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YEMEN: DRONES KILL 12 MILITANTS

US airstrikes come as nation remains under al-Qaida threat

By Ahmed Al-Haj
Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen — Three U.S. drone strikes killed a total of 12 suspected al-Qaida militants Thursday, a Yemeni military official said, raising to eight the

number of attacks in less than two weeks as the Arab nation is on high alert against terrorism.

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— amid fears of attacks after the interception of a message between its leader and the global leader of the terror network.

Since July 27, drone attacks have killed 34 suspected militants, according to an Associated Press count provided by Yemeni security officials.

The Yemeni military official said the

first drone attack killed six alleged militants in central Marib province, while the second killed three more in the al-Ayoon area of Hadramawt province in the south. The third killed three others in the al-Qutn area of Hadramawt, he said. All the airstrikes targeted cars, added the official,

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After a decades-long search, brother and sister finally meet



After a 35-year search, Cletus Lynch and his biological sister Barbara Mapes met for the first time at Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport on Thursday.
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'I knew you were out there'

By Lyn Riddle
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Cletus Lynch and his wife, Marveena, walked hand in hand through the corridor at Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport Thursday morning.

"I never thought this day would come," he said, carrying a bouquet of carnations, daisies, lilies and a sunflower.

The flowers were for the sister he had never met.

Adopted at birth, Barbara Mapes, 61, lived most of her life in or around Paris, Ill. Until he left for college at Bob Jones University, Lynch, 63, lived with his mother about 35 miles away.

Now, Mapes lives in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and Lynch in Greenville, 3,000 miles apart. Yet once a private investigator tracked Lynch down three weeks ago, the miles and the years slipped away through Skype and phone calls and Facebook.

They agreed she would come to Greenville because she was already halfway here, in Champaign, Ill. She was taking her granddaughter home after summer vacation.

Mapes spent part of the time in Illinois rummaging through her storage unit for old photos so she could show her brother what her life was like, show him all the years they missed with each other. On Wednesday, she went to Indianapolis to catch an early flight to Charlotte and, from there, to Greenville.

She said she set three alarm clocks and asked for a wake up call for 4 a.m., so worried that after all this time and effort she might miss the plane. She woke before the alarms sounded.

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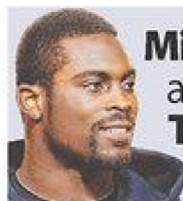
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A HOME FOR VERONICA

'THIS CAN'T GO ON FOREVER'



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Veronica, 3, eats ice cream Tuesday in Oklahoma. The girl's biological father, Dusten Brown, is battling for custody of the girl and plans to challenge South Carolina's jurisdiction over her adoption.



ILLUSTRATION BY GIBBY/TULSA WORLD

Dusten Brown plays with his daughter Veronica at their home in Nowata, Okla., on April 11.



GRACE BEAHM/TXN

A fairy spins from the ceiling above Veronica's bed in Melanie and Matt Capobianco's James Island home.

Oklahoma family on edge, to keep up fight

BY MICHAEL OVERALL
Tulsa World

If a noise wakes him up at night, he checks the locks on all the doors.

If a car slows down in front of the house, he watches until it drives away.

"I'm keeping a pretty close eye on things," said Tommy Brown, Veronica's paternal grandfather who has Cherokee heritage.

"I'm always wondering, is this it? Are they coming for her?"

With a Charleston court demanding this week that

Veronica be taken back to her adoptive parents immediately, her biological family was bracing itself for somebody to enforce that order.

Law enforcement officials in Oklahoma could do it eventually. But first, a federal judge or Oklahoma court would have to confirm South Carolina's order. The family doesn't expect that to happen for up to 30 days, the time Oklahoma law gives them to contest the order.

For now, they're more worried about vigilantes.

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S.C. adoptive couple faces delays, frustration

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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Matt and Melanie Capobianco waited in a Charleston attorney's office Sunday and thought about what it was like when their role was reversed with the man whose daughter they were trying to adopt.

In late 2011, a judge had told the James Island couple to give Veronica to her birth father. The Cherokee Nation member had won custody through the federal Indian Child Welfare Act.

The thought of ignoring the decree had crossed their minds. But they questioned themselves. Where would they go? What would their lives be like? Would Veronica recover after the authorities eventually caught up to them?

It was illegal, and it wouldn't work, they realized. Their only chance was to give in, then ask judges to rule that the court order was faulty.

That's what they did, and they prevailed. The U.S. Supreme Court said the ICWA

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GALLERY

For more photos from the Capobianco and Brown families, go to postandcourier.com/galleries.

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For more coverage of the adoption dispute, go to postandcourier.com/veronica.

Keep an eye on the tropics

At midseason, 13-19 named storms forecast

BY BO PETERSEN
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Tropical shear winds and Saharan dust are our friends this hurricane season — so far. They have been cutting down and choking off storms that form tropical cyclones.

They should keep it up, at least for most of August. But the seas are warm and winds that protect the Southeast coast are weak.

"If it stays like that, it could be a problem," said meteorologist Doug Ferris of National Weather Service Charleston. "(The season here) hasn't been very active yet. We just haven't had the right storm develop in the right place at the right time. But it only takes one, and there's always the potential of something coming up this way."

The tropics — and the Low country — are moving into the heart of hurricane season, the Cape Verde period that usually runs from mid-August into October. It's the time when tropical cyclones tend to form off the African coast and turn into powerful hurricanes as they cross the

Predictions

Pre-season (late May) 70 percent chance

- 13-20 named storms
- 7-11 becoming hurricanes
- 3-6 becoming hurricanes with winds stronger than 110 mph

Mid-season (Aug. 8) 70 percent chance

- 13-19 named storms
- 6-9 becoming hurricanes
- 3-5 becoming hurricanes with winds stronger than 110 mph

2013 season so far

Tropical Storm Andrea:

June 5-7, 65 mph maximum winds (U.S. landfall)

Tropical Storm Barry:

June 17-20, 45 mph maximum winds

Tropical Storm Chantal:

July 8-10, 65 mph maximum winds

Tropical Storm Dorian:

July 24-27, 60 mph maximum winds

"Normal" season

- 12 named storms
- 6 hurricanes
- 3 hurricanes with winds stronger than 110 mph

—Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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ONLINE: For a video explaining the Atlantic hurricane season, go to postandcourier.com. For more hurricane readiness tips, go to postandcourier.com/hurricane.



LEIGH BURNELL/STAFF

Workers demolish the Hutson Street side of the old Charleston County Library. The building on King Street is being removed to make way for a hotel.

Final chapter for divisive library

Eyesore falls to wrecking ball

BY ROBERT BEHRE
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The Charleston County Library building on Marion Square inflamed the community before it was built, and controversy lingered during its 38 years of service and more than a decade after its doors shut.

The debate shows few signs of ending for good, even as the vacant eyesore is torn down this week.

Wrecking crews removed some of its pink marble before tearing down its walls to clear the site for a 100-foot-tall, neoclassical hotel by developer Mike Bennett's Library Associates LLC.

The city's Board of Architectural Review approved plans

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S.C. SENATE HEARING

DHEC blasted for TB blunders

Parents express anger at agency;
director defends response

By SAMMY FRETWELL
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Her voice cracking as she stared across the crowded meeting room, Robin Cobb recounted Thursday how her 8-year-old son came down with tuberculosis and what she thinks of the state health department's efforts to protect him from the disease.

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Infected man being treated in N.C. after walking out of local hospital.
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At a state Senate hearing in Columbia, Cobb said the Department of Health and Environmental Control failed miserably in investigating a tuberculosis outbreak that sickened her boy and infected about 50 other schoolmates in Ninety Six, a tiny town in western South Carolina.

The youngster must take daily medication for much of this year to help stop the potentially fatal illness — and even when he recovers and reaches

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GERRY MELLENDZ/GMELLENDZ@THESTATE.COM
Catherine Templeton, DHEC director, answers a question Thursday about the agency's handling of the TB crisis.

U.S. drone strikes kill 12 militants

Three separate attacks target areas in Yemen, officials say

By AHMED AL-HAJ
The Associated Press

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**Gabrielle Swainson**

Suspect charged with murder after leading deputies to the grave of missing Richland girl

Teen's body found after '357 days of terror'



PHOTOGRAPH BY GERRY MELLENDZ/GMELLENDZ@THESTATE.COM

Chris Kelly reacts as he watches law enforcement vehicles in an area where Gabrielle Swainson's remains were found. Kelly was her guitar teacher and a constant presence at her vigils.

By NOELLE PHILLIPS
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For days last August, police walked every square inch of the tiny town where missing teen Gabrielle Swainson was last known to be.

But the 5-foot-deep hole where her body was found Thursday night was impossible to see.

In the early days of the search, the FBI had set up its command post at a fire department less than two football fields away. Even cadaver dogs had walked past the grave hidden among trees about 40 yards from railroad tracks off U.S. 1 in Elgin.

Finally, the man charged with Gabrielle's kidnapping pointed it out to Richland County sheriff's investigators.

"The monster Freddie Grant took us to a location in Elgin where he buried Gabbie," Sheriff Leon Lott said. "This has been 357 days of terror that Gabbie's mother and family have endured and that this community has endured.



Law enforcement vehicles line an area in Elgin off U.S. 1 where the missing teen's remains were found Thursday.

**ONLINE**

Watch the press conference. See vigil and search photos. At thestate.com

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Dramatic weight loss

Pastor sheds pounds through exercising, faith and Facebook **E1**



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Audition

Every day of training camp is a new audition for many just hoping to make the 53-man Panthers roster, including receiver and Wofford product Brenton Bersin (above), but the four preseason games are of utmost importance. Carolina begins its preseason by hosting Chicago at 8 tonight. **PAGE B1**

Lucky man

A Minnesota man claimed his third of a \$448 million Powerball jackpot on Thursday, wasting no time before revealing his good fortune to the world and saying he had "been waiting for this day my entire life." **PAGE A3**

Bans questioned

Some experts are questioning outdoor smoking bans, saying there's not good medical evidence that cigarette smoke outdoors can harm the health of children and other passers-by. **PAGE A4**

TB probe

State health department director Catherine Templeton spent more than three hours explaining Thursday why her agency botched a tuberculosis investigation near Greenwood. **PAGE C1**

Shoppers hold off

Shoppers are holding off on back-to-school shopping, and those who delay long enough might be rewarded with some steep discounts from desperate retailers. **PAGE C5**

Weather

3 drone strikes kill 12 in Yemen

Terror alert: US puts al-Qaida in its sights

By MAGGIE MICHAEL
The Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen — The U.S. has sharply escalated its drone war in Yemen, with military officials in the Arab country reporting 34 suspected al-Qaida militants killed in less than two weeks, including three strikes on Thursday in which a dozen died.

The action against al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, as the Yemen branch is known, comes

amid a global terror alert issued by Washington. One Mideast official says the uptick is due to its leaders leaving themselves more vulnerable by moving from their normal hideouts toward areas where they could carry out attacks.

The U.S. and Britain evacuated diplomatic staff from the capital of Sanaa this week after learning of a threatened attack that prompted Washington to close temporarily 19 diplomatic posts in the Middle East and Africa.

Thursday's first reported drone

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ERIC GAY/AP FILE

A Predator B unmanned aircraft taxis at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas, in 2011. Three U.S. drone strikes killed a total of 12 suspected al-Qaida militants on Thursday, a Yemeni military official said.

One mystery solved



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Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger shows a photograph of Madeline Cox Thomas, whose remains have been identified. Cox was 32 when she was reported missing in July 1990. Her dismembered remains were found in August of 1990 on the side of Davis Chapel Road in Spartanburg County. The homicide case is still under investigation. Clevenger was speaking during a news conference at the Coroner's Office in Spartanburg on Thursday afternoon.

Skeletal remains from 1990 case identified, but woman's death still under investigation

By JENNY ARNOLD
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She sometimes disappeared for days in Gaston County, N.C.

It was the nature of her transient lifestyle. There were drugs and prostitution arrests, and 23 years ago, when she was 32 years old, the mother of two might have gotten into a car at U.S. 321 and Inter-

tigator even mailed letters to orthopedic doctors in several states, hoping to generate a lead and identify the mystery woman. A forensic anthropologist who studied the remains determined that the woman had Bertolotti's syndrome, a condition associated with chronic back pain.

On Thursday, Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger announced that his office had identified

Coroner: DNA data may solve other cases

By JENNY ARNOLD
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There are other cases involving unidentified remains in Spartanburg County that investigators hope DNA will help solve.

On Oct. 26, 2011, the skeletal remains of a woman were found under a couch and other debris in a yard of a home in the Startex mill village.

Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger said the University of North Texas was able to generate a profile from DNA submitted from the remains, which he believes were hidden under the couch five to six years ago. The death is being treated as a homicide.

Investigators know the woman's hair color, about how tall she was, what jewelry she wore and what dental work she had done while she was alive. They know she is white and that she was 40 to 50 years old when she died.

Investigators also have evidence that points to how she died before her body was hidden. Because the remains had been exposed to the elements for so long, the DNA from the body was somewhat degraded, making it more difficult for analysts to generate a profile. Investigators also have had a composite sketch done in hopes that someone will recognize her.

As in the case of Madelyn Cox Thomas, investigators hope the NamUs database can help identify the remains of the woman.



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USC head baseball coach visits Sumter. B1



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Man gets 5 years in truck dragging case

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Chad E. Hudson spent the day before his 30th birthday pleading guilty at the Sumter County Judicial Center to the aggravated assault of a close friend.

Hudson pleaded guilty Thursday before At-large Circuit Court Judge D. Craig Brown to assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature. He was sentenced to five years in the state Department of Corrections.

Hudson has served 337 days since his arrest last fall for attempted murder and possession of mari-

juana. He was accused of dragging Randal W. Huggins, 27, by pickup truck for a short distance along Gibbs Dairy Road, causing the man grievous bodily injuries.

"He and the victim, along with another person, had been out socializing," 3rd Circuit Assistant Solicitor W. Jason Corbett told Brown. "There was some argument, and (the victim) got out of the car ... The defendant began attempting to use his vehicle to hit the victim. At some point, the victim became caught on the truck, and the defendant drug him along."

At the scene, deputies



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Chad E. Hudson, 30, left, stands with Sumter Assistant Public Defender S. Elaine Cooke on Thursday while pleading guilty to assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature at the Sumter County Judicial Center. Hudson was charged in September with attempted murder after dragging a 27-year-old Sumter man with his pickup truck.

were alerted that one man had apparently been hit by a car, and several witnesses told the officers they had seen a man being dragged in the roadway underneath a silver Ford F-150.

Deputies located the victim on the side of Gibbs Dairy Road with "severe lacerations to his arms, legs, torso and head" and "gurgling blood from his

mouth," according to reports.

"When he finally came loose from the truck, the victim had (severe) injuries," Corbett said. "He is now in a rehabilitation-type facility."

Hudson's vehicle was located in a ditch on Zachery Road, and witnesses directed police to a nearby

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Military invited to Fun Night

Rep. Wilson will jump from plane

BY BRISTOW MARCHANT
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Service members and their families at Shaw Air Force Base can take advantage of a night of free entertainment with their military IDs tonight at the Sumter fairgrounds.

The Family Fun Night is sponsored by Kangaroo Express as part of the Salute Our Troops tour, currently making its way across the Southeast through Labor Day. The tour aims to give back to military families, while at the same time raising money for military causes.



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New Sumter High principal takes 1st steps into school

BY BRADEN BUNCH
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Walking through the halls of Sumter High School for the first time as the school's principal, Dana Fall found himself also walking into what he thinks is an exciting opportunity.

With classes starting in less than two weeks

and the school coming off a tumultuous year, the 39-year-old principal recognizes he has a lot of work ahead of him and spent a lot of his first day meeting with staff, even before stepping

fore. Up until that point, Fall thought he was going to be the new principal at the nearby Sumter County Career Center and said he was surprised by the decision. The last-minute change could have been disconcerting, if not for the outreach he has received since the announcement.

'The best part about it is I know I have the support of the district. I have the support of the board and the community. I think it's going to be a great year.'

Dana Fall, Sumter High School principal

"The best part about it is I know I have the support of the district. I have the support of the board and the community. I think it's going to be a great year," said Fall. And while the new



ABOVE: Newly appointed Sumter High School Principal Dana Fall.



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Shendan Elementary School second-grade math and science teacher Autumn Gaines, who taught third grade last year, says she is excited about the start of the school year. Orangeburg Consolidated School District 5 is holding a "Back to School Bash" on Aug. 10 at W.J. Clark Middle School. The event will feature performances, food, games and free book bags filled with grade-appropriate school supplies, while they last.

LARRY HARRY/T&D



SPECIAL TO THE T&D

A security camera at a Santee home caught this image of a man apparently tampering with a surveillance camera. Authorities have charged an Orangeburg County man with burglarizing the home.

Police: Stolen computer aids in theft arrest

Man seen tampering with security camera

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

An Orangeburg County man celebrating his 27th birthday Thursday didn't look happy.

Brandon Dickson was in court facing charges of first-degree burglary and receiving stolen goods after a computer taken in a burglary was tracked by its owner.

Orangeburg County Magistrate Peggy Doremus set a combined bond on Dickson at \$17,500 surety. She ordered him to have no contact with the victims in the case.

Even if Dickson makes bond, he has a hold placed on him by agencies in the Lowcountry. Authorities say there are pending charges for burglary in Charleston County.

Dickson told the court he had been living recently between Charleston and the Santee area.

"I've been back and forth," he said.

A woman identifying herself to the court as Dickson's sister asked Doremus to order some type of drug rehab, saying neither she nor their mother wants him back on their property.

"Do you have anyone who can post your bond for you?" Doremus asked Dickson.

Dickson turned his sister, who shook her head no.

"Neither one of you are going to help him with bond?" Doremus said.

"No, ma'am," the woman said.

It's not clear when he will be taken to Charleston County to face charges there.

Firefighter wins suit claiming chief groped her

By GENE ZALESKI
T&D Staff Writer

A volunteer firefighter who claimed the Edisto Fire Department chief groped her inappropriately has won a lawsuit against both him and the department.

Elizabeth Dempsey was awarded a total of \$13,568 in the lawsuit. Edisto Fire Department Chief Al Drawdy is to pay \$7,534, while the department's share is \$6,034.

The judgment was issued Aug. 2 by Circuit Court Judge Edgar Dickson following a civil jury trial at the Orangeburg County Courthouse.

Dempsey's attorney, Gregg Meyers, said Dempsey is delighted by the jury's verdict.

"The jury took the expenses she has accrued as a result of the assault and allocated them between the fire departments and Mr. Drawdy as we had requested they do," Meyers said, noting the jury's decision shows Dempsey's account of the event made more sense.

Edisto Fire Department Board of Directors Chairman Mike Ferris and Norma Jett, Drawdy's attorney, did not return phone calls.

Patrick Fawley, attorney for the Edisto Fire Department, said there were no plans for an appeal.

"They were asking for a whole lot of more money," Fawley said, declining to "get into the facts of the case."

"This was a good jury and they worked hard," Fawley said.

Fawley said the 12-member jury heard about 2-1/2 days worth of testimony from about 12 witnesses and then deliberated for about five hours. The jury consisted of nine women and three men.

"It was an attentive jury," Fawley said. "We respect their verdict."

Fawley said he was unsure how the damages would be paid except to note they will be.

Dempsey claimed the incident occurred June 9, 2010.

"She (Dempsey) was getting ready to go out of town for a firefighter conven-

tion for a few days in Myrtle Beach," Meyers said.

He said, "She got a phone call from the chief asking her to come by to the fire station and to provide some brochures in case he wanted to go. ... When she came in the station, nobody else was there."

She claimed he touched her inappropriately and made sexually suggestive comments, saying he "needed some relief."

Dempsey would later get terminated from her position for "misconduct" in a letter dated Aug. 13, 2010, and was terminated Aug. 31.

Court records indicate members of the Edisto Fire Department said Dempsey was a "controversial and a disruptive member of the department" with a number of complaints against her and the termination did not have anything to do with her claims.

In his answer to Dempsey's complaint,

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Bamberg District 2 teachers get head start on standards

■ This week, The T&D is highlighting new programs at local schools.



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Chase to lay off remaining Florence staff

BY GAVIN JACKSON
Morning News
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FLORENCE — J.P. Morgan Chase announced Thursday morning it will lay off the remaining employees at its Florence Chase Home Mortgage office.

The company said the remaining 450 employees at its mortgage operations would be laid off in the coming year.

"Fewer homeowners are struggling with their mortgages, and

many people have already refinanced taking advantage of the stronger economy and historically low rates," Melissa Shuffield with Chase corporate communications said. "We've already held three job fairs in Florence this year where many impacted employees received offers from local employers. We'll continue to do what we can to support affected employees."

This is the most recent round of layoffs at the financial services giant in just over a year's span.

About 600 employees at the

Florence office located at 2210 Enterprise Drive were laid off in March. In January, it cut 300 jobs and in July 2012, 30 jobs.

The cuts are part of gearing down the financial giant's mortgage operations in response to a changing housing market.

The Florence office, like several other Chase mortgage facilities across the country, specializes in mortgage modifications, servicing, defaults and foreclosures. The office does not work with mortgage origination or refinancing.



GAVIN JACKSON/MORNING NEWS FILE

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NEW FLIGHT PATTERN



GAVIN JACKSON/MORNING NEWS

Incoming interim Florence Regional Airport Executive Director Chuck Henderson will take over on Monday after current director Eddie Gunn announced his resignation Thursday after 15 months on the job. Gunn recently accepted the position as chief of staff to state Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom.

Leadership changes at Florence airport

Ex-CMA deputy director replaces Gunn, who has resigned for state job

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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FLORENCE — Florence Regional Airport Executive Director Eddie Gunn announced Thursday he will be stepping down as he takes a position with the state comptroller general's office. Effective Monday, Gunn will be replaced by Chuck Henderson, former Columbia Metropolitan Airport deputy director.

Gunn was named airport director following the resignation of Hartsell Rogers after 10 years in May 2012 amid a lawsuit alleging the airport overcharged the Transportation Security Administration by more than \$1 million over four years.

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Maurice Lemmond, director of aircraft maintenance at the Florence Regional Airport, shakes hands with Eddie Gunn, who recently accepted the position as chief of staff to state Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom.

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New Royall plan, search for superintendent move forward

BY ELLEN MEDER
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FLORENCE — The Florence School District 1 board moved forward on two fronts Thursday, making contract decisions for both the construction of a new Royall Elementary School and a superintendent search.

The board unanimously approved the administration's recommendation to give the Royall contract to McKnight Construction Co., based out of Augusta, Ga., for a total of \$14,408,000 — which includes the base bid of \$14,299,000 for the school itself, plus \$10,000 to upgrade the generator for the school and \$99,000 to partially replace the roof at the district office.

Assistant superintendent for administrative services Lionel Brown told the board that the bids came in much lower than expected. According to McKnight's website, it has employees working in five states including South Carolina.

Brown said though the district has never contracted with McKnight previously, the business's resume and experience building schools is impressive.

The prior month Brown informed the board that these preliminary numbers and designs put the cost of Royall at about \$127 a square foot, which is well below the 2008 construction costs, which were in the \$160 range.

Royall, which will be built on the old Moore Intermediate School site, is expected to be completed before January 2015 in time for the teachers and students to move over for second semester next school year.

Demolition of the old Moore is being completed, and Brown told the board it should be wrapped up by the end of the month when crews can begin doing site preparations for construction of the new Royall.

The other contract the board approved was one with the S.C. School Boards Association to conduct a search for a new superintendent.

The total cost is expected to be about \$17,000, including a base fee of \$12,000

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Director of SC health agency apologizes again for botched TB case

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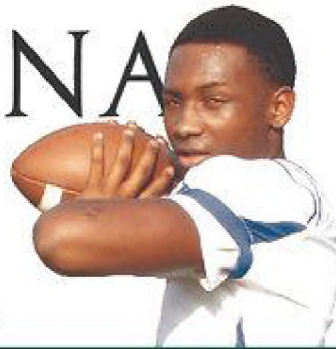
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COMMITTEE HEARING ON TB SEEKING ANSWERS



Ninety Six Primary School teacher and parent Robin Cobb, wife of school board member Butch Cobb, explains her family's experience in the tuberculosis outbreak at Ninety Six during Thursday's state Senate Medical Affairs Committee meeting. Cobb compared the senators' behavior during the hearing to kindergartners she teaches. **INSET:** DHEC director Catherine Templeton, left, listens as Dr. Lisa F. Waddell, DHEC's deputy commissioner for health service, speaks during Thursday's hearing.

Panel hears testimony about what occurred in Ninety Six schools

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COLUMBIA — In a politically charged hearing Thursday about the state Department of Health and Environmental Controls (DHEC) response to the recent tuberculosis outbreak at Ninety Six Primary School, town native Robin Cobb told state senators how her family was affected by the health crisis.

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Ninety Six school district superintendent Mark Petersen listens to testimony Thursday.

■ CITY COUNCIL

Tearing down the old rules

Plan changes how historic homes can be demolished

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Greenwood City Council is set to consider an ordinance amendment that would provide certain checks and balances before a home on the National Register of Historic Places could be demolished.

Greenwood city/county planning director Phil Lindler discussed the amendment during City Council's recent work session. Lindler said the Board of Architectural Review and the Planning Commission have recommended its approval.

This would be a text change to your ordinance that would put an overlay district on individual properties that have been identified on the National Register of Historic Places," Lindler told Council. "There is nothing with being a nationally registered property that would prevent (someone) as a property owner from demolishing (their) historic structure, even though it is listed on the register."

"If (City Council) so chooses to adopt this amendment, it would basically require an individual property owner, prior to getting a demolition permit, to appear before the Board of Architectural Review. There would be a hearing



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