

STATE

Parents convicted of abusing son, 6

ST. GEORGE (AP) — The parents of a 6-year-old Summerville boy have been convicted of abusing and neglecting their son, whose brain was injured when he was kicked in the head last November.

Jurors deliberated for hours Monday before finding William Burden, 32, guilty of assault and battery with intent to kill and inflicting great bodily injury on a child and Adrian Gadson, 26, was convicted of neglect.

Circuit Judge Diane Goodstein was expected to sentence them Tuesday. Burden faces up to 20 years in prison on each charge and Gadson could be sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Gadson had been free on bail following her arrest on charges she neglected Shyheem Gadson. She was taken into custody after the verdict was read.

Testimony stated Burden kicked the boy in the head and chest on Nov. 3. The blow to the boy's head caused his brain to shift, a doctor testified.

Saluda police want Halloween at park

SALUDA (AP) — Saluda Police Chief Kenneth McCaster wants his town of 3,000 to turn their lights off to trick-or-treaters Thursday.

The town plans to hold Halloween at Saluda Park, where police officers and other volunteers will be dressed in costumes handing goodies to children.

Past ghosts and goblins have caused too much trouble and "if I had it my way, I would officially cancel it," McCaster said Tuesday.

"We've had things like vandalism of cars. We've had people throwing eggs and other projectiles. We've had people who can't find their kids," he said.

McCaster has not banned trick-or-treating, but wants the community to attend the party Thursday.

Some residents, however, will miss the tradition.

NATION

N.C. wants to fine utility \$25 million

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The state Utilities Commission on Tuesday agreed to a \$25 million settlement with Duke Power Co. over underreported profits, rejecting criticism that the agreement wasn't strong enough.

With no dissenting votes, the seven-member commission agreed to the deal publicly announced last week reached between its public staff and Charlotte-based Duke.

South Carolina still must approve the deal. Its Public Service Commission didn't deal with the matter Tuesday, and the chairwoman said a vote probably won't come until the middle of November.

An independent auditor determined that a change in Duke's accounting method resulted in not reporting \$124 million in profits between 1998 and 2001. The settlement will mean average residential consumers would see about 36 cents a month in reduced bills for a year.

Besides the settlement money, Duke has agreed to shift \$50 million back to a nuclear insurance reserve fund. More than \$80 million of Duke's underreporting involved money in the fund.

Tampa man sues over needle in food

ORLANDO, FLA. (AP) — A Tampa man is suing Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville restaurant, alleging the tip of a hypodermic needle lodged in the roof of his mouth as he ate a chicken sandwich.

Ralph Walker said he's suffered recurring violent nightmares since the 2001 incident. He visited the restaurant at Universal Studios Orlando CityWalk with his fiancée and young son.

The lawsuit asks for damages in excess of \$15,000.

Walker said he has so far tested negative for diseases the needle could carry. But he said he feared that an illness could spring up in the future.

WORLD

Police hunt for U.S. diplomat's killer

AMMAN, JORDAN (AP) — Jordanian officials detained dozens of Muslim militants for questioning Tuesday but dismissed claims by a little-known group that it was responsible for the killing of American diplomat Laurence Foley.

The group, calling itself Shurafaa al-Urdun, or the Honorables of Jordan, sent a statement to the London-based Arabic daily Al-Quds Al-Arabi Monday saying Foley was killed to protest U.S. support for Israel and the "bloodshed in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Foley, a 60-year-old administrator at the U.S. Agency for International Development, was walking to his car Monday when a gunman opened fire, police said. The gunman escaped.

Jordanian authorities stepped up security in the capital in the wake of the assassination, the first killing of an American diplomat in decades.

U.S. officials say they have not ruled out terrorism.

Men released from Cuba tell their story

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN (AP) — Three Afghan men just released from Guantanamo Bay said Tuesday they were confined and interrogated for long periods and denied contact with their families for the better part of a year.

But the men, the first to be released and speak openly of their time at Guantanamo, said they were not mistreated by their American guards and were allowed to practice their religion freely.

Two of the men appeared to be in their late 70s and professed innocence, while the third acknowledged fighting for the Taliban, but said he was forced into it.

The detainees were the first to be transferred out of Guantanamo who have been allowed to tell their stories since the start of the war on terror.

POLICE REPORT



These reports are taken directly from the USC Police Department. Compiled by Allyson Bird.

Each number on the map stands for a crime corresponding with numbered descriptions in the list below.

DAY CRIMES
(6 a.m.-6 p.m.)
 Violent
 Nonviolent

NIGHT CRIMES
(6 p.m.-6 a.m.)
 Violent
 Nonviolent

CRIMES AT UNKNOWN HOURS
 Violent
 Nonviolent

Friday, Oct. 25

1 LARCENY OF LAPTOP, MCBRYDE QUADRANGLE, 611 MARION ST. John McMillan said someone took his laptop from his room. Estimated value: \$999. Reporting officer: T. Means.

2 MALICIOUS INJURY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY, BULL STREET GARAGE, 600 BULL ST. Kathryn Folsom said someone cut two holes in the vinyl roof of her vehicle. Estimate damage: \$600. Reporting officer: C. Taylor.

3 ILLEGAL USE OF TELEPHONE, WADE HAMPTON, 1500 GREENE ST. Shelby Bowen said someone who called himself Ray made numerous harassing phone calls. Reporting officers: S.C. Schreiber, N.U. Beza.

4 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, NONCRIMINAL MISCHIEF, CPL LOT, 937 ASSEMBLY ST. Justin Simmons said someone let the air out of two of his tires. Reporting officer: J.B. Coaxum.

Saturday, Oct. 26

5 AUTO BREAK-IN, ATTEMPTED THEFT FROM VEHICLE, 1322 HEYWARD ST. Lester Burgess said someone entered his vehicle and

searched through it.

Reporting officer: G. Cox.
6 LOST PROPERTY, BATES WEST, 1405 WHALEY ST.

Patrice Ladson said she lost her wallet and keys in the bathroom lobby of Bates West. Reporting officer: T. Cox.
7 DISORDERLY CONDUCT, TRESPASSING AFTER NOTICE, CORNER PANTRY, 830 ASSEMBLY ST. Reporting officer D. Hare told Ronald Jackson not to return to the property. While Hare was inside, someone said a man was outside harassing females. Jackson, who was outside and smelled of alcohol, was arrested.

Sunday, Oct. 27

8 ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE, BATES PARKING LOT, 1400 WHEAT ST. Sandra Baker said something caused her vehicle's gas tank to rupture while she was driving. Estimated damage: minor. Reporting officer: J.A. Henry.

9 SIMPLE ASSAULT AND BATTERY, SOUTH QUAD, 500 SUMTER ST. Alaina Anderson said Latoya Henderson came into her room and assaulted her. Anderson wants to press charges. Reporting officer: C. Taylor.

10 GRAND LARCENY OF COMPUTER, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, 800 SUMTER ST. Carleen Stoskope said someone took a computer belonging to the USC Health Administration Department. Reporting officer: J.B. Coaxum.

11 ILLEGAL USE OF TELEPHONE, COLUMBIA HALL, 918 BARNWELL ST. Martin Vedani said Brad Taylor called him, asking him to pose for him. Reporting officer: D. Pardue.

Monday, Oct. 28

12 GRAND LARCENY OF BALANCE, EARTH AND WATER SCIENCE BUILDING, 701 SUMTER ST. Renee Syles said someone took one balance from an unsecured location. Estimated value: \$1,200. Reporting officers: J.L. Meador, M. Craska.

13 AUTO BREAK-IN, LARCENY OF CDS, S-10 LOT, 700 PARK ST. Heather Altman said someone broke into her car and took a CD case (estimated value: \$450) and tried to remove a CD player, which was damaged. Reporting officers: B. Baker, B. Timbers.

14 DISORDERLY CONDUCT, 800 MAIN ST. Reporting officer J.R. Merrill said Gregory Hall was aggressively panhandling on Greene Street. Hall had bloodshot eyes, and his breath smelled of alcohol. Hall began cursing loudly and was arrested.

15 MALICIOUS INJURY TO REAL PROPERTY, BULL STREET GARAGE, 611 BULL ST. Reporting officer E.A. Adkins said the traffic control arm was broken off on level 4 of Bull Street Garage. Estimated damage: \$300.

16 LARCENY OF CLOTHING, MOORE HALL, 601 SUMTER ST. Jason Koppelman said someone took his clothes from a dryer in the laundry room of his dorm. Estimated value: \$275. Reporting officers: J.L. Meador, M. Craska.

17 FOUND PROPERTY, MCMASTER COLLEGE, 1106 PICKENS ST. Amy Fordham said someone told her that she found a gray purse belonging to Leticia McIlwain. Reporting officer: J.E. Howell.

Shootings

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vision. The center of campus was largely devoid of the chaos that marked the day north of East Speedway Boulevard. People walking around campus discussed fragments of the news but were unsure of the details.

Brett Verbist, a prospective UA student, was visiting the main campus Monday with his family. He wouldn't have known anything had happened if the news of the shootings had not flashed across his dad's pager, Verbist said.

The people walking around on campus don't seem worried,"

Verbist said. "I hate to say this, but we're kind of getting used to violence in this country," said Brett's mom, Irene Verbist.

Although bicycle and pedestrian traffic was lighter than usual, students packed every table for the lunch rush in the Student Union Memorial Center as usual.

English professor Fred Kiefer sat in front of his computer tucked away on the fourth floor of the

modern languages building. "Work keeps my mind off of thinking about the pain and the loss," Kiefer said. "Working at my computer helps to keep me going."

Some professors and students took a reflective attitude toward the incident, saying they will feel less safe as they go about their daily lives. Now that the shootings have taken place at UA, there is a feeling that all are vulnerable, said linguistics professor Terry Langendoen.

The shootings "threaten our freedom to move about" campus, Langendoen said. "These are not happy times."

Susie Bowers, a program coordinator for the College of Engineering and Mines, also felt vulnerable when she heard about the shootings.

"You don't think it's going to happen here," Bowers said. "It leaves me wondering how safe anybody is anywhere."

Ariana Delgado, a first-year family studies and human development student, still feels safe, but off-balance.

"I couldn't see it happening again, but you never know," Delgado said. "It could just happen anywhere. That's the scary reality."

University of Arizona President Pete Likins' remarks to the UA community:

This morning, the University of Arizona lost four members of the campus community. We don't have many details to release. What we do know is that someone entered the College of Nursing shortly after the building opened this morning and left three people dead of gunshot wounds. A fourth person appears to have died as the result of a self-inflicted wound.

This is a national story, but it's our story locally. It is personal because it is our family. It's real; it is not abstract. The entire campus community is traumatized. We grieve for those whom we have lost in this tragedy and for their loved ones. Some people have witnessed murders. For them and for the family and friends of the victims, the days ahead will be unspeakably difficult. Our prayers are with them.

It is important to distinguish between grief and fear. Grief is something we all expect to experience after a trauma like this one. There is no rational basis for fear of further casualties. This was murder; it was not terrorism.

Referendum

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one another. ...The whole is truly greater than the sum of its parts." He added that the press conference marked the first time that public-school officials and college presidents had jointly endorsed a public school initiative in Richland County.

Funding from the referendum would be used to build two middle schools and two high schools and to bring all the district's middle and high schools up to state and district standards. The initiative would include adding classroom space, science and computer labs, media centers, fine-arts space, physical-education facilities, and cafeterias.

Whitson said she strongly encouraged voters to support public schools in Richland County on Nov. 5.

"It's important for all of us who live in Columbia to protect our neighborhoods and the quality of life for our families and for our students and to continue to attract more people to live in Columbia," she said. She added that Columbia College is already a partner of Richland 1 schools in a fine-arts-education program that benefits both entities.

Drayton said Midlands Technical College President Barry Russell couldn't attend the news conference because of a previous engagement. He said, however, that Russell fully supports the bond referendum.

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