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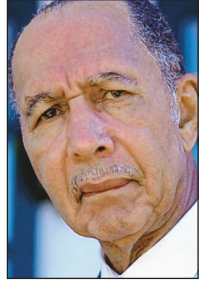
Awendaw mayor wary of area pact

Regional agreement could limit town's growth, Alston says

BY TYRONE WALKER
The Post and Courier

AWENDAW — The mayor said he isn't interested in signing a regional growth management agreement to discourage development in rural East Cooper near the Francis Marion National Forest if it means his town can't continue to grow.

Eleven leaders of county and municipal governments and public utilities are reviewing the proposal to slow development on thousands of acres in and around the national forest.



Alston

Charleston Mayor Joe Riley and Mount Pleasant Mayor Harry Hallman Jr. support the agreement that opposes extension of water and sewer services to the area.

But Awendaw Mayor William H. Alston said he won't sign the pact if the agreement isn't supportive of Awendaw's growth objectives.

When pressed for details on those objectives, Alston refers to the town's vision statement. He said it calls for the municipality to strive to maintain its existing rural character but to grow into a moderate-density residential community that has conveniences and some light industrial areas.

Alston said his town must grow to survive and to provide better lives for its residents. "As a town, we're going to do what we got to do," he said.

"I don't feel comfortable with the particulars," Alston said. "We're not going to sit back and accept what the powers that be put together."

Hallman said he and other town leaders are not far enough along in examining the agreement for him to comment on another municipality's position. He pushed for the pact as a way to protect Mount Pleasant from the effects of unchecked development north of the town.

"I'm still interested in doing it, but I don't want to be left out on a limb," Hallman said, emphasizing the need for all parties to agree on the plan.

Riley said that getting everybody on board with the agreement is necessary to prevent the national forest from exploding with suburban growth.

He said he's willing to meet with Awendaw town leaders or anyone else to iron out any wrinkles to reach an accord.

"We need to sit down and see where any differences are and work them out so that we don't lose this opportunity," Riley said.

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MIC SMITH/STAFF

Kai Dilling, a surfboard shaper for Beach Town's Surf Shak in Mount Pleasant, measures a piece of Clark Foam before shaping a board Thursday. Dilling said he was lucky to get a recent shipment of the foam before the factory closes down.

Disturbing news rolls in for surfboard industry

Clark Foam closure big change for shapers

BY CHRIS DIXON
The Post and Courier

Gordon "Grubby" Clark stunned surfers from Honolulu to the Lowcountry when he announced the closure of his surfboard foam factory near Laguna Beach, Calif., earlier this week.

For more than 40 years, Clark Foam has held a near monopoly on the lightweight polyurethane foam cores, better known as blanks, that form the basis for the modern, hand-shaped surfboard. Running an operation that was estimated to have produced 1,000 blanks a day, Clark supplied

nearly all the foam for the big surfboard shapers, such as California's Rusty Priesendorfer and Al Merrick, and the medium and small South Carolina shapers, such as Garden City's Kelly Richards and Mount Pleasant's Kai Dilling.

Surfboard manufacturing has always been a dirty business, so dirty in fact, that Clark claimed in an eight-page letter posted Tuesday to surf Web sites that the Environmental Protection Agency was basically shutting him down and threatening him with trials and jail for releasing

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Harbor bracing for disaster drill

Officials warn there's no need to panic as Homeland Security tests agencies' response

BY SCHUYLER KROPP
The Post and Courier

Don't get nervous, but terrorists will be attacking Charleston Harbor on Monday with a weapon of mass destruction. Just kidding. It's only a simulation.

But be warned: It could look like the real thing, complete with armed bad guys and helicopters buzzing around.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is sponsoring a disaster preparedness drill involving more than 40 local, state and federal agencies to measure how well each group responds to a post-Sept. 11 catastrophe.

Because part of the drill will be visible to the public, officials are trying to get word of the event out now to head off a potential panic from anyone who might think Charleston is under attack.

Of particular concern are commuters crossing the Cooper River during Monday morning's rush hour who might see events unfold in the water beneath them.

"If people see any unusual activity around the harbor, it's most likely related to the exercise," said Marlene Phillips, a spokeswoman with Homeland Security.

The public is likely to see police boats in action, as well as helicopters, gun-toting security personnel, lots of flashing emergency lights and, potentially, fake casualties.

The method of Monday's mock attack isn't being disclosed. The intent is to keep the 300 area responders, which include medical personnel, police and rescue workers, off guard as to what they can expect to unfold. What is confirmed is



CHUCK BECKLEY/JACKSONVILLE DAILY NEWS

Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Enhancement Maritime Safety and Security Team leave their vessel and prepare to secure the ferry docks at Cedar Island, N.C., during a Homeland Security exercise Tuesday.

that it will involve "a radiological incident."

"The exercise consists of a simulated WMD event, but there will be NO release of any actual agents," the Homeland Security Department said.

"While the exercise scenario, extent of damage and level of threat are based on a hypothetical situation, it's not intended as a forecast of future terrorist-related events," officials added.

A similar drill was held near Jacksonville, N.C., early this week. In that scenario, a car ferry was "hijacked" by mock terrorists. They arrived in an oversized

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Student charged in death to go free on \$50,000 bail

BY JOHN CHAMBLISS
The Post and Courier Staff

A month after Dan Davis III was accused of killing his Charleston Southern University classmate, he will leave jail on \$50,000 bail under a handful of conditions.

As part of a consent order, Davis, 18, must find a job by Jan. 1 and live with his mother or grandparents in Barnwell County and he is prohibited from attending Charleston Southern events or walking onto the North Charleston campus.

The deal reached by lawyers from both sides was signed Thursday by circuit Judge Thomas Houston.

Davis remained in Charleston County Detention Center.

"We hope he will be out by Christmas," said public defender Jennifer Kneecce Shealy.

Police have said a dispute between Davis and Grant Ringenberg, 18, ended with Ringenberg being beaten into a coma outside Russell Hall on Nov. 7. Ringenberg, a pitcher on the school's baseball team, died 15 hours later. Nearly 20 students



Davis

witnessed the beating.

Chief Deputy Solicitor Scarlett Wilson spoke with the Ringenberg's family before the agreement.

Frank Hunt, a spokesman for 9th Circuit Solicitor Ralph Hoisington, said Ringenberg's family agreed with the decision.

"They have been cooperative," Hunt said.

No trial date has been set for Davis. Before the agreement, Davis was scheduled to be in Charleston County General Sessions Court today for a bond hearing.

Contact John Chambliss at 937-5573 or jchambliss@postandcourier.com.

Single mom has triplets, and 2 older sons face chance of no Christmas

Renee is a single mom with five children under the age of 4. Ty is in K4 classes and Derrick is an energetic 2-year-old. Soon after she became pregnant with her third child, Renee's husband left. Much to everyone's surprise, Renee gave birth to triplets last month.

It is taking everything Renee has to care for the babies and her other two children. Naturally, Renee's attention is on the newborns. Although the triplets are truly an early Christmas gift for the family, there won't be money for the boys to have Christmas.

Your contribution to the Good Cheer Fund can brighten the holiday season for many people like Renee and her children. Donations can give families in crisis a reason to be cheerful at Christmas through gifts of food, clothes and small presents.

Since 1927, the Good Cheer Fund has helped five local charitable organizations do extraordinary things for thousands of needy individuals and families in the tri-county area. The Salvation

Army, Star Gospel Mission, Association for the Blind, Catholic Charities and Carolina Youth Development Center receive every cent of each donation to the Good Cheer Fund, and there are no overhead or administrative costs involved. Also, funds are not distributed to any individual or organization outside the Good Cheer Fund agencies.

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