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Tweet costs senior graduation ceremony

Prom also ruled out after school board upholds constituent decision

BY DIETTE COURREGE CASEY
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One tweet has caused senior Ashley Patrick to lose what mattered most: the chance to walk across the graduation stage to receive her School of the Arts diploma.

The Charleston County School

Board voted 4-1 Wednesday to uphold the North Charleston Constituent School Board's decision, which was allowing Patrick to stay at School of the Arts on strict probation. That means she can't go to the prom or participate in the school's graduation ceremony with her classmates, but she will get a diploma from

School of the Arts.

Patrick was expressionless as she listened to the board's decision, and she walked out of the room in tears.

"(Walking with her class) was what she wanted, and that's the one thing they want to take away from her," said Dwayne Green, her attorney.

The district administration asked the county school board to remove Patrick from School of the Arts and send her to Twilight, a computer-based alternative program for students who misbehave. The district staff didn't think a five-day suspension was enough punishment for Patrick's tweet about a black junior in one

of her classes.

In February, Patrick was at home when she posted on Twitter that if the judge "makes one more got damn remark in Roger's class tomorrow ... (expletive) will drop." Patrick posted a link to a picture of a young white girl

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Poll

Did the Charleston County School Board make the right decision in the case of School of the Arts student Ashley Patrick? Go to postandcourier.com to vote.

Local hospitals charge greatly varying amounts for the same procedures, federal records reveal



By the numbers

These dollar amounts reflect the average price that three hospitals billed Medicare for procedures in 2011.

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| Major joint replacement | |
| Roper Hospital | \$36,121 |
| Medical University Hospital | \$48,013 |
| Trident Medical Center | \$85,672 |

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| Pulmonary embolism (clot) | |
| Medical University Hospital | \$16,773 |
| Roper Hospital | \$27,842 |
| Trident Medical Center | \$31,039 |

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| Permanent pacemaker insertion | |
| Medical University Hospital | \$38,902 |
| Roper Hospital | \$51,084 |
| Trident Medical Center | \$98,352 |

— Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

QUITE AN OPERATION

BY LAUREN SAUSSER
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Hospitals around the Lowcountry are billing Medicare at vastly different prices for the exact same procedures, according to data published Wednesday by the federal government.

For example, in 2011, Trident Medical Center billed Medicare an average \$98,352 to insert a permanent pacemaker, while the Medical University of South Carolina billed \$38,902 for the same surgery.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services published the financial data on its website Wednesday for more than 3,000 hospitals around the country. It is meant to "show significant variation across the country and within communities in what hospitals charge for common in-

patient services," a press release from CMS said.

Locally, Trident Medical Center, part of a for-profit health care system, charged Medicare higher prices than any other hospital in the area. Records from nearly 100 common procedures there show the hospital billed at higher rates than the national average on all but three procedures.

The amount a hospital bills Medicare for a procedure does not necessarily reflect how much Medicare actually reimburses the hospital for that procedure, or how much a patient needs to pay.

For example, even though Trident charged nearly \$100,000 to insert a pacemaker, Medicare reimbursed the hospital an average of \$12,386 for the procedure.

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Poll

Would cost influence where you chose to go for a medical procedure? Go to postandcourier.com to vote.

Sanfords settle trespass dispute

No court today for ex-governor

BY ROBERT BEHRE
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Congressman-elect Mark Sanford had a rough week in mid-April, but this one is shaping up as a pretty good one.

Sanford won't have to appear in Charleston County Family Court today because he reached a settlement Wednesday in a trespassing complaint lodged by his ex-wife Joanne.

As part of the deal, Sanford admitted to being in contempt of their divorce decree and agreed to pay \$5,000 to delay her legal bills. He also agreed to keep off her property or face the prospect of appearing before a judge without any claim of immunity.

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Sanford

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Kings' killer gets life term

BY GLENN SMITH
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The man who slit the throats of a Mount Pleasant couple during a robbery at their St. Maarten villa snickered and smiled at the victims' relatives after receiving a life term in prison Wednesday.

During a court hearing in the island capital of Philipsburg, Judge Tamara Tihuis handed down the sentence after finding 29-year-old Meyhane Kennar Johnson and two other men guilty in the gruesome September killings of Michael and Thelma King. Johnson's co-defendants, Jeremiah Chevon Mills, 18, and Jamal Jefferson Woodford, 21, received 28 years and 22

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S.C. high court upholds sales-tax exemptions

But justices' decision opens wide the door to future challenges

By ADAM BEAM
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The state Supreme Court declined Wednesday to strike down South Carolina's 78 sales-tax exemptions, but it offered a blueprint to anyone who might want to chal-

lenge individual exemptions in the future.

In particular, Supreme Court Chief Justice Jean Toal suggested the state's controversial \$300 sales-tax cap on autos could be ripe for a legal challenge.

South Carolina charges a 6 percent tax on all

retail sales, generating \$2.3 billion a year that mostly goes to pay for education. However, state lawmakers have exempted 78 items from the tax — including textbooks, groceries, sweetgrass baskets and portable toilets — while capping how

much tax can be collected on other items, including cars.

The exemptions and caps have grown so large the state now exempts more money from the sales tax — \$2.7 billion —

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BRETT PARKER MURDER TRIAL

'A man at the end of his rope'

But defense says that man was Capnerhurst, not Parker

By NOELLE PHILLIPS
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Juries in the Brett Parker murder trial must decide who the real bad guy is — Parker or the man who was found dead in the Parkers' upscale Irmo home.

Testimony in the double murder trial began Wednesday with opening statements from attorneys, a recording of a frantic 911 call and emotional testimony from a Richland County Sheriff's Department victim's advocate who accompanied the Parker family as they told two children their mother was dead.

Assistant solicitor Meghan Walker opened the trial by portraying Parker as an adulterer who was deeply in debt and

ONLINE
View photo galleries from the trial so far, with this story at thestate.com.

looking for an answer to his problems. His solution, she said, was to kill his wife, Tammy Jo Parker, and frame for the killing his gambling partner, Bryan Capnerhurst, before shooting him to death, too.

Shortly after investigators arrived at the Parkers' home April 13, 2012, they asked Parker two questions: was his marriage in trouble and was he having financial problems, Walker said.

"Brett Parker answered no to both of those questions," she said.

But evidence will show that Parker had contacted his lover the day of the shootings, and that he had

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The rain has stopped but the water still is rising on the banks of Lake Waterree. Water has risen over the bank on Rockbridge Road.

Lake tops flood level, could cause some flooding in homes

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Job prospects brighter for college grads this year

USC report good news for qualified candidates

By RODDIE BURRIS
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Students who will be graduating this week from the University of South Carolina have much brighter chances for landing jobs than in 2012, a new USC report shows.

In fact, job prospects

may be as good as ever — for the right candidates with the right mix of academics and work skill, the report says.

"Both job and internship postings are at all-time record levels, and students are finding opportunities throughout the state, locally and nationally," said Tom Halasz, director of the USC Career Center, where the report was produced.

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Sanford win bolsters GOP confidence

Some say victory by flawed candidate bodes ill for Dems in fall

By Andrew Shain
The State

COLUMBIA — Mark Sanford spoke of a God of "eighth chances" during his acceptance speech Tuesday night, but the former governor's return to elected office owed as

much to pocketbook issues as forgiveness.

Reminding voters of his fiscally conservative record in his previous stint in Congress while painting Democrat Elizabeth Colbert Busch as a puppet of Washington's liberal Democratic establishment, the Re-

publican won a comfortable 9-percentage-point victory in South Carolina's special 1st District race.

Polls showed Sanford gained momentum as he repeated the name of Democratic House Mi-

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Former Gov. Mark Sanford credited his victory Tuesday night to a God of "eighth chances," but fiscal concerns may have played a bigger role with voters. **RANIER EHRHARDT/AP**

Cultivating entrepreneurs



INNOVENTURE, 10 YEARS OLD, STILL PUTTING

STARTUPS IN FRONT OF INVESTORS

Greenville businessman John Warner, center, at InnoVenture 2013 on Wednesday, began the conference 10 years ago to match entrepreneurs with investors. Warner has since taken the concept global through the website InnoVenture.com. **HEIDI HEILBRUNN/STAFF**

By Rudolph Bell, Paul Alongi
and Amy Burns
Staff writers

Greenville businessman John Warner usually looks forward to up-and-coming technologies when he speaks at InnoVenture, the annual business conference he founded.

But when Warner took the podium at the start of this year's conference Wednesday morning, he spent a few minutes looking back.

The annual networking fest for entrepreneurs, investors, researchers, executives and



George Mantley, right, president and founder of Vu room, shares ideas with Kenneth Pestka, CEO of Graphic Light and Optics Inc., at InnoVenture. **HEIDI HEILBRUNN/STAFF**

tion over the years.

He recalled how he launched the conference in

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"Like most innovative things, this has been reinvented about two or three times

such as Mike Baur, chief executive of Greenville-based ScanSource Inc., and Don Herriott, the former head of global chemical manufacturing for Swiss drug maker Roche.

Also listening were Clemson University MBA students and government officials such as Charlie Ferrell, director of the state Commerce Department's aerospace task force.

Somehow, Warner recalled, InnoVenture survived the Great Recession.

Today, it's a highly anticipated event on the Upstate business calendar, drawing attendees from around South Carolina and the region to Greenville every year.

In 2011, Warner launched a second annual business con-

Gowdy: Libya terror link known

House panel hears
testimony on attack

By Mary Orndorff Troyan
Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — Top State Department officials knew quickly there was a terrorism link to the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, according to an email Rep. Trey Gowdy revealed at a congressional hearing Wednesday.

Gowdy, R-Spartanburg, emerged as a key GOP interrogator during the daylong hearing before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. Career diplomats testifying at the hearing gave their first public accounts of the attack that killed the American ambassador to Libya, Chris Stevens, and three others.

Gowdy, a former federal prosecutor, said the Sept. 12 email from one State Department official to several others proves administration officials

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WEATHER



City gears up for mosquito season

BY AMY BANTON
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As the temperatures rise, so will the skin on many residents' legs and arms as mosquito bites become more prevalent.

Summer is right around the corner, and that means mosquito season is, too. This year, mosquitoes aren't nipping as early as they usually do, according to City Solid Waste Division Supervisor Sarah Herring.

"Usually, it has already started and goes all the way to September, but the cooler temperatures has slowed it down a bit," Herring said. Herring said once the daily temperatures reach the 80s, people may notice more mosquitoes flying about and the City of Aiken is gearing up to fight off these scratch-inducing bugs.

Herring said that the City uses different types of larvicide to strike the problem head on, as well as a growth inhibitor which keeps the mosquito larvae from reaching adulthood. Once the larvae die, the chemical stays in the water for 150 days.

Mosquito facts

- South Carolina has at least 61 species of mosquitoes and there are 3,200 species worldwide.
- Mosquito actually means "little fly."
- Only female mosquitoes bite. They receive the nutrients they need to develop eggs from the blood of humans and other animals.
- Mosquitoes track people through the carbon dioxide they breathe out, lactic acid and sweat. They are also attracted to perfume, hair spray, deodorants and dark colored clothing.

— S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control

Herring said that due to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's restrictions, mosquitoes must be trapped, identified and tested for diseases before any spraying can take place.

Herring said that retention ponds, storm drains and some of the bio-swales in downtown Aiken are areas that her crew keeps a close eye on during mosquito season.

But, the City also gets a lot of mosquito calls from residents who have swarms of them at their own homes, Herring said. When the

City responds to mosquito calls, Herring said they look for the source, which is typically water. A teaspoon worth of water is all that's needed for a mosquito breeding ground.

Herring urges residents to clean bird baths, gutters, pots, buckets or anything else with standing water.

She said to also wear lighter colored clothing as mosquitoes are attracted to darker hues, and wear bug repellent.

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Fix for ballot debacle nears

Bills would have candidates file with local election office

BY MICHAEL ULMER
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Squabbles with a bill aimed at fixing last year's ballot debacle have pushed the proposal into legislative conference committee, tasking six State-house members with finding enough common ground to move the idea forward.

The bill, known as the "Equal Access to the Ballot Act," sets out to ensure that hundreds of candidates removed from the ballot in 2012 are not met with the same fate in the future.

The Senate approved a measure in January addressing the issue, but in April, the House moved forward with a slightly different bill, leading to the creation of the conference committee.

The committee consists of three House representatives and three Senators, including Sen. Paul Thurmond, a former Aiken resident who represents Charleston and Dorchester counties.

Thurmond said the bills aim to have candidates file with their local election office, rather than with local political party officials.

Last June, local party officials were in charge of collecting filing information, including Statements of Economic Interest forms listing income and other financial information for candidates.

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Board seeks extension on credit protection

BY SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina lawmakers voted Wednesday to pursue a multi-year contract for credit services that provide taxpayers with better protection from identity theft after last fall's massive hacking of personal data from Department of Revenue computer servers.



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Consultants: Cybersecurity setup to cost \$15M

COLUMBIA (AP) — Cybersecurity consultants say South Carolina should spend \$15 million next year to better secure residents' personal data. That's the estimated cost for setting up a statewide information security division, training employees and taking steps to better protect data

in the fiscal year that starts July 1. Mike Wyatt of Deloitte & Touche told the Budget and Control Board on Wednesday that the state's current decentralized approach to computer security makes it hard to protect sensitive data. The company's reorganization recommendations closely follow those by

the state's inspector general. A bill passed by the Senate that included those recommendations centralizes policy standards while letting each agency's technology employees carry them out. Deloitte expects setup costs to be nearly \$15 million, and recurring costs to be about \$7 million yearly.

Gov. Nikki Haley negotiated last October after learning of the theft.

6.4 million residents and businesses. In a related matter, consultants

in an effort to prevent another such attack will cost an estimated \$15



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1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

How Sanford staged an unlikely comeback

By GINA SMITH

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Four years ago, Mark Sanford seemed to be political road kill, with many — including Sanford himself — saying his career was through.

But Tuesday, Sanford delivered a comeback in the 1st Congressional District race that left some politicians scratching their heads and could have some campaign consultants trying to

ANALYSIS

replicate it in the future.

How did the once-disgraced governor become South Carolina's comeback congressman?

THE PELOSI CONNECTION

One of the biggest players in the race never set foot in South Carolina, never

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RAINIER EHRHARDT • The Associated Press
Mark Sanford is greeted by supporters Tuesday as he arrives to give his victory speech in Mt. Pleasant.

Settlement reached in trespassing complaint

By GINA SMITH

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Congressman-elect Mark Sanford and former S.C. first lady Jenny Sanford will not appear in Family Court today after reaching an out-of-court settlement related to trespassing allegations.

Mark Sanford, who won

Tuesday's 1st Congressional District race, admitted "that he is in contempt for this and previous instances of trespassing upon Plaintiff's property," according to court documents filed Wednesday in Charleston.

Family Court Judge Jocelyn Cate ordered him to pay \$5,000

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• For more election news, go to islandpacket.com/election.

CANDICE GLOVER'S HOMETOWN SEGMENT ON 'AMERICAN IDOL' BRINGS

JOY AND TEARS



DELAUNA EARLEY • Staff photo

From left, Brianna Frame, 10, Kassidy Jenkins, 4, Alliecia Frame, 12, and Jilacila Major, 10, all of Beaufort, watch the showing of "American Idol" on Wednesday night at Highway 21 Drive In.

By LAURA OBERLE • loberle@islandpacket.com • 843-706-8136

Tears flowed freely when "American Idol" aired the footage of Candice Glover's hometown visit on the show Wednesday and again when she received prolonged praise from the judges — an "in it to win it" and a "another best performance ever on this show."

Glover was emotional throughout much of the hometown video segment. So were the judges. And so were many of those who packed the watch party at Highway 21 Drive In in Beaufort.

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Durbin teaching certificate in limbo

The State Board of Education rejects the consent agreement proposed by former Beaufort High School principal Dan Durbin.

By TOM BARTON

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The State Board of Education on Wednesday rejected a consent agreement proposed by former Beaufort High School principal Dan Durbin, leaving it unclear if he will be allowed to keep his state teaching certificate.

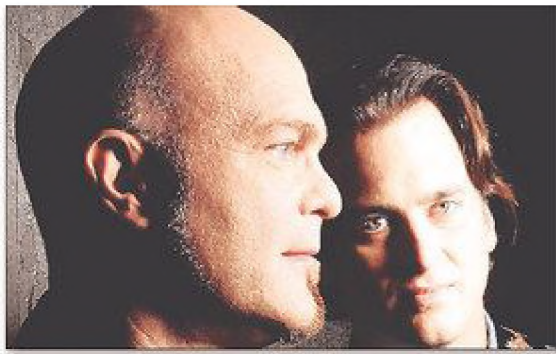
Durbin resigned in February 2012 after admitting to changing 200 grades for 33 Beaufort High School students.

"The matter is back under investigation and per board policy, the department cannot comment any further," S.C. Department of Education spokesman Jay W. Ragley wrote in an email to The Beaufort Gazette.

A consent agreement is a formal, written document between the certificate holder and the State Board of Education agreeing to a sanction or set of sanctions — ranging from a public reprimand to voluntary surrender, suspension or revocation of a teaching certificate, said Shelly Kelly, general counsel for the board.

They are frequently used in cases in which teachers want to settle disciplinary cases before the board in lieu of a hearing, she said.

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Spartanburg homecoming

Peter Cooper and Eric Brace will perform at The Showroom at Hub-Bub Saturday escape



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SCHSL to hear Chapman softball appeal

Panthers hope to resume Tuesday's game where it was halted, not be handed loss

By KEVIN MELTON
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It came at the 11th hour, but Chapman had its wish granted.

The South Carolina High School League agreed to hear an appeal regarding the Panthers' 3A upper state softball game at Daniel Chapman and Spartanburg School District I officials will have the appeal heard by the

league's executive committee at a date to be determined.

The game in question was played on Tuesday and suspended due to rain and lightning in the top of the sixth inning with Chapman at bat and leading 3-2. There were no outs in the inning and a runner on second base.

Once the heavy rain set in, the umpire told both teams that

the game was postponed and would be completed beginning at the point it was halted at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. On the bus ride home, Chapman was informed by the umpire in charge that a mistake was made and that by rule the game was over with Daniel taking a 2-0 victory.

By SCHSL rule, a game is ruled complete after five full innings. In

this case, the sixth inning was not completed and the game reverted to the previous completed inning. The Lions led 2-0 through five innings.

Chapman filed the protest late Tuesday and was informed by the SCHSL that the game would remain as called. In a letter to Chapman principal Stephanie Mathis, the league stated that

"it is the responsibility of the umpires and coaches to know the game ending procedures."

Chapman and District 1 then petitioned the 7th Judicial Circuit for a temporary restraining order and declaratory relief after league commissioner Jerome Singleton denied a protest to allow the completion of the game.

Singleton said that Chapman later asked league executive com-

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Off to the races



TIM KIMZEY/TIM.KIMZEY@SHJ.COM

Driver, including BMW's Mike "Schnell" Renner, compete on the track for the Tire Rack One Lap of America time trial event at the BMW Performance Center in Greer on Wednesday afternoon. The event, presented by Grassroots Motorsports Magazine, is a charitable fundraiser competition. See story on page C1, and more photos at GoUpstate.com.

HACKING AFTERMATH

Multi-year credit service deal sought

Lawmakers want identity theft protection for taxpayers

By SEANNA ADCOX
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina lawmakers voted Wednesday to pursue a multi-year contract for credit services that provide taxpayers with better protection from identity theft after last fall's massive hacking of personal data from Department of Revenue computer servers.

Lawmakers hope a competitive bidding process attracts services beyond those offered in the one-year, \$12 million Experian contract that Gov. Nikki Haley negotiated last October after learning of the theft.

It was later determined that the thief took unencrypted Social Security and bank account numbers of 6.4 million residents and businesses.

In a related matter, consultants with Deloitte & Touche told the Budget and Control Board that creating a statewide cybersecurity approach in an effort to prevent another such attack will cost an estimated \$15 million next fiscal year.

The amount is in line with legislators' budget plans for 2013-14. The House plan set aside \$25 million to cover both additional consumer protections like what Experian has been providing — which some have estimated at \$10 million — and fixing the state's decentralized computer security system.

That's sheer coincidence, said House Ways and Means Chairman Brian White.

"We knew there would be costs to the overall system," said White, R-Anderson, who's on the five-member budget board. "We just put some money in a pot."

The Senate plan up for debate on that chamber's floor next week also sets aside \$25 million for the effort, though it designates the money according to its cybersecurity plan.

The state's decentralized approach to computer security, as well as inconsistent training

Jury still out in trial of accused sniper

By KIM KIMZEY
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A Roiling Springs man accused

Judge Derham Cole to allow them to leave for the evening and resume deliberations today.

The prosecution asserts Holder randomly targeted victims and shot at them with a 30.06 rifle





Peach Belt Conference tournament



Complete coverage of first-day games
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN GREENWOOD COUNTY

A NEW LINK

Greenwood Genetic Center, Clemson
to partner in 17,000-square-foot
genetic research and education center

'A Game Changer'

■ Project Discovery, an 8-year-old economic development project, was revealed Wednesday to be a joint venture between the Greenwood Genetic Center and Clemson University.

■ The school and genetic center will construct a 17,000-square-foot genetic research and education center.

■ The facility will be built on just less than 15 acres of land on property donated by Greenwood County and the Greenwood Commission of Public Works.

■ The facility will cost \$6.5 million. Of that, \$5 million will be paid for with general obligation Research University Infrastructure Bonds. An additional \$1.5 million came from Greenwood County.

■ Additionally, the Self Family Foundation pledged \$2 million to fund an endowed chair on the condition the state provide a \$2 million match. The state legislature matched those funds last year during its legislative session.

By CHRIS TRAINOR
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After nearly eight years of discussions, planning, maneuvering and negotiating, it appears a landmark project between Clemson University and the Greenwood Genetic Center is set to move forward.

Clemson, in conjunction with the Genetic Center, will construct a 17,000-square-foot genetic research and education center adjacent to the Genetic Center. The Clemson facility will be built on just less than 15 acres — donated by Greenwood County and the Greenwood Commissioners of Public Works — within the

Greenwood Research Park.

The project has long been referred to in local economic development circles as Project Discovery.

According to information from the S.C. Centers of Economic Excellence, the facility will be "dedicated to human and agricultural genetic and epigenetic research and will contain eight laboratories and offices to accommodate more than 40 researchers, technicians and doctoral students, including one Clemson program chair and a proposed Smart State Endowed Chair in the field of genetics."

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■ MAYORAL RACE

Familiar faces dot Saluda election

By FRANK BUMB
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Saluda residents will choose between two former mayors and a political neophyte to the vacant mayor's chair June 25.

Tom Hammond, Amelia Herlong and Richard Logan filed to fill former mayor Frank Addy's unexpired term. Addy committed suicide March 31, according to Newberry County Coroner Craig Newton.

Herlong and Logan are former mayors of Saluda, with Herlong being Addy's predecessor for the from 2002-06. Logan was mayor from 1998-02. Addy won a second term in 2010. That term will expire in 2014.

Both expressed a desire to complete unfinished work and foster improvements in the town. Logan, a mortician and self-described entrepreneur said he was keeping his policy goals close to the chest for now.

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■ ABBEVILLE SHERIFF

Watson ready for the job

Candidate hopes to
influence Abbeville's
youth for the better

By MATT BRUCE
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Ray Watson has spent much of the last two decades digging up clues and sniffing out criminals as a deputy for the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office.

But long before Watson was the GCSO captain in charge of the department's investigations unit, he was a sports-loving kid who enjoyed playing softball with Greenwood County officers. It



RAY
WATSON

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Editor's Note: This is the second of three stories on the Abbeville County sheriff's race. Skipper O'Bannon was profiled in Wednesday's paper, and a



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How Sanford staged his return to politics



Newly elected 1st District Congressman Mark Sanford

The Associated Press

ANALYSIS

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Four years ago, Mark Sanford seemed to be political road kill, with many — including Sanford himself — saying his career was through. But Tuesday, Sanford delivered a comeback in the 1st Congressional District race that left some politicians scratching their heads and could have some campaign consultants trying to replicate it in the future.

How did the once-disgraced governor become South Carolina's comeback congressman?

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Sanfords reach settlement on trespassing complaint

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Congressman-elect Mark Sanford and former S.C. first lady Jenny Sanford will not appear in family court today after reaching an out-of-court settlement related to trespassing allegations.



Jenny Sanford

Mark Sanford, who won Tuesday's 1st Congressional District race, admitted "that he is in contempt for this and previous instances of trespassing upon plaintiff's property," according to court documents filed Wednesday in Charleston.

Family court Judge Jocelyn Cate ordered him to pay \$5,000 toward his former wife's fees and costs associated with the case.

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BLUFFTON TOWNSHIP
FIRE DISTRICT STATION 33

EMS addition back on agenda

Renovations to the Moss Creek-area station would accommodate an ambulance and three new employees.

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After some delay, a plan to expand the Bluffton Township Fire District's Moss Creek-area station to make

BY THE NUMBERS

The renovations are expected to cost **\$736,600**. About **\$647,600** will come from a fire district debt-service fund, and about **\$89,000** from its general fund.

room for an EMS crew is back on track, a relief to nearby property owners concerned about faster emergency response.

Additions to Station 33 on Buckingham Plantation Drive to accommodate an ambulance and three new employees were approved on first reading Monday by Beaufort County Council. Two

more readings are required. A 2010 EMS study recommended placing a crew at the station, Fire Chief Barry Turnersaid.

The expansion will cost more than estimates from a year ago, when the project was last up for consideration. The renovations are expected to cost \$736,600, instead of the original price of \$500,000, county documents show.

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Lowcountry shines on 'Idol'

Emotions, praise run high for Glover during show

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Tears flowed freely when "American Idol" aired the footage of Candice Glover's hometown visit on the show Wednesday and again when she received prolonged praise from the judges — an "in it to win it" and a "another best performance ever on this show."

Glover was emotional throughout much of the hometown video segment.



MISSING WOMEN FOUND

Neighbor receives national attention

By DAVID BAUDER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Helping to free three women from nearly a decade in captivity would seem to be enough. Neighbor Charles Ramsey also has become a star, offering moments of levity in an unspeakably





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New ArtFields winner Apple of voters' eyes

New People's Choice winner 'inspired' by Steve Jobs photo; previous winning painting was deemed a 'colorized photo'

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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LAKE CITY — A week later, a new winner emerges.

Columbia artist Kirkland Smith's assemblage piece "Steve Jobs" is the new ArtFields People's Choice award winner. The announcement comes a week after festival organizers suspended the previous winner for failing to meet the competition's guidelines for originality.

Smith's 4'x4' assemblage is based off of several reference images, including the iconic portrait of the late Apple co-founder and CEO Steve Jobs taken by Albert Watson in 2006, but unlike the previous People's Choice winner, no one, including Watson representatives, would call her piece unoriginal.

"While it certainly seems inspired by the Albert Watson photograph, it's not an exact copy," publicist Aaron Watson said. "For example, Mr. Jobs' hand isn't up at his chin in the Smith

piece, like in the original photograph. And the fact that Smith used all those computer parts to make up the piece gives it quite a different look, although there is a similarity to the original photo, of course."

Smith, a classically trained painter, said collecting the Apple computer parts took seven months and at times seemed like it wouldn't come to fruition. But as homage to Jobs and his ability to tackle the most difficult problems, she persevered and not only finished the piece, but received wide acclaim for it and eventually the \$25,000 People's Choice award.

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GAVIN JACKSON/MORNING NEWS

Kirkland Smith's "Steve Jobs" assemblage uses parts of used Apple products to create a portrait of the late co-founder and CEO of Apple. It is the new ArtFields People's Choice award winner. Smith was announced the new winner of the \$25,000 prize after organizers of the 10-day art festival and completion suspended the previous winner on grounds of unoriginality, violating the competition's rules.

HAVING A HORSE IN THIS RACE



PHOTOS BY GAVIN JACKSON/MORNING NEWS

Alex Robertson washes down Cas, of the Budweiser Clydesdales, on Wednesday behind the Darlington Raceway. Cas is one of 10 horses with the Merrimack, N.H.-based, East Coast team. This is the 80th anniversary of the Budweiser Clydesdales. According to Budweiser, in 1933 the horses were "a gift from August A. Busch Jr. and Adolphus Busch to their father in celebration of the repeal of Prohibition. The presentation of the original two six-horse hitch of champion Clydesdales moved father, sons and drivers to tears. The phrase "crying in your beer" was officially coined shortly thereafter." The Clydesdales will be part of the car hauler parade festivities at the Florence Civic Center starting at 4 p.m. The parade kicks off at 7 p.m.



Alex Robertson washes the legs of Mitch, one of the Budweiser Clydesdales, behind the Darlington Raceway. A team of groomers keeps the iconic Clydesdales in good shape for their public appearances.

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Double murder

Three pleas in 2009 drug killing

Men accused of killing Poston, Hall enter pleas in murder-for-hire; Montez Barker avoids capital trial

BY TRACI BRIDGES
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FLORENCE — Three suspects in a 2009 murder-for-hire case that resulted in the deaths of a local couple pleaded guilty in circuit court Wednesday morning.

Montez Barker, 28, entered an Alford plea to two counts of murder, larceny more than \$5,000, third-degree arson and criminal conspiracy in the Sept. 1, 2009, slayings of Talya Poston and Billy L. Hall. He was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole plus 25 years on all counts. It was a harsh sentence, but prosecutors were seeking the death penalty before agreeing to accept Barker's plea Wednesday.

They might still seek capital punishment in the case.

A fourth defendant, 30-year-old Fonnelle Travis Delaine of Darlington — a self-proclaimed rapper who also ran a music studio in Florence — is charged with two counts of capital murder in the case and if convicted, faces a possible death sentence. Prosecutors say Delaine masterminded the plot to get rid of Poston and Hall, who he concluded were confidential informants after he was arrested on drug distribution charges. As part of the court process of disclosure in the drug case, prosecutors were forced to show Delaine and his attorney surveillance video of the controlled drug transaction. Despite the fact the video had no audio, prosecutors believe Delaine — who was out on bond on the drug charges

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'Hunger Games' field day gets students excited

Southside Middle teachers hope post-testing activities will put the odds in their students' favor

BY ELLEN MEYER

In Suzanne Collins' young adult novel trilogy, now of major motion picture fame as well, these youths are laughing, smiling, cutting up with friends and chanting as they prepare to re-

didn't so I thought it was pretty cool," joked 13-year-old Rajeja Smith. "Field day is more competitive this year, it's fun."

Darting around the field like the





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Deputy cleared in fatal shooting

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

An Orangeburg County Sheriff's deputy was justified in the March 19 fatal shooting of an Orangeburg man brandishing a shovel, authorities say.

First Circuit Solicitor David Pascoe stated his office won't be charging the deputy following a review of the State Law Enforcement Division's investigation into the death of 42-year-old Barry Caldwell.

"Based on the totality of the facts and circumstances of this case, our office finds no criminal wrongdoing on the part of Deputy Steve Thompson," Pascoe said Wednesday in a letter to SLED.

"The facts clearly indicate that the subject was using the shovel as a weapon and that the use of deadly force was warranted to protect the deputy and others from potential of serious bodily harm," he said.

Pascoe said the investigation was closed unless SLED developed new in-

formation related to the case.

A 12-year law enforcement veteran, Thompson was placed on leave after the fatal confrontation on Chitwood Street. A request seeking comment on Thompson's status from Sheriff Leroy Ravenell went unanswered Wednesday.

The incident began as Thompson was answering a harassment call on Chitwood Street involving Caldwell, authorities said. While the deputy was speaking with the victims, Caldwell was next door holding a shovel.

Thompson tried to make contact with Caldwell, who initially put the shovel on the ground. But he picked it back up and began using it "in a threatening manner," Pascoe said.

The officer repeatedly told the man to put the shovel down, but the man kept advancing on the officer. At a distance of about 5 feet, Thompson fired once, striking Caldwell in the chest.

According to a Sheriff's Office incident

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Barry Caldwell was the man fatally shot in March.

HOME & GARDEN SYMPOSIUM



Vegetable and flowering plants grown by Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College students were on sale during the OCtech Foundation Home & Garden Symposium. See more pictures and learn more about the fund-raising event in Sunday's edition of *The Times and Democrat*.

T&D CORRESPONDENT MINNIE MILLER

Mom headed to court over school chaos

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

An Orangeburg woman accused of creating chaos during a parent-teacher conference last month is scheduled to go to court May 30.

After the April 25 incident at Carver-Edisto Middle School, the 39-year-old woman was charged with two counts of third-degree assault and battery and one count of disturbing schools.

The court date was originally scheduled for May 16 but was changed this week.

If she's found guilty, the woman could be sentenced up to 90 days for disturbing a school while the assault charges can carry up to 30 days in jail apiece. All of the charges are misdemeanors, which means the woman's cases will be heard at the county magistrate's office.

Efforts to reach the woman have not been successful and court records do not indicate the woman has retained an attorney. There is no phone listing for her.

The woman was served with three warrants two days after the confrontation. She went before Orangeburg County Magistrate Don West twice for bond. In the end, bond was set at a total of \$3,000 personal recognizance.

Orangeburg Consolidated School District Four Assistant Superintendent Larry Wolfe

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Rising like the phoenix,
Sanford renews career,
must rebuild reputationBy BRUCE SMITH
Associated Press

paid the largest ethics fine in state history for using state resources for personal travel.

Court: City shouldn't
have torn down houseBy GENE ZALESKI
T&D Staff Writer

The S.C. Court of Appeals has affirmed a lower court's ruling that the City of Orangeburg was "grossly neg-

"The Chakrabartis concede the court erred in finding Orangeburg's demolition of their house amounted to inverse condemnation and abandon the \$85,000 judgment on that cause of ac-

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