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## SAN BERNARDINO SHOOTING

# 'People shot. In the office waiting for cops. Pray for us.'

Shooters at center for disabled kill 14, wound over a dozen in worst attack since Newtown

Heavily armed man, woman dead in shootout with cops; 1 person detained; explosives found



David J. Phillip/AP Photo

A couple embraces following a shooting Wednesday that killed at least 14 people and wounded more than a dozen at a social services facility in San Bernardino, Calif.

BY AMANDA LEE MYERS  
and JUSTIN PRITCHARD  
Associated Press

**SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.** — At least two heavily armed attackers opened fire on a banquet at a social services center for the disabled Wednesday, killing 14 people and seriously wounding more than a dozen others in a post-

election event that lasted "as if they were on a mission," authorities said.

Hours later, police hunting for the killers nuzzled a black SUV with gunfire in a shootout two miles from the late-morning carnage, and a man and woman with assault rifles, handguns and "military style clothing" were killed, San Bernardino Police Chief Jared Burgeon said.

A third person who was spotted running near the gunbattle was detained, but Burgeon said it was unclear if that person had anything to do with the crime.

A law enforcement official identified Ford Fareski as one of the suspects.

The official, who was briefed on the case, was not authorized to speak to the media about the ongoing investigation.

and spoke on condition of anonymity.

It was the nation's deadliest mass shooting since the attack at a school in Newtown, Conn., in 2012, three years ago that left 20 children and adults dead.

Police shed no light on the motive for the massacre, but David Ford, assistant director of the FBI's Los Angeles

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South Carolina facilities on high alert, ramping up security. **A7**

Recent mass shootings in the U.S. **A7**

## Determined investigator nabs 1978 slaying suspect

Family that never gave up hope sheds tears after Walterboro man is arrested

BY DANIEL HUNTER  
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Nearly 40 years ago, a 26-year-old Walterboro man was kidnapped and brutally killed when the apparently walked in on a burglary in her apartment.

The family of Gwendolyn Elaine Fogle never gave up hope that her killer would one day be found. They broke down in tears Tuesday when police informed them they had made an arrest.

James Willie Rutledge, 58, of Walterboro is charged with murder, first-degree criminal sexual conduct and first-degree burglary.

The keys to the case were preserving evidence collected at the crime scene until technology caught up



Fogle

with it and assigning a dogged investigator to sift through it until he could nail a suspect.

Fogle's blood-stained body was found around 3:45 a.m. May 25, 1978, in her home at 230 S. Lottick St. She was last seen at a convenience store about 11:30 p.m. May 24. Investigators suspected she was killed after she walked in on a burglary. She was beaten on the head with a fireplace poker and then strangled with it pressed against her throat.

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## Family facing hardships loses belongings in flood

Letricia lives with her four young children in a dilapidated home in North Charleston that has leaks or no insulation. She works a part-time evening shift at a local convenience store. Her mother and sister stay with her children while she works.

During the night, one of the pipes in her home burst, flooding the entire ground floor. Most of her belongings and those of her children were completely ruined.

When she contacted the Salvation Army Mission seeking assistance, she was assured that Good Cheer Fund resources would be made available to her to assist with the purchase of groceries and to enable her and her children to go to Wal-Mart to purchase new clothing. She will also be assisted with the finances necessary to get the broken water pipe repaired. Contributions to The Post and Courier's Good Cheer Fund have helped the less fortunate in the Lowcountry since 1925. The sta-



tionable organizations sharing the funds collected are the Lowcountry Food Bank, the Salvation Army, Star Gospel Ministries, the Association For the Blind, Coastal Carolina Chapter and Carolina Youth Development Center. Every cent of the money goes directly to the agencies, as there are no administrative costs involved.

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## 14 DIE IN CALIF. ATTACK

More than dozen injured as 3 gunmen open fire at social services center in San Bernardino

AMANDA LEE MYERS  
AND JUSTIN PRITCHARD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — At least two heavily armed attackers opened fire on a banquet at a social services center for the disabled Wednesday, killing 14 people and seriously wounding more than a dozen others in a precision assault that looked "as if they were on a mission," authorities said.

Hours later, police hunting for the killers riddled a black SUV with gunfire in a shootout two miles (three kilometers) from the late-morning carnage, and a man and woman with assault rifles, handguns and "assault-style clothing" were killed, San Bernardino Police Chief Jarrod Burquan said.

A third person who was spotted running near the gunbattle was detained, but Burquan said it was unclear if that per-

son had anything to do with the crime.

It was the nation's deadliest mass shooting since the attack at a school in Newtown, Connecticut, three years ago that left 26 children and adults dead.

Police shed no light on the motive for the massacre.

The attackers invaded the Inland Regional Center and began shooting around 11 a.m. "They came prepared to do what they did, as if they were on a mission," the police chief said.

Burquan said someone had left the county employees' event after "there was some type of dispute," but investigators were not sure whether that had any-

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Police chief calls attack "domestic terrorism,"  
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thing to do with the massacre.

Authorities also found a potential explosive device at the center.

Ten of the wounded were hospitalized in critical condition, and three were in serious condition, Fire Chief Tim Hannebaum said.

## Inmate: Local man implicated himself

Witness testifies in  
double homicide case

ROMANEO DIXSON  
RD 31 GREENVILLEONLINE.COM

The defendant in a double homicide told a fellow inmate he was involved in the deaths of a married East-side couple in 2012, the inmate testified Wednesday.

Curtis McLeod was the second-to-last witness before the state rested its case against Jonathan Donell Rhodes, 25, of Greenville. He has been charged with two counts of murder in the deaths of Gary Wells, 78, and Eileen Wells, 77.

Jake Erwin, Rhodes' public defender, questioned McLeod's credibility and motive for testifying against his client.

McLeod, wearing an orange jumpsuit in court, said he became friends with Rhodes while they were incarcerated earlier this year. They worked together in a cafeteria for about two months, prepping food,

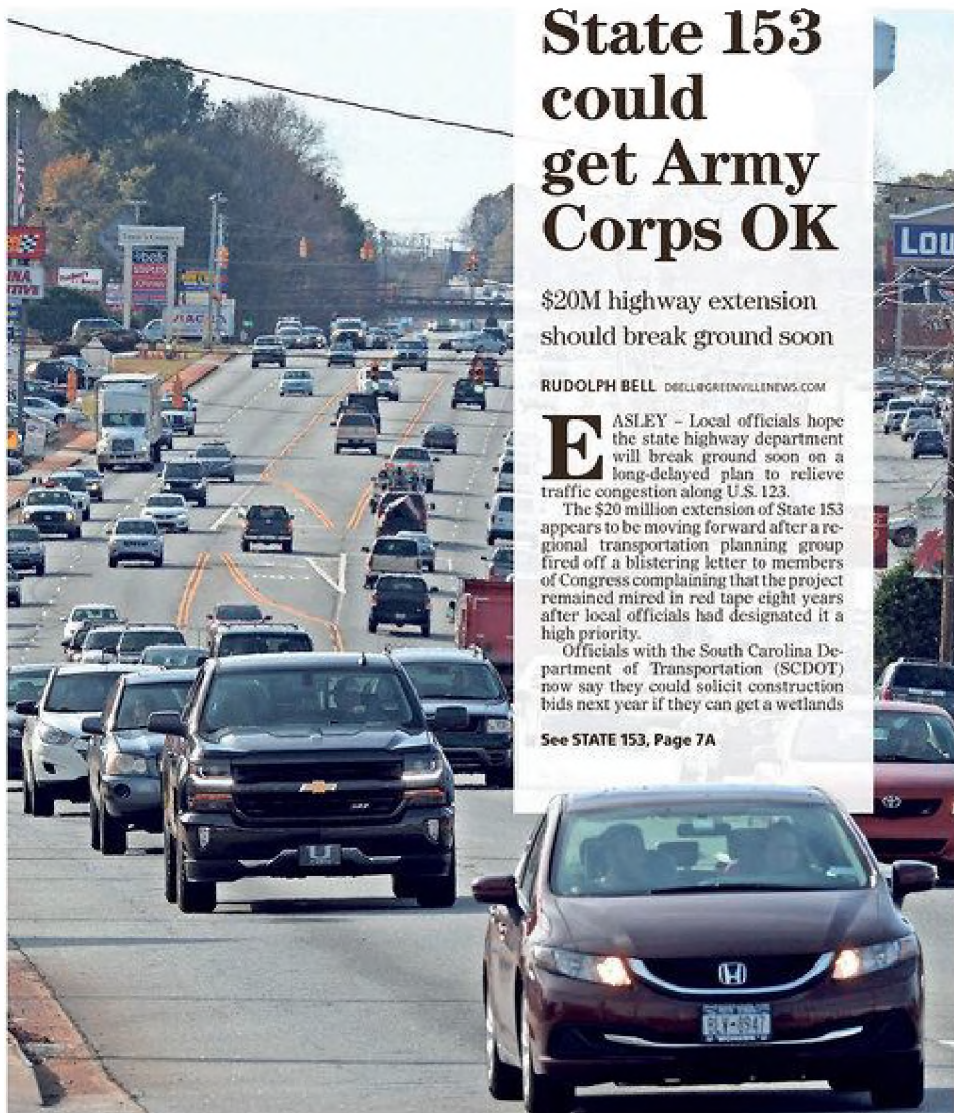
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## BACK TO SQUARE ONE FOR PICKENS

Pickens County's newly appointed county administrator has backed out of the job, according to the County Council office.

Council Chairman Jennifer Willis said David McNeill, who was hired last month, "personal and family considerations" in deciding not to take the job.

McNeill was to fill a vacancy created in February when the county decided to part ways with Matthew Delk. Story, Page 6A



## State 153 could get Army Corps OK

\$20M highway extension  
should break ground soon

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ASLEY — Local officials hope the state highway department will break ground soon on a long-delayed plan to relieve traffic congestion along U.S. 123.

The \$20 million extension of State 153 appears to be moving forward after a regional transportation planning group fired off a blistering letter to members of Congress complaining that the project remained mired in red tape eight years after local officials had designated it a high priority.

Officials with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) now say they could solicit construction bids next year if they can get a wetlands

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The 3.4-mile project is designed to reduce traffic congestion on U.S. 123.

BART SCHWARTZ/STAFF

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# The State

## How Dabo built Clemson into nation's No. 1 team



Dabo Swinney addresses his players before a 2008 game against Georgia Tech. This was his first game as Clemson's head coach. AP Photo/Johnathan Sorensen

From 2005-08, Clemson signed 19 players from Florida, including one of the top players in the country, running back C.J. Spiller. Spiller's success helped the Tigers continue to recruit well in the Sunshine State.



BY MATT CONSIDLEY  
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**W**hen Clemson interim coach Dabo Swinney found out he had the opportunity to be the Tigers' head coach following the 2008 season, there was no contract negotiation or lengthy meeting with athletics director Terry Don Phillips.

Swinney had a vision, and he was ready to get to work. "I didn't read the contract. I just signed whatever he put in front of me. I was a pretty cheap investment, I didn't care. I told him that," Swinney recalled. "We were a mess,

and we decided to build a program. We needed things in place."

Swinney said his initial contract was for about \$800,000, and while he was more than happy with what he was making, he needed support from the athletics department to make his vision a reality.

He told the administration at Clemson that without being able to hire reserve support staff and devote more resources to recruiting, Clemson would continue on as it had under

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Deshaun Watson, named ACC player of the year, always keeps his cool. 1B



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We pick some of our favorite Robert Ariail cartoons from recent weeks. 1C

### GO COLUMBIA

#### FESTIVE FIVE POINTS

The popular neighborhood celebrates the holidays – and its 100th birthday – at "A Scary Night" Thursday. **Inside**



### BUSINESS

#### BEVERAGE STORE TO OPEN

Bottles Beverage Superstore is set to open this month at Reswood Crossing in east Columbia. 6B



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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

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## Downtown Florence parking deck on the rise



A 320-space parking deck is beginning to take shape in downtown Florence.

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**FLORENCE** — The parking deck of downtown Florence are drawing to an end. A 320-space parking deck on the corner of Clives and 13th streets has begun to take shape and will soon be a part of the downtown Florence skyline.

City officials say construction on the deck, which will wrap around a new 85-unit apartment complex, is run-

ning slightly behind schedule because of prolonged rain delays but is expected to be completed by June or July.

City Manager Drew Griffin said the parking deck and the apartment complex will be built in several phases simultaneously.

"When one wall of the deck is finished, enough of a second wall is able to support add-on construction, they will begin building the apartments onto that area," Griffin said.

"Essentially, it part of the parking deck will be built, then several weeks out, they will start to add some apartment space."

Within a three-block radius of the 100 block of West Evans Street there are several major development projects underway: the old Kress Center, 100 West Evans (the old Royal Knight building), Med-Finish (the Rainwater building), the parking deck and apartment complex, Francis Marion University's Health

Sciences Complex, "Project Morgan" (currently the Art Trail Gallery), HopeHealth and the Stokes Regional Eye Center.

With these projects in development, parking during construction in downtown Florence has been a concern for businesses and shoppers.

Griffin said even though navigating through construction sites in downtown can be a hassle, the city

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## Florence Airport director resigning

BY JOE PERRY  
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**FLORENCE** — Chuck Henderson is headed to Australia.

The executive director of the Florence Regional Airport confirmed Wednesday that his last day on the job will be March 31.

After two-plus years in his current post that followed 22 years at Columbia Metropolitan Airport, the 55-year-old is ready for a sabbatical.

"I want to take time off for personal goals," he said. "My feet are good, my joints are good and I want to travel, do some backpacking."

He and his wife, Carol, are planning an April trip to Australia to visit their son Danny, who works for the Western Australia Cricket Association.

He feels the airport is on an even keel, headed in the right direction and the time was right to take an extended break.

"There's a lifetime of work ahead. I'm ready to turn it over to the next director who will take it to the next level, so to speak," he said.

The most pressing issue for the Pee Dee Regional Airport Authority is the current search for a new fixed-base operator that would lease 13.25 acres and take over the general aviation component. A new fixed-base operator would be in charge of fueling, storage, maintenance and ground handling. There's a proposal under consideration; part of the deal requires profit sharing with the authority, which ultimately controls the 1,600 acres with a primary 6,500-foot runway and a 6,400-foot crosswind runway.

Henderson said he expects a vote by the authority at its next board meeting to either keep in place its control as the fixed-base operator or work on an agreement with another entity that could be solidified by the end of January.

His only real regret is his view he didn't do enough community out-



Florence Civic Center operations manager Tony Rogers prepares the ice skating rink for opening day.

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## Ice skating returns to Florence

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN  
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**FLORENCE** — It may be 80 degrees outside, but starting today the Florence Civic Center will be cooling down significantly. Public ice skating is back for the first time in more than two years.

Because of scheduling conflicts, the venue is unable to host ice skating on a regular basis, said Nick Hooker, senior marketing manager at Florence Civic Center.

"We hear people asking for ice all year long. We would love to put in the ice rink more often, but scheduling conflicts cause us not to be able to put the ice rink in too often," Hooker said.

Preparing the venue is a process,

he said.

It takes nearly 15,000 gallons of water and up to four days to complete the ice skating rink.

Because of prior engagements, Hooker said, the civic center had just two days to complete the rink this year.

Hooker said employees like Florence Civic Center operations manager Tony Rogers worked overnight to ensure that the rink was ready for use today.

Rogers made a golf cart around the rink Tuesday afternoon, laying water and painting the ice. The rink is painted to give the ice its deep white look.

"We just fill up the tank with water and mix paint on the inside and spray it out the back," he said.

For him, rink construction is not a

new venture. Rogers has 18 years of experience.

He said he encourages the public to visit the skating rink because it is good exercise.

"The civic center's rink will be open until Jan. 2, and Hooker said he encourages everyone to come out and enjoy it while it's here."

"Where else can you go ice skating?" he said. "Here in South Carolina people don't get this opportunity too often, so we want everybody to come out and enjoy it for the limited time that we do have it."

The rink is also available for private rentals such as birthday parties and church groups, Hooker said, though the dates are filling up quickly.

Skate guards will be on-site at each public skating session. The guards are not meant to teach skating lessons but

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## Florence

### Chamber moves into new office

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**FLORENCE** — Moving downtown has been a goal of the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce for the

revitalization puzzle that's finally falling into place.

"We're excited to have accessibility and visibility in the community and it's nice being in the center of a lot of new and exciting things happening downtown," Miller said Wednesday.





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2 suspects dead  
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PIT BULL RULES

## ‘What they’ve decided is wrong’

A Bluffton woman, who was  
fined under the new pit bull  
ordinance, says her dog  
shouldn't fall under the rules.

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A greater Bluffton woman is  
challenging Beaufort County's new  
pit bull regulations after county  
officials determined last week she  
must have her dog spayed.

Gabriela Gon-  
zalez, whose dog  
Kyra was brought  
to the county shel-  
ter after breaking  
free from her leash  
Nov. 24, says Kyra  
isn't a pit bull, but  
an American bul-  
ly, which should  
be recognized as a  
distinct breed.

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But, according to a Beaufort  
County Animal Services notice  
sent to Gonzalez, “Kyra meets the  
definition of a pit bull” and must be  
spayed within 30 days.

Gonzalez appealed the decision  
Monday, asking the Beaufort Coun-  
ty Magistrate Court to intervene.

“I have no problems with the  
animal shelter or with the county's  
animal services, but what they've  
decided is wrong,” she said earlier  
this week.

The county's new pit bull ordi-  
nance is “completely a mess,” she  
added.

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# 14 KILLED IN SHOOTING

AT LEAST A DOZEN OTHERS WOUNDED



The Associated Press

In this video still from KNBC, armored vehicles surround an SUV following a shootout Wednesday in San Bernardino, Calif. The

## Skate park cleanup planned

The park was closed after a  
recently opened playground  
nearby was vandalized.

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