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"That woman went there to kill people."

Charleston Police Chief Greg Mullen

Handgun didn't go off

Woman outside Ashley Hall school pointed pistol, pulled trigger

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AUDIO

To hear Alice Boland at her bond hearing, go to postandcourier.com/audio.

The woman arrested with a loaded pistol outside a downtown private school Monday was trying to kill people, but she couldn't get the gun to fire, according to Charleston police. Alice Boland, a 28-year-old Beaufort woman with a history of mental illness, was arrested at Ashley Hall on Rutledge Avenue.

Boland pointed a gun at two staff members

who confronted her at the wrought-iron fence surrounding the school and repeatedly pulled the trigger, according to a police affidavit. The gun didn't fire and nobody was hurt.

"There's no doubt in our minds, based on

our investigation, that woman went there to kill people," Charleston Police Chief Greg Mullen said Tuesday.

In a rambling statement in bond court Tuesday, Boland said she went to the school because "I wanted to make a political demonstration about problems in my life relating to the fact that racist feminists, including institutions like that where I was demonstrating... have been



Alice Boland, 28, has a history of mental illness.

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New approach to improving schools

Teachers will work 20 extra days to try to raise student performance



At Edmund A. Burns, North Charleston, Memminger and Sanders-Clyde elementary schools, all in Charleston County, an "intense change process" has been adopted to try to elevate student achievement.

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By most measures, Burns Elementary School is far behind where it needs to be. It is considered "at risk" by the state, and it earned a "D" letter grade this year. Student achievement is languishing, nearly 70 percent of the school fell short of the state's standard in English language arts.

Similarly, troublesome statistics can be found at three other Charleston County elementary schools — North Charleston, Memminger and Sanders-Clyde — and officials have a new plan to do something about it.

Teachers at those schools will be asked to commit to working about a month more than the rest of the district's teachers in 2013-14. They will use those extra working days to create a new school culture by learning how to beef up their instruction and work as a team. "We're talking about an intense change process," said Superintendent Nancy McGinley. "We're not just talking about adding one teacher here or there. We're talking about a school that has to adopt a whole new level of excellence."

Teachers will be paid for the extra days, and they will have to teach for their jobs. Continuing contract

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By the numbers

- 1 Number of board members who were opposed to the proposal
- 4 Number of schools where teachers will be asked to commit to a longer school year
- 20 Number of extra days teachers will have to work in 2013-14
- \$3,500-\$5,000 Estimated range of extra money teachers could earn for their work (exact amounts will be based on their annual salary). School leaders could not provide Tuesday the number of teachers employed at those four schools.

Denial of admission leads to protest

Trident Tech says it was following law

BY NATALIE CAULA
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Israel Ortega graduated from Stall High School about 10 years ago, but had no shot at going to college because he was in the United States illegally.

Last year, an order from the federal Department of Homeland Security granted the 27-year-old North Charleston man a temporary stay, and he said he couldn't wait to register for classes in the Lowcountry, where he has lived for more than a decade.

Recently, Ortega tried doing that at Trident Technical College, but said he was rejected by admissions officials who maintained that state law barred his enrollment.

On Tuesday morning, Ortega was back at the North Charleston campus with state and local immigration advocates in protest. The S.C. Immigration Coalition and the American Civil

Inside

Business, labor leaders unlikely immigration overhaul allies. A3

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Questions, no answers in slaying

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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RIDGEVILLE — Jimmy C. Edwards was dedicated to his chickens.

He would wake and feed them. He would collect their eggs. When they were fat enough, he would auction them off.

But after the 64-year-old retiree was found about 20 yards from the coop with three gun shot wounds in the back of his head, his family wondered whether his dedication got him killed. Edwards arrived at his Ridge Road house late Friday after a farmyard auction. From inside, family members heard his Chevy pull up, then heard two pops — what they thought were firecrackers.



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Love that car: Gen 6 gets thumbs up from 2 Nascar drivers at Darlington, **C1**

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

ONLINE
TODAY

KEEP UP TO THE MINUTE on who the Gamecocks add to their signing class, with live updates, photos and videos of USC prospects at gomecocks.com.

FOLLOW SIGNING DAY at Clemson, state colleges, the SEC, ACC and in the Midlands at thestate.com.

INSIDE

THE LONG, winding road to how the USC and Clemson recruiting classes came together, **C1**.

DILLON CHURNS
OUT MORE
TALENT FOR USC

By NEIL WHITE
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The distance from Dillon to Columbia is 108 miles, but a well-worn recruiting trail is starting to make the two places seem closer.

When wide receiver Kwinton Smith made the move from Dillon High to the University of South Carolina last year, he set in motion a caravan that looks to be gaining speed.

Smith, who redshirted as a freshman, is being followed to USC by two former Dillon teammates, offensive linemen D.J. Park and Bryce King.



Kwinton Smith



Bryce King



D.J. Park



Joe Blue

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JOB AGENCY CUTS

Dems rip Haley for waging war on poor

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S.C. Democratic leaders said Tuesday that Gov. Nikki Haley has declared war on the poor and African-Americans by cutting off in-person unemployment claims help at 17 rural offices statewide.

"These are the most vulnerable of counties," Minority House Leader Todd Rutherford, D-Richland, told reporters outside the governor's office.

Staff cuts at the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce are occurring in 13 of 21 counties with the state's worst unemployment rates in December.

A dozen of the 17 offices losing workers are located in counties with majority African-American populations.

"It is clearly war on the African-American community," state Sen.

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1ST OF 2 VOTES

City Council moves to cut utility bills

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SCE&G customers in Columbia are to see a reduction in their monthly utility bills before the taxman starts collecting an extra penny-on-the-dollar sales tax this spring.

But when ratepayers will see the break is unclear.

Columbia City Council on Tuesday cast the first of two votes to lift a 2 percent "franchise fee" it imposed two years ago as a way of

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Man gets five years in death of USC fan



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Allen Martin Gasque's family reacts during the reading of a prepared statement by Gasque's mother, Regina Gasque. She asked the judge to give the defendant the maximum sentence.

Curtis Simms is convicted of breach of the peace in Allen Martin Gasque's 2010 death

By JOHN MONK
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Curtis Simms, an Alabama football fan involved in an ill-fated confrontation with a University of

suspended to five years. A half an hour earlier, a Richland County jury found Simms guilty of breach of peace of a high and aggravated nature — a seldom-used common law charge that carries a maximum



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Warriors
gain fans



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Bill to increase taxes on state's top earners advances, 1B

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**DRONE
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Plan for targeted killings
of U.S. citizens abroad
puts heat on nominee

By Greg Miller and Karen DeYoung
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's plan to install his counterterrorism adviser as director of the CIA has opened the administration to new scrutiny over the targeted-killing policies it has fought to keep hidden from the public.

The administration's refusal to provide details about one of the most controversial aspects of its drone campaign — strikes on U.S. citizens abroad — has emerged as a potential source of opposition to CIA nominee John Brennan, who faces a Senate confirmation hearing scheduled for Thursday.

The secrecy surrounding that policy was punctured Monday with the disclosure of a Justice Department "white paper" that spells out the administration's case for killing Americans accused of being al Qaeda operatives.

The timing of the leak appeared aimed at intensifying pressure on the White House to disclose more-detailed legal memos that the paper summarizes — and at putting Brennan, Obama's top counterterrorism adviser, on the defensive for his appearance on Capitol Hill.

Administration officials on Tuesday sought to play down the significance of the disclosure, saying that they have already described the principles outlined in the document in a series of speeches.

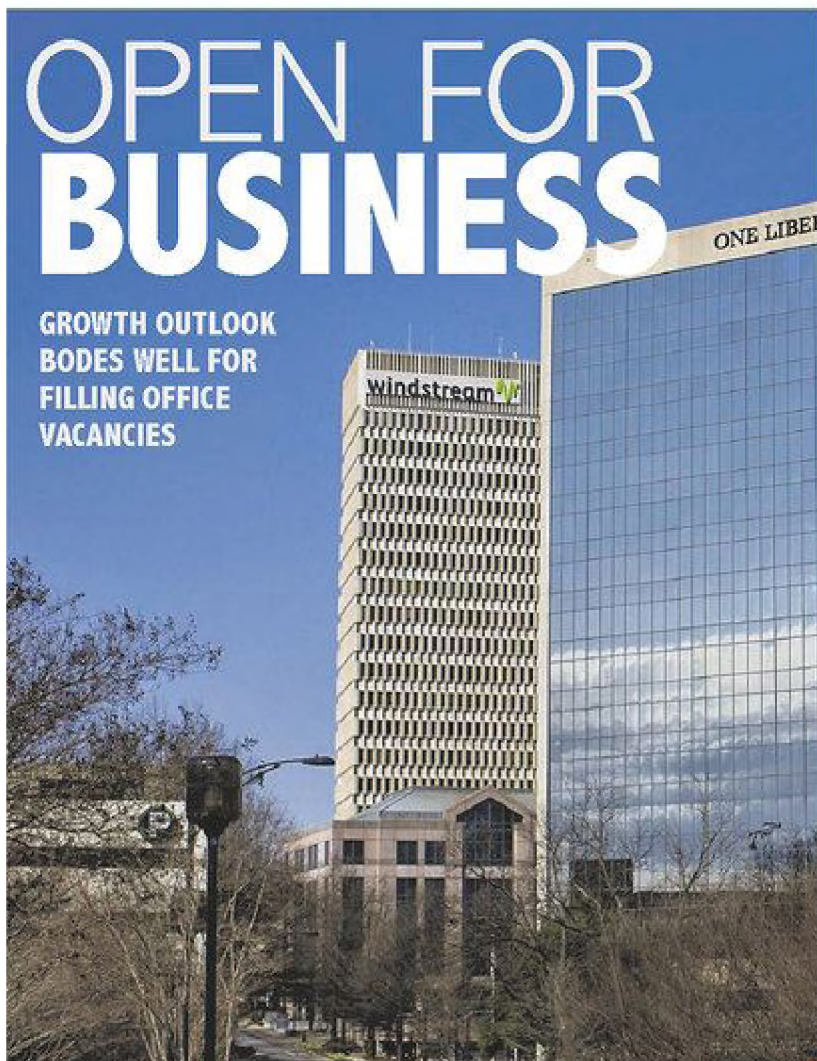
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A leak on targeted killing policies could jeopardize the nomination of John Brennan as the next CIA chief. AP

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GROWTH OUTLOOK
BODES WELL FOR
FILLING OFFICE
VACANCIES



By Angela Davis and Rudolph Bell | Staff writers

Downtown Greenville's reputation as a great place to work and live will serve it well in the coming months when office vacancies are expected to rise. More than 250,000 square feet of downtown Greenville office space is expected to be vacated in the next 12 months as new development opens up, experts at CB Richard Ellis/The Furman Co. said in the company's 2013 Upstate Commercial Real Estate Forecast. That's destined to create movement in the market and open doors for other businesses that want to come downtown to do so, said Brian Reed, vice president of client services at CBRE/The Furman Co.

"We've shown it (the downtown) to a lot of folks and there's definitely a lot of interest," Reed said. "People in the market want to be downtown."

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DOWNTOWN

"People in the market want to be downtown."

BRIAN REED, vice president of client services at CBRE/The Furman Co.

Greenville's reputation as a good place to live and work could help office buildings find tenants as vacancies increase. KEN OSBURN/STAFF

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18-year-old charged in cold case

Man, teenager were found
shot dead in 2011 fire

By David Dyer

sheriff's spokesperson said Granados was acquainted with the victims.

Firefighters found the bodies of Porcoco and Daniel on April 3, 2011, when they responded to an apartment fire at

used was linked through ballistics tests, according to deputies and the warrant.

Granados was arrested in Buncombe County, N.C., on April 22, 2011, authorities said. At the time, he had a criminal

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Company may invest \$14M, create 38 jobs

Mystery business looking to establish manufacturing facility in Sage Mill Industrial Park, bring full-time jobs

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Aiken County Council is working on a multi-million dollar economic development project that could bring more than 30 jobs to the area.

Council unanimously passed a resolution citing "Project Prosper," an unnamed company, may make an investment of at least \$14 million in Aiken County and could potentially create 38 new, full-time jobs.

"It's a positive step in the right

direction," said Economic Development Partnership Director Will Williams.

Though details are currently scarce and the name of the company has not been released, the resolution states that approximately 20 acres of land located in the Sage Mill Industrial Park will be sold to the company at \$5,000 an acre.

The company plans to establish a manufacturing facility on that property, according to the resolution.

Aiken County is considering

offering the company a tax incentive fee-in-lieu of a fixed millage rate.

"This is another great project, and we're excited to have them come," said County Administrator Clay Killian.

Project Prosper is still in the negotiation process.

The last mystery project was Project Bench in 2012 in which Tognum America later announced that it was opening two new research and development centers at the MTU plant in Graniteville.

In other business, Council approved the first reading to have SCE&G install and operate electric utilities to its new government center under construction on University Parkway. The utility company would provide the new facility's electricity through underground cables.

Council also passed a resolution that recognized the Master Gardeners of Aiken County for 25 years of offering gardening tips to residents for free and enhancing the beauty around the area.

Congressmen ask Obama to fund MOX

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Six South Carolina congressmen all signed their names to a letter Tuesday, urging President Barack Obama to financially back the MOX project at the Savannah River Site.

S.C. Reps. Jeff Duncan, James Clyburn, Trey Gowdy, Mick Mulvaney, Tom Rice and Joe Wilson all signed the letter, which comes after much speculation regarding the future funding of the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility under construction at SRS.

"Recently, it has come to our attention that concerns have been raised regarding the MOX Project and its future under potential sequestration and budget cuts," the letter reads. "We are writing you today to reiterate the importance of the MOX project and its mission."

Currently under construction, the MOX project is a National Nuclear Security Administration facility.

Shaw Arava MOX Services have been contracted to process 34 tons of weapons grade plutonium, mix it with uranium oxide to make mixed oxide pellets and burn them into fuel assemblies to power nuclear reactors.

Once irradiated at nuclear power plants, the plutonium would be in a form less usable for nuclear weapons.

A source with knowledge of the NNSA project suggested that suspending MOX funding would make sense to NNSA, as it is a large, capital-intensive project which deals with materials that are currently held securely. Therefore, there would be substantial savings and no extra investment in security.

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State OKs assisted living center planned for Aiken



SUBMITTED IMAGE

A new skilled nursing, rehab, assisted living and dementia care center, to be owned and operated by the non-profit CSRA Senior Living Inc., will be located on 20 acres of land off Trolley Line Road, across from the athletic fields at USC Aiken.

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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An innovative, long-term senior care center is one step closer to breaking ground in Aiken, having received state approval of its certificate-of-need application.

CSRA Senior Living Inc. is a non-profit, locally-organized entity created to own and operate the skilled nursing, rehab, assisted living and dementia care center that will be located on 20 acres of land off Trolley Line Road, across from the athletic fields at USC Aiken.

Last week, the volunteer board's certificate-of-need application and tax-exempt bond financing were approved by the state.

"These approvals allow us to continue

These approvals allow us to continue preparations for financing and construction in May.

John Oakland,
CSRA Senior Living Inc. board chairman

preparations for financing and construction in May," said board chairman John Oakland. "We are excited to be closer to bringing this new model of care to our community."

The concept of the new facility is that it is a series of "houses" rather than a "nursing home."

The 12 homes will each house up to 10 residents, and the facility will provide assisted living, a memory support center and a skilled nursing center.

Groundbreaking for the facility is expected in May, with an opening slated for mid-2014.

"Residents will stay in a private room, equipped to provide for more personalized care by licensed professionals," said Mike Harris, president of Cornerstone Senior Living, which developed and operated the Brandon Wilde Retirement Community in Augusta and is

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Phil Napier wins County primary

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GVA Fire Chief Phil Napier won the Republican primary, and likely the Aiken County Council District 6 seat, after securing more than 51 percent of the vote

Tuesday. Napier won over Republican challengers Lynette Barton and John McMichael by securing the required 50

percent-plus-one-vote total for an outright win.

McMichael had a strong showing in the City of Aiken, but Napier overwhelming took the smaller communities, including Graniteville, Warrenville, Vackuse and Breezy Hill.

Barton registered fewer than seven percent of the vote.

"I got out and I worked, I worked hard," Napier said. "I had a lot of people working for me, and I'd like to thank God for backing me."

Small-business owner and

fireman Napier has a long history of public service, including a previous stint on Aiken County Council.

"I want to be a mouthpiece for the taxpayers of Aiken County," he said, speaking moments after the final votes were counted.

Napier and Barton both seemed thrilled with the result, sharing several hugs and much laughter as the precincts reported at the Aiken County Registration and Elections office.

"I'm so happy that Michael didn't win," said an excited Barton.

"Are you as happy as I am?" Napier then asked Barton before hugging her.

McMichael may have been beaten, but he was still considering another shot at the District 6 chair, Tuesday evening.

The insurance salesman said he was going to talk with supporters and family about the possibility of a campaign as an independent.

He did, however, express congratulations to Napier for the win and commented on the exceptional name recognition the primary winner had in Aiken County.

Aiken Standard seeks your memories

Many Aiken residents are gearing up for this year's Aiken Triple Crown in March, and we are as well at the Aiken Standard.

The Aiken Standard is putting together our yearly guide to the races, and we want to include you in our guide.

We are seeking reader submissions for many things—from memories

We invite you to send in your old photos from years' past, as well as your memories from races of years gone by.

We invite you to send in items for print to share with our readers.

Please send submissions to Haley Hughes at hhughes@aikenstandard.com or by mail to: Aiken Standard, Attn: Haley Hughes, P.O. Box 456, Aiken, SC 29802.

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Ruth Mae Brown, Washington, D.C.
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SCHOOL BUS DRIVER LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

Talks falter; union says it won't call strike

Report: Durham denies Teamsters claim that it walked out of negotiations

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Talks appear to have broken down between the Teamsters union and the

company that provides bus service for the Beaufort County School District.

The union, however, assured district officials Tuesday it doesn't want to strike.

A Teamsters representative accused Durham School Services of walking out of meetings with the union Tuesday morning. The (Charleston) Post and Courier reported.

However, Durham, which is negotiating a contract with Teamsters members in the Beaufort, Charleston and Dorchester 2 school districts, denied the claim. In a statement, the company

says it increased its offer to raise the pay of drivers and monitors but is unable to meet the union's "unreasonable demands." The company also accused the union of being unwilling to enter into mediation for a new contract.

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FOLLOWING POLICY LEAKS, CONGRESS SHINES LIGHT ON



A Predator drone is shown in the file photo above.

File • Los Angeles Times

DRONE STRIKE BACKGROUND

Targeted killing, which began under former President George W. Bush, officially remains a classified CIA program. To date, it is known to involve only missile strikes by unmanned aircraft in Pakistan, Somalia and Yemen against what U.S. officials say are leaders of al-Qaida and "associated groups" plotting imminent attacks on U.S. targets.

An estimated 3,500 people have been killed in the strikes, the vast majority in Pakistan's tribal area bordering Afghanistan, a region largely outside government control where al-Qaida and allied militants have found sanctuary among Pakistani and Afghan insurgents. The Obama administration says the attacks have decimated the ranks of the terrorist network responsible for the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, but human rights groups and residents say a large number of civilians have died.

By **JONATHAN S. LANDAY** • McClatchy Newspapers

Civil and human rights advocates Tuesday denounced a leaked Obama administration "white paper" that sets out the legal justification for killing U.S. citizens suspected of being members of al-Qaida, an issue certain to arise during the confirmation hearing Thursday of White House counterterrorism adviser John Brennan to be CIA director.

The White House on Tuesday defended the practice of targeted killing, for which Brennan is a key overseer, as "legal ... ethical and ... wise." But spokesman Jay Carney rejected anew calls by lawmakers and others for the administration to release a secret 2010 Justice Department legal opinion on which the leaked Justice Department white paper was based.

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BEAUFORT-PORT ROYAL METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

Change to growth boundary discussed

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Although spurred by a request to annex a specific piece of property, a discussion about changing the growth boundary between the city of Beaufort and town of Port Royal looked at the bigger picture Tuesday night.

The joint municipal Beaufort-Port Royal Metropolitan Planning Commission discussed changes that would allow both to continue growing and clean up gerrymandering in the original line.

The growth boundary represents an agreement between the municipalities about what land each could annex. It was drawn in the late 1990s based on the location of utilities, after what commission chairman Joe DeVito called "annexation wars" that have since cooled.

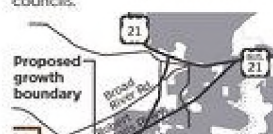
"We said let's get together and find a solution to stop these wars," he said.

The line has been amended only once since it was adopted, according to Beaufort planners — when it was discovered the boundary bisected the site of the current-day Shadow Moss subdivision off Robert Smalls Parkway.

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NEW BOUNDARY?

City and town planners might redraw the growth boundary, a line that defines where Port Royal and Beaufort can annex land. The boundary would have to be approved by Beaufort and Port Royal councils.



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Dell comeback?

It's easy to forget now, but Michael Dell was the Mark Zuckerberg of his day. Hailed as a young genius, he created the inexpensive, made-to-order personal computer in his University of Texas dorm room and sold it straight to the public.
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Unlikely allies

Unlikely allies, business and labor leaders joined in support of the White House's immigration overhaul efforts Tuesday while also negotiating to overcome an issue that has split them before — creating a guest-worker program. **PAGE A3**

Victims charged

Two victims of a home invasion during which one of them was wounded by gunfire have been charged with drug possession.
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Flea market rules

Spartanburg County is again on the road to tightening restrictions on flea markets and jockey lots, but after 2011 regulations sparked protests, existing facilities will be exempt from the new batch of rules.
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Opposition

Conservation groups Tuesday urged the federal government not to permit the use of air guns if energy companies are allowed to search for oil and natural gas off the nation's East Coast.
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Weather

Obama urges short-term budget deal

President hoping
to avoid painful
cuts for time being

By JIM KUHNHENN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Eager to buy time and avoid economic pain, President Barack Obama urged Congress on Tuesday to pass targeted short-term spending cuts and higher taxes as a way to put off sweeping, automatic cuts that would slice deeply into military and domestic programs starting March 1.

Obama's appeal came as Congress' budget office projected a yearly federal deficit under \$1 trillion for the first time in his presidency and as Republicans applied political pressure on the president to submit balanced bud-

gets, pushing fiscal issues back to the forefront in Washington after weeks devoted to immigration and guns.

A short-term deficit-trimming measure would once again delay the broad and onerous spending cuts that are unpopular with both political parties, underscoring the government's difficulty adopting long-term budget policies. Obama conceded the problem, even though he has previously scoffed at temporary budget reprieves.

"Let's keep on chipping away at this problem together, as Democrats and Republicans, to give our workers and our businesses the support that they need to thrive in the weeks and months ahead," Obama said in a short statement in the White House briefing room.

Illustrating the challenge for

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JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Congressional Budget Office Director Douglas Elmendorf gestures as he speaks during a news conference about the office's annual Budget and Economic Outlook at the Ford House Office Building in Washington on Tuesday. The federal budget deficit will drop below \$1 trillion for the first time in President Barack Obama's tenure in office, a new report said.

Shoplifting surge?



Police say other factors, including merchants using better detection technology, could be behind an increase in the number of reported cases

By LYNN P. SHACKLEFORD
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The number of shoplifting cases in the city of Spartanburg rose 40 percent from 2011 to 2012, but Spartanburg police say that doesn't necessarily mean there are more people

Most calls

Top 5 businesses with shoplifting calls for service

- ◆ Wal-Mart, Dorman Centre 342 calls
- ◆ Wal-Mart, East Main Street 122 calls
- ◆ Sears, WestGate Mall 79 calls
- ◆ Food Lion, Garner Road 28 calls
- ◆ Spencers, WestGate Mall 22 calls

technology to deter and apprehend

and he interviews shoplifting suspects.

"A lot of people think that more people are shoplifting because the economy is bad, but what we learn from the suspects is it's a business," Littlejohn said. "The shoplifter will get a list of what their 'consumers' want and then they'll go out and steal and bring these items back and get paid a certain amount. It's like a

Family reeling after arrest

Gaffney man is in custody in the death of adoptive mother

By JENNY ARNOLD
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The arrest of a man accused of killing his adoptive mother comes with mixed emotions for his family.

Brandon Scott Knuckles, 44, confessed to Gaffney police officers of killing Marjorie L. Knuckles, 78, the woman who adopted him when he was a child, according to a written statement from the Gaffney Police Department. Marjorie Knuckles was found beaten and strangled to death Sunday in a trash can in the backyard of the home she shared with her adopted son.

According to investigators, Brandon Knuckles has been



Knuckles

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County: Staff finds document



STEPHEN
BAGGETT

One-page memo indicates indistrict expense started at request of Council

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Greenwood County on Tuesday released a document related to the controversial indistrict expense funding received by some Greenwood County Council members from mid-

2008 to early 2011.

The document — a physical paper copy recently found in the bottom of a drawer — was released to the Index-Journal in compliance with a Freedom of Information Act request the paper issued to the county nearly seven months ago.

The 2008 document — a memo from then-county attorney Chuck Watson to then-county treasurer Ken Spate, with then-county manager Vic Carpenter copied on the message — offers a timeline as to when the indistrict expense practice was to begin (the 2008-09 fiscal year) and

notes the practice was authorized by Greenwood County Council.

As was widely reported last year, payroll data from Greenwood County Council showed five Council members — Bob Jennings, Edith Childs,

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CHUCK
WATSON

GREENWOOD

GCSO staffer fired

Sheriff asks SLED to investigate 'financial matters'

By MATT BRUCE
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The Greenwood County Sheriff's Office released a statement Tuesday afternoon announcing one of its employees was fired and state investigators began a financial investigation into the department this week.

Sandi Owens, who was the GCSO administrative assistant since January 2009, was terminated from her position Monday, according to Greenwood County Sheriff Tony Davis.



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An issued statement indicated a Mauldin accounting firm performed a preliminary audit of GCSO financial documents Monday, and an investigation by the State Law Enforcement Division is under way. The SLED probe will look into "certain financial matters pertaining to the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office," the statement read.

Davis could not yet be reached for comment to detail the exact nature of the investigation and who is being investigated.

Last week, Greenwood County Council had a long closed-door meeting — referred to in governmental parlance as an "executive session" — at the end of its finance and administration committee meeting at Greenwood County Library.

It was generally understood by media in attendance the majority of the closed meeting

FUTURE OF MAIL



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The U.S. Post Office in Troy will have its hours reduced to four hours a day. The exact daily schedule will be determined within the next seven days, and implemented 30 days after that determination.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Troy Post Office hours to be reduced in half to save expenses

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Still open for business

■ Of the 120 surveys returned regarding the Troy post office, 85 percent were in favor of reducing hours to keep the office open.

surveys sent out, 120 were returned. Of the surveys returned, 102, 85 percent, were in favor of realigning the hours of the post office.

"Based on those surveys, the hours will be reduced but what the exact schedule will be is not set in stone," Cruz said.

The need to reduce the costs of the Troy post office comes from the massive deficit the U.S. Postal Service incurred during the past several years.

"You find me a business that has had a \$15.9 billion loss and is still standing," Cruz said.

But Cruz added the USPS ocean of

red ink comes from an unreasonable mandate imposed by Congress.

"We don't get any tax revenue," Cruz said. "And because of the (Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006), we have to pay 75 years worth of benefits in 10 years. We're paying benefits for workers that aren't even born yet."

A worse fate could have been in store for the Troy post office as it was originally on a discontinuation list that would have closed it entirely. However, congressional intervention in November 2011 led to the POST plan, looking to cut costs from reducing working hours and other measures.

While the decision to reduce daily hours from eight to four has already been made, Cruz said he

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5-0 VOTE

Saluda passes mileage ruling

Resolution does not require evidence of trips, only vote

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SALUDA — In response to growing inquiry about the reimbursement of travel expenses to elected officials, Saluda Town Council voted unanimously Tuesday to adopt a resolution for a formal policy concerning future reimbursements.

"This sets some guidelines for reimbursements in the future,"

Town Administrator Randy Cole said. "It says you have to get prior approval before a trip."

The town lacked any formal, written policy for the reimbursement for mileage by elected officials before the adoption of the resolution. The Index-Journal recently obtained documents that showed Mayor Frank Addy claimed reimbursements for more than 68,760 miles from Saluda's general fund since 2010. That represents a total of \$37,818.46 in reimbursements for mileage since 2010. Of that total, 48,403.2 miles for \$26,621.76 reimbursement were claimed in 2012 alone.

"I did what I needed to within policy, and I was trying to do what was best for the town," Addy said previously. "But that's why we're going to have this resolution to sort everything out."

The total reimbursements claimed by the rest of Council,



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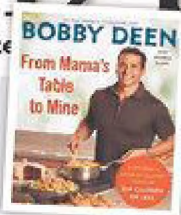
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Union: Local bus drivers don't want strike

Durham School Services and Teamsters offer conflicting reports on state of negotiations

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Talks appear to have broken down between the Teamsters union and the company that provides bus service for the Beaufort County School District.

The union, however, assured dis-

trict officials Tuesday it doesn't want to strike.

A Teamsters representative accused Durham School Services of walking out of meetings with the union Tuesday morning, The (Charleston) Post and Courier reported.

However, Durham, which is ne-

gotiating a contract with Teamsters members in the Beaufort, Charleston and Dorchester 2 school districts, denied the claim. In a statement, the company says it increased its offer to raise the pay of drivers and monitors but is unable to meet the union's "unreasonable demands." The company

also accused the union of being unwilling to enter into mediation for a new contract.

"We stand ready to continue discussions, whether through continued negotiations or mediation, should they decide to adjust their demands," Durham spokeswoman Carina Noble said

in the statement.

Durham and Teamsters Local 509, based in Columbia, have been negotiating since July over pay and benefits for union drivers and bus monitors, including about 100 who work for the

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MOTORING FESTIVAL

Concours moving to new venue

The festival's growing popularity make the move to Port Royal Golf Club necessary, organizers say.

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One of Hilton Head Island's top tourist events, the Motoring Festival & Concours d'Elegance, will move from its 11-year home at Honey Horn to the Port Royal Golf Club this year.

The festival's increasing popularity made the move necessary, according to Carolyn Vanagel, president of the event that attracted more than 14,000 visitors last year.

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12TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL

The Savannah Speed Classic will be held Oct. 25-27 at The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort. Festivities continue on Hilton Head on Nov. 2 and 3 at the Port Royal Golf Club.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Judge Coffey reappointed to new term

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Maureen Coffey was reappointed as the municipal judge for the Town of Hilton Head Island on Tuesday.



Hilton Head Island

DRONE KILLINGS DRAW SCRUTINY



ABOVE: A U.S. Air Force MQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle. The U.S. is conducting drone strikes in at least three countries other than Iraq and Afghanistan.

MASTER SGT. STANLEY THOMPSON • U.S. Air Force

Leaked US memo for 'targeted killings' assailed as rewriting definition of 'imminent threat'

By JONATHAN S. LANDAY • McClatchy Newspapers

Civil and human rights advocates on Tuesday denounced a leaked Obama administration "white paper" that sets out the legal justification for killing U.S. citizens suspected of being members of al-Qaida, an issue certain to arise during the confirmation hearing Thursday of White House counterterrorism adviser John Brennan to be CIA director.

The White House on Tuesday defended the practice of targeted killing, for which Brennan is a key overseer, as "legal ... ethical and ... wise." But spokesman Jay Carney rejected anew calls by lawmakers and others for the administration to release a secret 2010 Justice Department legal opinion on which the leaked Justice Depart-

RISE OF THE DRONES

■ Targeted killing, which began under former President George W. Bush, officially remains a classified CIA program.

■ To date, it is known to involve only missile strikes by unmanned aircraft in Pakistan, Somalia and Yemen against what U.S. officials say are leaders of al-Qaida and "associated groups" plotting imminent attacks on U.S. targets.

■ An estimated 3,500 peo-



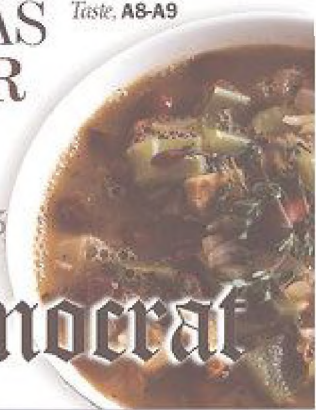
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PTO president faces charge of assault

Bullying complaints led to tension, Davis claims

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The ousted president of Brookdale Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Organization says a dispute with the principal stems from complaints over bullying at

the school. Linnell Davis and some other parents say the school and district are not doing enough to address bullying. Principal Dr. Charlene Stokes became angry when Davis

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By RICHARD WALKER
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The former president of the Brookdale Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization has been charged with assault after a confrontation with Principal Dr. Charlene Stokes.

Linnell Davis, 44, turned himself in to authorities Tuesday to be charged with threatening the life of a public official and third-degree assault and battery.

Orangeburg County Magistrate Peggy Doremus set bond on Davis at \$5,000 for the two charges.

Victims Advocate Thais Britt asked the court to put a "no contact" order in place. Doremus granted the motion, adding that Davis is not to go back onto the Brookdale cam-



Linnell Davis

pus until the case is settled.

Stokes contacted law enforcement around 8 a.m. Friday, saying Davis struck her when she asked him to sign in at the school's front office, according to an Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office incident report.

A door monitor told deputies that Davis refused to sign in when he was instructed to do so. The monitor went to the principal when the man walked past her and continued down a hallway.

According to the incident report, Stokes located Davis and informed him of the sign-in rule. She said at that point, Davis hit her while stating, "That is stupid."

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THE SENATOR'S CHILD



Essie Mae Washington-Williams talks at South Carolina State University in May 2005 about her recently published book about herself and her father, the late Sen. Strom Thurmond.

2nd arrest made in golf course pistol-whipping

By RICHARD WALKER
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A 14-year-old became the second youth charged in the Jan. 18 pistol-whipping and robbery at Hillcrest Golf Club.

Authorities said the juvenile was taken into custody Tuesday morning and charged with armed robbery and third-degree assault by a mob.

He is in the custody of the state Department of Juvenile Justice and is awaiting a detention hearing in family court.

The youth's name has not been released because of his age.

Abdul Keitt, an 18-year-old New York native, was taken into custody in the case on Jan. 24. He is facing the same charges.

Police say they are looking for two more subjects believed to have taken part in the assault and robbery of a 21-year-old Orangeburg man.

The man said he was on the back side of the golf course when four males approached him. One of the males asked for the time as the others surrounded him.

One of the subjects pulled out a handgun and struck the man with it before taking his cell phone.

"I just held my hands up and thought the worst," the man said at a bond hearing for Keitt. "I thought for a second I could be dead."

Security at the State A&M Road facility has been increased. The police presence was increased while a large gap in a fence separating Ellis Avenue and the golf course was closed.

Orangeburg Department of Public Safety Chief Wendell Davis also said a zero-tolerance policy for trespassing has been put into place among other security measures he would not discuss.

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Strom Thurmond's once-secret daughter dies

By MEG KINNARD
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COLUMBIA — Essie Mae Washington-Williams, the mixed-race daughter of one-time segregationist Sen. Strom Thurmond who kept her parentage secret for more than 70 years, has died. She was 87. Vann Dozier of Levey's Funeral Home in



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Strom Thurmond's native Edgefield may be where life began for his daughter Essie Mae Washington-Williams, but Orangeburg is where so much of the story became a part of history and

Washington-Williams was raised by Mary and John Washington in Coatesville, Pa. When she was 13, Mary Washington's sister, Carrie Butler, told Essie Mae that she was her mother.

Washington-Williams met Thurmond for the first time a few years later in a law office in Thurmond's hometown of Edgefield.

"He never called my mother by her name,"

Democrats slam cuts for rural jobless offices

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