you get into that larger infrastructure issue we don't have the same issues," he said.

The Grand Strand would not face the same problems with damage to the transportation network, Webster said. The concentration of the population also is much less than New York.

The storm would have been similar to Hurricane Hugo in 1989 as far as the storm surge, up to 13 feet, he said. But Sandy lacked Hugo's winds.

"There's more work to be done to recognize that storm surge needs to

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Down to six choices for new middle school name



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Accused bomb-maker dies in jail suicide

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

An Orangeburg County man charged earlier this year with having the materials to make bombs has died after authorities said he was found hanged to death in a jail cell.

Nathaniel Hearn, 37, was found in an Orangeburg County Detention Center cell Friday after being arrested on several misdemeanor charges.

Hearn committed suicide and died of asphyxia due to hanging, Coroner Samuella Marshall said. State Law Enforcement Division spokesman Thom Berry confirmed that agency is investigating the death.

Hearn had been out of jail on bond for several charges, including the bomb-making allegations. He was taken to jail again Friday after an altercation with family members.

In February, deputies were called to a

Legend Snook Road residence across from the Edisto High School campus in Cordova after a woman reported a fight over use of a car.

Authorities responding to the call were told by the woman she locked the man out of the home after he demanded her car keys. She said Hearn made bombs inside a shed in the rear of the home.

At Hearn's bond hearing, investigators told the court that certain items

found on the property could be used in bomb making, including shotgun shells and CO2 cartridges.

A state and federal assessment of the materials combined with pictures of cruise ships discovered in the shed pointed to a potential threat against tourists.

Hearn told the court he had never



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Hearn

CHRISTMAS MUSIC



The Clafin University Concert Choir was joined by members from First Presbyterian Church, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Union Baptist Church and Williams Chapel AME Church for Tuesday's presentation of Handel's "Messiah" at Stevenson Auditorium in Orangeburg. View a photo gallery at TheTandD.com. Find more holiday news, tips on gifts and more at TheTandD.com/holiday.

LARRY HARVEY/260

Norway audit given to SLED

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
T&D Correspondent

NORWAY — For the past two years, Norway town government has operated without a budget and without annual audits of its bookkeeping.

All that is changing.

McGregor & Co., the firm hired by the town to complete audits for 2010 and 2011, has released its findings in a preliminary draft of the audits, Norway Town Clerk Bandy Rodgers said Tuesday.

Rodgers and Mayor Pro Tem Ann Johnson met with Bill Taylor, field services manager of the Municipal Association of South Carolina, Tuesday morning for the purpose of creating the framework of the 2013 spending plan so that "council can see that and understand it," Taylor said.

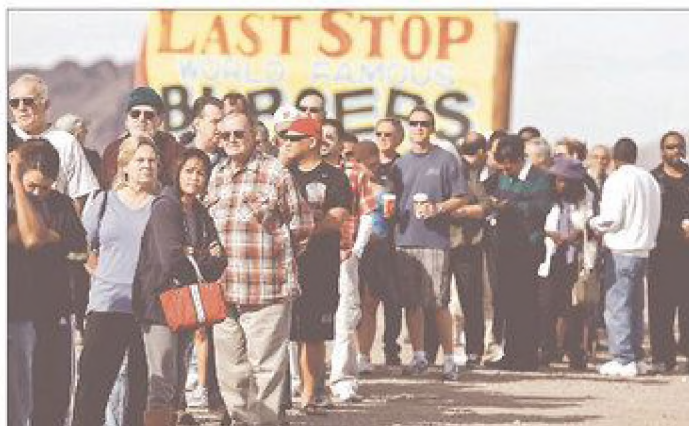
The three used a draft copy of findings included in the FY 2010 and FY 2011 audits by McGregor & Co.

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Powerball hits \$500M Record jackpot result of changes to boost sales

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