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Target warns of big data breach

40 million debit, credit card numbers were compromised

By Jayne O'Donnell
USA Today

Target warned consumers Thursday to monitor their statements for unauthorized use after a massive data breach involving 40 million credit and debit cards used in its stores between Nov. 27 and Dec. 15.

The information obtained included customers' names, credit or debit card numbers, and the card's expiration date and the three-digit security code, known as the CVV, on the back



Target says a data breach affects about 40 million shoppers. AP

of cards, the retailer said.

Target spokesman Eric Hausman said it has "no indication" that debit card PINs were affected.

Data breaches of this sort appear to be a growing problem among retailers. Along with a

HOW TO PREVENT, DETECT CARD FRAUD

- Regularly review credit card and bank statements for possible misuse.
- Monitor free credit reports.
- Report suspicious activity to credit card companies or financial institutions immediately.
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well-publicized and highly litigated case in 2006 involving 46 million shoppers at TJX's stores, Michael's, Stop & Shop, Aldi and Subway have been hit with similar breaches in recent months.

"It's pretty significant," said

Siobhan MacDermott, chief policy officer at computer-security firm AVG Technologies. She said the Target breach is one of the largest in what has become a steady drumbeat of high-profile data thefts over the past decade. As more retailers like Tar-

get rely on data and glean more customer information, they increasingly become the targets of organized crime groups.

Often, digital break-ins are reported belatedly because victims discover it days later. In many cases, the online heists go undetected. Consumers usually are notified through letters from their credit-card issuers and banks, MacDermott said.

Leaving doors open

Increasingly sophisticated fraudsters can replace check-out line credit and debit card readers with ones that wirelessly transmit data to banks but also the criminals. But breaches

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The closure of the financially troubled YWCA came as a shock to many families who used its child care center. MYKAL MCELLOWNEY/STAFF

Financial woes force building sale, restructuring

By Anna Lee

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The YWCA's child-development center will close for good today in what has been described as the first step to restructure the financially troubled Greenville institution.

The move left dozens of working parents scrambling to find a new day care while the YW-

2009 to 2011. At the end of fiscal year 2011, the agency saw a surplus of more than \$241,000.

By early 2013, grants and contributions were down by half while United Way funding had dropped seven percent, Cuttino said. At the same time, revenue had fallen by more than \$200,000.

Board members knew then that the 96-year-old Young Women's Christian Association was in trouble, she said. Enrollment at the child-development center had been steadily declining and



There is never a good time, and there is never a good way

Arrest made in PCBs probe

Greer man charged; investigation ongoing

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A Greer man has been arrested as part of an investigation into illegal dumping of banned chemicals in Upstate sewage treatment systems, representing what authorities said was "only the leading edge" of a state criminal probe.

Timothy Ronald Howard, 48, was charged with obstruction of justice and perjury, according to arrest warrants and court records. He was arrested by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's Office of Criminal Investigations, according to state officials and warrants.

Howard couldn't be reached for comment. It wasn't known if he had an attorney.

"This arrest represents only the leading edge of a larger and ongoing criminal investigation," said Mark Plowden, a DHEC spokesman.

Agency officials will provide "updated public information as it becomes available."

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Electrical failure caused fatal fire

Christmas tree
ignited, killing
2 siblings at home

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As a Lexington County family copes with the loss of two young children, Irmo officials said Thursday the deadly apartment fire was caused by an electrical failure that ignited a Christmas tree.

The Wednesday morning apartment fire off St. Andrews Road killed a brother and sister, Jarmain Martin, 5, and Reghina Stevens, 1.

Investigators said it's likely that fire sprinklers would have put the fire out and saved the children's lives. However, sprinkler systems were not required when the complex was built.

The two children and their father were asleep in the upstairs bedrooms when the fire started. The children's father attempted to locate them, but the extent of the smoke and fire was so intense, he was forced to leave the building through the second-story window.

After hitting the ground, the father tried to run back inside. Neighbors restrained him from doing so, Irmo Fire Chief Michael

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Boeing touts S.C. plant but is mum on 777X plans



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Boeing officials gave no indication Thursday during a morning press conference and tour whether or not South Carolina would land the new 777X assembly plant. Shown is the 737 Dreamliner final assembly plant.

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In 2013, Boeing:

- Said it would invest an additional \$1 billion in its North Charleston plant, creating 2,000 additional jobs
- Broke ground on a new Propulsion South Carolina facility, where engineers will design engine air

The company reiterated it will not reveal until January in what state it will locate its new 777X assembly plant

By JEFF WILKINSON
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NORTH CHARLESTON — Boeing officials gave no hint at a media breakfast here Thursday

ONLINE

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

for South Carolina, didn't

"I'll let you guys speculate what it all means," Jones said. "But I'm here to tell you — right now, right here — nothing. ... But it gives us a lot of flexibility."



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N. Charleston casts lure for big chain

Could Ingleside Plantation get Bass Pro Shops?

"What this is going to do is bring in a lot of outside retail (businesses) that we were not getting. It will help kick off a retail cluster."

North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey



BY DAVID SLADE
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Seven years after North Charleston tried to attract a Cabela's store with tax incentives, sparking a high-profile dispute with then-Gov. Mark Sanford, the city is preparing similar incentives for a different major retailer.

The company has not been named, but Cabela's and its rival Bass Pro Shops are the companies for which state lawmakers designed the tax incentives, and North Charleston Mayor

Keith Summey said it's not Cabela's. "Hopefully, the project will be ready to announce after January 1," said Summey, who referred to the incentive deal by its code name, Protect Blue.

Like Cabela's, Bass Pro Shops operates "destination" outdoor recreation stores that sell gear, clothing and even furniture in locations that may include aquariums, restaurants, taxidermied animals and museum elements. For stores able to attract large number of visitors from at least 50 miles away, South Carolina offers a deal that can

allow them to keep half the sales tax they generate for 15 years.

North Charleston in 2006 sought to attract Cabela's to the planned Ingleside Plantation development using that incentive, and Summey confirmed Thursday night that Ingleside Plantation is the intended store location this time as well.

Ingleside is a roughly 1,500-acre tract in the Blue House Swamp area between Palmetto Commerce Park way and Interstate 26. The mayor's son, Elliott Summey, the vice chair-

man of Charleston County Council, is a vice president of Weber USA, which owns the Ingleside property. Both the city and county have been involved in building roads to the property, and North Charleston sees the development as a massive economic booster.

"What this is going to do is bring in a lot of outside retail that we were not getting," Keith Summey said, referring to the tax incentive deal. "It will help kick off a retail cluster."

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Boeing S.C. flies high in a year to remember

Upcoming expansion, more jobs, bigger 787 all in forecast



Boeing South Carolina associates work on the final assembly of an Air India and United Airlines 787 Dreamliner in the final assembly building Thursday. The company has made an impressive mark on the Lowcountry this year, and an even busier future is in store.

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Boeing brushed a broad stroke across the Lowcountry economy this past year, and it's going to be a lot more colorful in 2014.

That's the picture Boeing South Carolina's top executive Jack Jones painted during a recap Thursday of the accomplishments over the past 12 months and a sneak peek of the upcoming year at the rapidly expanding airplane-making operation in North Charleston.

In a year bookended with the promise of thousands of new jobs and a tripling

of its footprint for future expansion, Boeing is poised to stamp its mark on the Lowcountry for decades to come.

About a year from now, a larger version of the 787 Dreamliner should be rolling off the North Charleston production line.

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Target credit breach hits S.C.

Theft of data may affect thousands

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James Island resident Nicole Zell and her husband shop at Target on average once a week.

When she heard the nationwide retailer had experienced a data breach affecting as many as 40 million credit and debit cards, she took it as stride as another risk of being a consumer in 2013.

"I think it's going to happen more often," she said outside the retailer's West Ashley location at Citadel Mall. "I think it's going to happen a lot in the future."

The chain reported this week that accounts of customers who made purchases by swiping their cards in its U.S. stores between Nov. 27 and Dec. 15 — the prime Christmas rush — may have been exposed.

The stolen data includes customer names, credit and debit card numbers, card expiration dates and the three-digit security codes located on the backs of cards. The data breach did not affect online purchases.

The breach affected all cards, including Target store brand cards and such major card brands as Visa and MasterCard.

Thousands of South Carolinians are potentially at risk. The company's website lists 19 sites in the state, with four in the Charleston area.

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Official rejects Charleston's effort to delay new teacher evaluations

Phase-in time sought for federal grant program

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One federal official has shot down Charleston County School District's attempt to delay implementing a contro-

versial new teacher evaluation system.

District leaders had asked for an extra year to phase in the new BRIDGE evaluation system, which would've meant all of the district's teachers

wouldn't be subject to the new evaluation until the 2016-17 school year.

"After reviewing the timeline and rationale you provided, we do not believe that CCSD has sufficient rationale to ap-

prove your request," wrote Michelle Padilla, an education program specialist for the U.S. Department of Education in a letter to the district.

District leaders aren't giving up, and they don't consider this answer final. School Superintendent Nancy McGintley declined to comment via district spokes-

man Jason Sakran, who said the district still was in communication with federal officials and wanted to wait until further clarification could be obtained.

School Board Chairwoman Cindy Bohn Coats said the board supports the district's effort to push back the rollout of the BRIDGE evaluation sys-

tem. If the superintendent can't get the answer she wants, Coats said the board would have an open discussion about its next steps.

The district needs federal officials' permission for the delay because the federal government

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Christmas Memories

The Aiken Standard wants to share your Christmas Memories - New and Old. We want to see how you and your family celebrate the holidays.

Email your Christmas Memories photos to editorial@aikenstandard.com by Dec. 23. Please include names, a brief description and the year the photo was taken. Photos also can be scanned at the Aiken Standard office, 326 Rutland Drive. The Aiken Standard will publish Christmas Memories as space allows.

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Hopeful pets wish for forever homes



STAFF PHOTO BY AMY BANTON

Pictured is a pup that recently entered the Aiken County Animal Shelter, which is overflowing with dogs and cats at this time. The shelter is in need of foster homes for the holidays.

Aiken County shelter pushes Christmastime foster homes

BY AMY BANTON
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Through adoption or fostering, the Aiken County Animal Shelter's Christmas wish is to have many of its animals in warm, loving homes for the holidays.

Currently, the Aiken County Animal Shelter is at capacity, which County Chief Animal Control Officer Bobby Arturs said is actually a bit unusual during this time of year. The shelter is pushing for more foster homes to take in these animals, and is currently running a special in hopes to empty out a few kennels.

Arturs said the shelter has experienced an influx in surrenders this week and it's having to make room for all these animals. Some of the guillotine runs, which has a door that separates the outside section from indoors, have been closed so dogs can be housed on both sides. The dogs that are outside have blankets that staff tries to periodically warm in the dryer for them, but Arturs said they're not as comfortable as those indoors.

They're also pairing up dogs that work well with other canines in kennels together to make space, as well as placing them in the overflow area outdoors. The intake kennels are also pretty full.

Arturs said during this time of year, the shelter would easily have 10 kennels available, but that's not the case this month, in which more than 100 animals have come through the shelter's door.



STAFF PHOTO BY AMY BANTON

The Aiken County Animal Shelter is overcrowded with dogs and cats looking for a home for the holidays, even if it's just temporary through fostering.

"We're at capacity right now. We shouldn't be full," Arturs said. "Last week, we weren't full, but po-pow! We're full!"

They also have several puppies they want to get out of the shelter as soon as possible, as they are more susceptible to illness.

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STAFF PHOTO BY DERREK ASBERRY

Carolina Tree Care conducted tree trimming work near the canopy of oaks on South Boundary Avenue on Thursday morning.

Pruned canopy causes ruckus

Officials verify trimming of iconic trees

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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Phone calls concerning the canopy of live oaks on South Boundary Avenue have kept city horticulturist Tom Rapp busy in recent weeks.

Crews have been trimming the iconic trees away from power lines, and many residents aren't happy. Local resident Cindy Moyyeka said the two trees near her house on Sumter Street have been cut beyond repair.

"It's really like they're raping our trees," Moyyeka said. "We're devastated because I grew up here and the trees are part of my life. I've always been in love with that part of Aiken, and they're taking what makes Aiken unique and gorgeous."

Rapp said that every time he gets a phone call about city tree trimming projects, he visits the areas in question to make sure contractors are staying within their cutting requirements. According to Rapp, Carolina Tree - a contractor for SCE&G - has stayed within their distance requirements.

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Congress passes defense bill; sends

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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South Carolina's two state senators were part of a Thursday majority vote to pass the defense authorization bill through Congress. The next step for the bill is approval by President Barack Obama, which is expected to occur today.

After a 71-29 vote in the Senate on the first vote on Wednesday, U.S. Sens. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Tim Scott, R-S.C., voted in favor of the defense authorization bill in the final vote on Thursday as well. The final vote was decided in an 84-15



Graham

Scott

Wilson

Clyburn

which is the next step in getting funding for the MOX project at SRS. Wednesday, Graham told The Hill that he hopes the bill would include

demanding," Graham told The Hill. "I don't want to be demanding at a time when I think we can get what we need without being demanding."

proved the bill last week and U.S. Reps. Joe Wilson, R-S.C. and Jim Clyburn, D-S.C. voted in favor of the bill in a 350-69 House vote.

Wilson discussed his vote in an email newsletter to constituents on Thursday.

"By supporting last week's bipartisan budget agreement, I chose the lesser of two evils," Wilson said in an email newsletter on Thursday. "Without the passage of this bill, our military would be subject to additional sequester cuts. 'Following out our military and failing to adequately provide for our brave men and women serving to keep us safe is not in the



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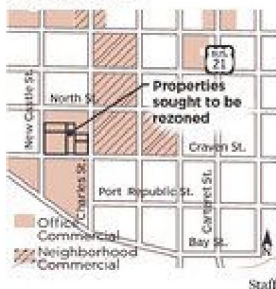
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PROPOSED REZONING

The city of Beaufort's Planning Department wants to rezone five lots to Neighborhood Commercial to allow a wider variety of uses for property owners.



Rezoning to allow more retail uses

City Council needs to approve zoning changes before the proposal can take effect.

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An owner's request to allow retail space in a home in the Bluff area of Beaufort has grown to encompass most of the block it sits on.

The structure at 1005 Craven St. was renovated last year, and owners Frank and Elizabeth Robinson seek a change from office zoning to neighborhood

commercial zoning. The change would allow more retail uses on the north side of the street, city planner Libby Anderson said.

It's part of a plan to rezone a number of properties in the area to allow broader commercial uses.

The Robinsons' request was brought to the Beaufort-Port Royal Metropolitan Planning Commission in November, and members were concerned the request constituted spot zoning.

This week, city staff asked the commission to rezone it and four surrounding properties, including Harvey

& Battey law firm and parking lot, the Rhett House Inn and another single-family residence.

The changes are consistent with the Civic Master Plan and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and expanded potential uses make sense for the neighborhood, Anderson said.

"This is definitely a mixed-use neighborhood," she said.

The commission approved the rezoning to avoid delaying the Robinsons, but it would need two votes by City Council to take effect.

In January, the city staff intends to

ask to rezone a number of properties on the south side of Craven Street — to core commercial — to allow even more types of businesses, Anderson said. That could include the Best Western Sea Island Inn, a short-term rental property and offices.

Commission member Robert Semmler said the mention of additional requests and changes caught his attention.

"It almost looks like we're doing this piecemeal," he said. "Someone

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TARGET TARGETED

40 MILLION ACCOUNTS EXPOSED, MARKING THE SECOND-LARGEST CREDIT CARD BREACH IN U.S. HISTORY

By ANNE D'INNOENZIO and BREE FOWLER
 The Associated Press

Target's data-security nightmare threatens to drive off holiday shoppers during the company's busiest time of year.

The nation's second-largest discounter acknowledged Thursday that data connected to about 40 million credit and debit card accounts was stolen as part of a breach that began over the Thanksgiving weekend.

The theft marks the second-largest credit card breach in U.S. history, exceeded only by a scam that began in 2005 involving retailer TJX Cos. and affected at least 45.7 million card users.

Target's disclosure came a day after reports that the company was investigating a breach.

Customers who made purchases by swiping their cards at its U.S. stores between Nov. 27 and Dec. 15 may have had their accounts exposed.

The stolen data included customer names, credit and debit card numbers, card expiration dates and the embedded code on the magnetic strip on back of the card, Target said.

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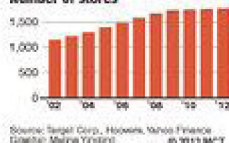
A big bullseye

Target is investigating a security breach that began the day before Thanksgiving, involving stolen credit and debit card information of millions of its retail customers.

About the retailer

Opened 1952 in Minneapolis
 Online e-commerce site launched in 1999
 Employees 361,000 worldwide
 Gross profit \$22.73 billion
 Chairman, President, CEO Gregg Steinhafer
 Popularity No. 2 discount chain (behind Walmart) in the U.S.
 Stores 1,797 in 49 U.S. states; 124 in Canada

Number of stores



Nov. 27
 Criminals gained access to customer information

Dec. 15
 Target identified breach, resolved the issue

40 million
 Names, credit, debit card numbers, expiration dates, three-digit security codes stolen

Data can be sold on the black market, used to create counterfeit cards

Congress wraps up with little achieved

The 113th Congress is heading home and into the history books with a record of legislative futility.

By WILLIAM DOUGLAS

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Days before adjournment and the year-end holiday recess, Sen. Lindsey Graham was hardly feeling the holiday spirit.

ANALYSIS

As usual, the Senate was limping through a slow legislative slog, passing a small-scale bipartisan budget agreement that averts another federal government shutdown and softens the blow of sequestration, meandering through a defense authorization bill and trudging through a slew of judicial and administrative nominations.

"The new good government standard is we didn't shut the government down. We're slapping ourselves on the back for not shutting the government down," grouched Graham, a South Carolina Republican. "Even when we try to be functional, we're dysfunctional."

When they wrap up their business this week, senators will join members of the House of Representatives in returning to their districts with a dubious achievement they'll not likely brag about to their constituents: being part of one of the least productive Congresses ever.

The 113th Congress is heading home and into the history books with a record of legislative futility. By the time

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Customers push shopping carts as they depart a Target retail store Thursday in Watertown, Mass.

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Boeing's year

Jack Jones, above, a Boeing vice president and general manager for its South Carolina operations, says that 2013 was a transitional year for the aeronautics giant in South Carolina and also urged the state to spend more on math and science training in its schools. **PAGE C4**

Surveillance shift

In a sharp and unexpected shift, the national debate over U.S. government surveillance seems to be turning in favor of reining in the National Security Agency's expansive spying powers at home and abroad. **PAGE A3**

Playoff hopes

Cam Newton and the Panthers can clinch their first playoff appearance since 2008 by winning either of their final two games. But the Panthers also know the benefit of winning both. **PAGE B1**

Goodfellows

Hundreds lined up inside the Piedmont Interstate Fairgrounds on Thursday morning to receive bags of food for Christmas as part of the Goodfellows effort. **PAGE C1**

Fed's impact

The Federal Reserve's move Wednesday to slow its stimulus will ripple through the global economy. But exactly how it will affect people and businesses depends on who you are. **PAGE C6**

Weather

Man arrested in PCBs probe

Greer owner of septic tank service faces charges of perjury, obstruction of justice

By FELICIA KITZMILLER
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An arrest has been made in the ongoing investigation into the dumping of hazardous chemicals in Upstate sewage treatment systems.

Timothy Howard, 48, of 259 Victor Hill Road in Greer, was arrested Wednesday evening and charged with perjury and obstruction of justice.

The S.C. Department of Health

and Environmental Control issued Howard a cease-and-desist letter on Aug. 23 amid an outbreak of PCB contamination in three Upstate sewer systems. A fourth was later identified. The cease-and-desist order suspended the license of Howard's company, American Waste Septic Tank Service, after several pieces of equipment were found to be contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls. The letter also states several loads of waste

were unaccounted for, but Howard said later those discrepancies were corrected.

"This arrest represents only the leading edge of a larger and ongoing criminal investigation," DHEC Communications Director Mark Plowden said in a written statement. "We will provide updated public information as it becomes available."

According to warrants obtained by DHEC's law enforcement



Howard

branch, Howard lied under oath during a hearing Aug. 9 at Lyman Municipal Court after he was accused of dumping waste into a grease trap behind the old Denny's restaurant on Highway 29.

During the hearing, Howard said he was called by a property management company and asked to pump the grease trap because a potential lease was coming to look at the property. According to one warrant, investigation, witness testimony and documents showed the call Howard refer-

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Major win for USC Upstate



TRAVIS BELL/SIDELINE CAROLINA

USC Upstate's Michael Buchanan, right, and Jodd Maxey celebrate after Buchanan scored a basket against South Carolina on Thursday in Columbia. At left is Mindaugus Kacinas. USC Upstate knocked off the Gamecocks, 74-68. See details in Sports, page B1.

Target breach affects 40 million

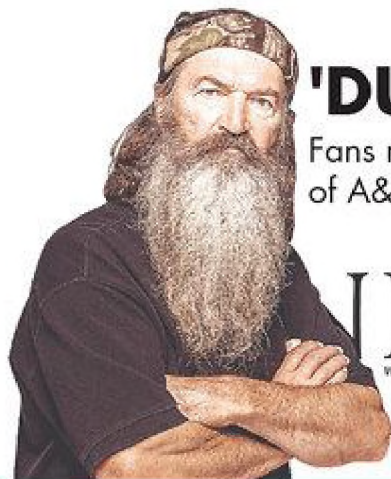
Customers' credit, debit card info stolen during holiday shopping

By BREE FOWLER
The Associated Press

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'DUCK DYNASTY'

Fans react to indefinite suspension of A&E reality show star, **9A**

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Karlita Phillips sits inside an Abbeville County courtroom during her bond hearing Thursday in Abbeville.

■ ABBEVILLE KILLING

2 charged in shooting

Teen accused of killing man, women faces solicitation claim

By MATT BRUCE AND FRANK BUMB
Index-Journal staff

Two suspects are behind bars following arrests this week from an Abbeville fatal shooting earlier this year.

Abbeville County deputies charged Tavirous Settles, a 17-year-old Greenwood teen, with murder Wednesday and booked Karlita Phillips, 39, of Greenwood, on a count of solicitation of murder. Their charges stem from the shooting death of Jamil Phillips, a 30-year-old Abbeville man who was gunned down March 25 in front of his childhood home at 1522 Old Douglas Mill Road. Prosecutors allege Settles ambushed the man as he returned home from his job at a Greenville CarMax. From testimony at a pair of court proceedings this week, it appears Karlita Phillips, former sister-in-law to Jamil Phillips, orchestrated the killing by hiring Settles to commit the homicide. At a press conference Thursday at the Abbeville County Law Enforcement Center, 8th Circuit Solicitor David Stumbo said Phillips' charge was based on



Murder suspect Tavirous Settles, right, stands beside Greenwood defense attorney Robert Tinsley during an arraignment and bond hearing Wednesday afternoon at the Greenwood County Courthouse. Settles was charged in the fatal shooting of 30-year-old Jamil Phillips, who was gunned down in front of his Abbeville home March 25.

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Members of Emerald High School's AFJROTC move gift bags out to recipients Thursday at the old Cornerstone building on Spring Street, which served as the distribution center for families participating in The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program.

Gifts of angels are delivered



From staff reports

A family gathers its gifts provided by people in the community who adopted children through The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. The old Cornerstone building on Spring Street served as the distribution center Thursday.

Christmas will be much brighter for a number of children in the Greenwood area as a result of The Salvation Army's annual Angel Tree program. On Thursday, 1,248 children — 484 families — were recipients of toys and clothing provided by residents who adopted them through the program.

Angel Trees were located in stores and other businesses. Each tree contained a number of tags giving the first name of a child, his age, clothing sizes and items on his or her Christmas wish list. People throughout the community fulfilled the needs and wishes of the children by purchasing gifts and clothing, which were then taken to The Salvation Army where they were organized and prepared for distribution Thursday at the old Cornerstone building on Spring Street.

The Army was assisted by a number of volunteers who helped make the morning's hectic, but highly organized distribution run efficiently. Volunteers included Army advisory board members, Enkine College student council members, Greenwood and Emerald high schools' JROTC students and Duke Energy retirees.

Pettay, Council to try cat-control program

Project Kangaroo will use trap-neuter-release method for feral felines

By CHRIS TRAINOR
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director Karen Pettay appeared before County Council at this

provided by Pettay, feral cats are cats that have, to some degree,

on people for food, in some form or another.



Humane Society of Greenwood executive director Karen Pettay addresses Greenwood County Council during



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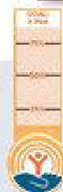
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Target breach affects 40M

The retail giant says customers who used debit or credit cards in stores between Nov. 27 and Dec. 15 might have had data stolen.

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO and MICHELLE CHAPMAN
The Associated Press

Target's data-security nightmare threatens to drive off holiday shoppers during the company's busiest time of year.

The nation's second-largest discounter acknowledged Thursday that data connected to about 40 million credit and debit card accounts was stolen as part of a breach that began over the Thanksgiving weekend.



MORE INSIDE

For a Q&A on the Target data breach, including what to do if you think your credit or debit card information is at risk, go to **11A**.

Dec. 15 may have had their accounts exposed. The stolen data included customer names, credit and debit card numbers, card expiration dates and the embedded code on the magnetic strip on back of the card, Target said.

There was no indication that the three- or four-digit security numbers visible on the back of the card were affected.

The data breach did not affect online purchases, the company said.

Target has not disclosed exactly how the breach occurred but said it has fixed the problem.

Large companies spend millions of dollars each year on credit-card security measures.

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14 FAMILIES DISPLACED IN APARTMENT FIRE



DELAYNA EARLEY • Staff photo

Hilton Head Island firefighters assess the damage Thursday morning at the back of an apartment building at Wyndemere apartments on Hilton Head.

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A fire Wednesday night displaced 14 families and damaged an 18-unit building at Wyndemere apartments on Hilton Head Island, according to a fire official.

The Hilton Head Island Fire & Rescue Division was called at about 8:30 p.m. to

50 Yacht Cove, where flames had spread to four units, according to Fire Chief Lavar Lucas. Witnesses told firefighters the blaze appeared to start outside, but an investigation continues.

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ON THE WEB: For video of Fire Chief Lavar Lucas, click on this story at islandpacket.com.

ANALYSIS

Measly number of bills passed

When the Senate adjourns, the 113th Congress will have passed slightly more than 57 bills into law, a record for low productivity.

By WILLIAM DOUGLAS

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Days before adjournment and the year-end holiday recess, Sen. Lindsey Graham was hardly feeling the holiday spirit.

As usual, the Senate was limping through a slow legislative slog: passing a small-scale bipartisan budget agreement that averts another federal government shutdown and softens the blow of sequestration, meandering through a defense authorization bill and trudging through a slew of judicial and administrative nominations.

"The new good government standard is we didn't shut the government down. We're slapping ourselves on the back for not shutting the government down," grouched Graham, a South Carolina Republican. "Even when we try to be functional, we're dysfunctional."

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Deep Well helps with electric bill

Staff reports

When 90-year-old John and his daughter came to The Deep Well Project last winter, John had just paid \$300 out of his Social Security check of \$750 a month for his electric bill, and he still owed more than \$600.

His family helped some, but his bills were more than he could afford. He also had to pay for expensive prescription medication, and there was no way he could catch up with his electric bills without help.

So Deep Well paid its biggest electric bill of the season.

Deep Well provides a broad range of social services for poor working families, the disabled, the sick and the elderly.

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Those who wish to participate in the Empty Well fund-



Well, that's not right: Hardeeville sign missing an 'E'

By ZACH MURDOCK

when it does, people definitely let us



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Bank robbery suspect named

BY ROB COTTINGHAM
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MANNING — Authorities have identified a possible suspect in the Wednesday robbery of a Manning bank.

Manning Police Department investigators said they are actively seeking Dennis Michael Dickerson of Manning after the suspect was identified from surveillance video recorded during a robbery at Bank of Clarendon. While his location remains under investigation, officials think Dickerson has fled to the Durham, N.C., area.

Shortly after 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, a man walked into the Manning branch of the bank and handed a note to a teller. In the note, the man demanded she give him money and wrote that he had a gun on him. Following procedure, the teller gave him an undisclosed amount of money and left the premises.

Later that afternoon, officials with the Manning Police Department sent out a news release featuring the suspect's physical description and photos taken from security cameras at the scene. The suspect was described as being a white male between 6 feet and 6 feet 2 inches tall. At the time of the robbery, he was wearing a navy blue stocking cap, a dark sweater and blue jeans with green stitching on the back pockets.

Lt. Sonia Daniels of Manning Police Department said Thursday

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2 Lee deputies shot



MATT WALSH / THE ITEM

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and Lee County Sheriff's Department examine the scene where two deputies and a suspect were shot on Thursday afternoon.

BY TYLER SIMPSON
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Two Lee County deputies shot Thursday by a suspect with an extensive criminal record have been hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries.

According to Lee County Sheriff Daniel Simon, Cpl. Shante Demary and Sgt. Leroy Durant were struggling with Yahchahan Christopher Reames, 52, of Bishopville, over a firearm he brandished dur-



REAMES

ing a traffic stop at the intersection of Highway 441 and Springhill Road sometime between 1:30 and 1:45 p.m. During the struggle, both officers were shot. Durant in the abdomen and Demary twice in the leg, before they could attempt to reach for their own firearms or make an arrest.

Reames, who authorities say was also shot during the struggle by the same gun, was taken to a local hospital for treatment, also for non-life-threatening injuries, before being placed into custody.

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Elderly man survives Walker Street fire



PHOTOS BY JADE ANDERSON / THE ITEM

Sumter firefighters pull siding down to check for fire hidden between the walls of a home in the first block of Walker Street on Thursday morning. Four stations and 21 firefighters responded to the structure fire. A man in his 70s escaped from the home unharmed.

Space heater suspected as cause of blaze

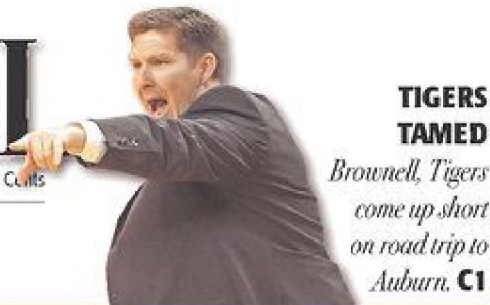
BY JADE ANDERSON
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A Thursday morning fire claimed the home, but not the life, of an elderly Sumter man. A call came in to dispatch



Sumter firefighters check for hot spots in a burned-out home Thursday. The structure sustained \$50,000 in damage and an estimated \$5,000 in damage to content.

sustaining about \$50,000 in damage and an additional \$5,000 in content damage. The fire was under control about 9:39 a.m., and the fire-



TIGERS TAMED

Brownell, Tigers come up short on road trip to Auburn. C1

WEEKEND: Mother-daughter harp duo scheduled to perform Sunday. B1
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A Seneca woman was arrested on several charges outside this home at 404 S. Walnut street in downtown Seneca on Thursday morning.

Seneca woman arrested on child abuse, sexual conduct charges

BY JOSIE RABBITT AND NORMAN CANNADA
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — A Seneca woman was arrested Thursday on child abuse and criminal sexual conduct charges for events that allegedly occurred during a 10-year period between 1999 and 2009, and the lead investigator said he expects other victims will likely come forward.

Mattie Brooks, 58, of

404 South Walnut St., was charged with two counts of unlawful conduct toward a child and one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor. She appeared in a bond hearing before Seneca Municipal Judge Danny Singleton Thursday afternoon, where her surety bond was set at \$1 million.

Seneca Police Chief John Covington said

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'It's terrible'



Mattie Brooks, 58, was arrested Thursday on charges of child abuse and criminal sexual conduct for events that allegedly occurred over a 10-year period between 1999 and 2009.

Arrest not suspect's first on abuse charges

BY JOSIE RABBITT
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — A Seneca woman arrested Thursday on child abuse charges faced similar charges

nearly 15 years ago.

Mattie Brooks, 58, of 404 S. Walnut St., was arrested Thursday at her home on two counts of unlawful conduct towards a child and one count of first-de-

gree criminal sexual conduct with a minor. Those charges span a 10-year period with two children from Jan. 1, 1999-Dec. 31, 2009.

Seneca Police actually

arrested Brooks in January 1999 on two counts of unlawful neglect/abuse by a legal custodian. The incident report at the time said

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Sponsors 'bless' children with gifts

BY MONICA KREBER
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Bright and early Thursday morning, parents were milling in and out of a warehouse on Blue Ridge Boulevard, collecting presents to take home to place under their Christmas trees.

Another year for Christmas For Kids has come and gone, and organizer Joan Patterson is happy and relieved.



"I'm glad the community stepped up and sponsored these kids," she said. "We've done good this year."

This is the 10th year Patterson has organized the

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Volunteers Sharon Cox, left, and Teresa Smith haul bagged presents off to waiting parents at Christmas for Kids' warehouse on Blue Ridge Boulevard in Seneca Thursday morning.

Area home sales jump 20 percent

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — The local housing market appears to be surging heading into 2014, a report released by the South Carolina Realtors (SCR) this week indicates.

In its final report of the year, SCR said home sales and increasing sale prices recorded in November provide "positive momentum" moving forward.

In the Western Upstate market, which includes Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties, home sales increased by 20 percent in November from the previous month. Data shows 251 homes sold in November

Suspect identified in Pickens County manhunt



MAKING CHRISTMAS MERRY

More than 900 children will have smiles on their faces Christmas morning thanks to generous people and businesses making donations to The Salvation Army. **Page 2B**

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Hannah Smith-Gore, 8, pets one of the Florence County Sheriff's Office's K-9 officers, as her dad, Chris Smith, holds one of seven K-9 bulletproof vests Hannah presented to the Sheriff's Office on Thursday.

Florence County's K-9s have vests thanks to 8-year-old

BY TRACI BRIDGES
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FLORENCE — A very special group of Florence County Sheriff's Office deputies received an early Christmas present Thursday morning thanks to the hard work and efforts of a local 8-year-old.

About two months ago, Hannah Smith-Gore found out that seven of the county's 12 dogs were not equipped with bulletproof vests. Being an animal lover and proud mom to three dogs, a cat and two guinea pigs, Hannah decided she was going to do something about that.

This week, Hannah made good

on her promise and presented Florence County Sheriff Kenney Boone the seven Level 2 vests needed to equip his K-9 unit.

"I think what Hannah's done is just great," Boone said. "With all the budget restraints we deal with, I doubt we could have fit these in that."

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Warrants: Parents planned to kill toddler

Mother, father may have plotted Hartsville girl's fatal shooting as early as Oct. 1

BY TRACI BRIDGES
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HARTSVILLE — The mother and father of a 22-month-old daughter shot to death Dec. 2 in Hartsville may have conspired to kill her as early as Oct. 1, according to arrest warrants released Thursday morning by State Law Enforcement Division officials.

According to arrest warrants provided by the State Law Enforcement Division, April Dixon and Timothy O'Neil Sanders began conspiring to kill their daughter, Madison Dolford, as early as Oct. 1. Both are charged with murder and conspiracy to commit murder.

And officials said a test administered at the jail



Dixon

Sanders

confirms the 23-year-old Dixon is pregnant.

A paternity test will be done to determine whether Sanders, 40, is the baby's father.

Fourth Circuit Deputy Solicitor Sherrie Baugh said she could not release any additional details about the new charges at this point in the case.

Dixon also is charged with misprision of a felony and accessory to a felony after the fact, and Sanders

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Rice: Washington is holding economy back

Congressman says ACA, Dodd-Frank reform need fixing

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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FLORENCE — Congressman Tom Rice, R-S.C., was in town Thursday evening to meet with supporters in a casual campaign event held at Victor's Bistro in the Hotel Florence.

Rice spoke with the Morning News

resolution to file a civil suit against President Barack Obama.

"The most important thing for people in this district and the most important thing for people in this country is jobs, jobs, jobs," Rice said. "And therefore, my focus has been on that and particularly American competitiveness."

Rice, a member of the House Budget Committee, said he finds some regulations stifling in the Affordable Care Act and the Dodd-



Florence parade set for Saturday

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Florence Christmas Parade route





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Show of unity: City, county begin talks on taxes, services

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
T&D Staff Writer

It was a meeting that left Orangeburg City Councilman Charles Jernigan saying, "I've been on city council 16 years and we've accomplished something today that I don't think has ever been done."

City Council and Orangeburg County Council met together Thursday in the neutral space of the Liberty Room to discuss a range of issues, including the coun-

ty's tax on airplanes, the availability of magistrates on weekends and annexation.

Officials did not take any action during the joint meeting, but both parties agreed that the issues had merit and could likely be resolved with a bit of give and take.

First, Orangeburg City Council put forth a list of

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A joint meeting of the Orangeburg county and city councils was held Thursday afternoon at the Liberty Room in Orangeburg. Pictured, from left, are City Councilman Charles Jernigan, Orangeburg Mayor Michael Butler, Orangeburg County Council Chairman Johnnie Wright and County Councilman Johnny Ravenell.

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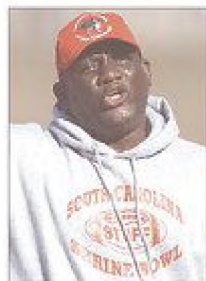
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Double duty

Orangeburg-Wilkinson head coach Tommy Brown is enjoying the experience as head coach of the S.C. Shrine Bowl team. **B1**



Transition year

A top Boeing official says 2013 was a transitional year for the aeronautics giant in S.C. **A7**



Inside today

New life, old building



LARRY HARDY/T&D

Elected officials, including U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn and state Sen. John Matthews, plus representatives from the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce, USDA Rural Development, the South Carolina Business Development Center and other groups were on hand to cut the ribbon at the Palmetto Development Group's business incubator located inside the old First National Bank at 1170 Russell St.

Former First National building becomes 'incubator' to hatch small businesses

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
T&D Staff Writer

New life stirred in the long-vacant former First National Bank building on Russell Street on Thursday as officials celebrated its reopening as a business incubator.

Palmetto Development Group, a Columbia nonprofit, will use the space to house groups involved in small business development. It will be known as the Palmetto Enterprise Center.

Sixth District Congressman Jim Clyburn said the center is a key to unlocking success in the area.

"This state has been locked and we need to unlock the resources in this state. That's what this is all about," Clyburn said.

"Let this not just be a business incubator, but let this be an incubator that would hatch some new co-operative spirit," he added.



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U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn gestures as he outlines the importance of establishing a small business incubator in Orangeburg.

A news conference Thursday marked the completion of the building's renovation, although additional work will be done to make it ready for

occupants.

The building was constructed in 1920 for Edisto National Bank, but it went bankrupt during the Great De-

pression along with most other banks in the city. In 1934, First National Bank occupied the building, but later moved to more spacious quarters.

Now, the Palmetto Enterprise Center will use the building to help entrepreneurs and small businesses get started and be successful.

PDG, with aid from a USDA Rural Development grant, received support from the City of Orangeburg and Orangeburg County to open the business incubator.

Dr. James L. Solomon, interim CEO of PDG, announced the center will open in early 2014 after the

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