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Coming Sunday

Ten years later, the 9/11 terror attacks still resonate with Lowcountry residents. Pick up a copy of The Post and Courier's 12-page special section only in Sunday's print editions.



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► Memories still vivid for firefighter. **5A**

► Lowcountry 9/11 events schedule. **5A**



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9/11: In a city of shock and grief

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During the year 2000, I worked in the American Express tower across West Street from the World Trade Center. Each weekday I took the subway from my home in Park Slope, Brooklyn, and made my way across (or beneath) the World Trade Center Plaza to an escalator that led to an overpass.

I would emerge into the Winter Garden, a glass-encased public atrium. To the left was Merrill Lynch headquarters; to the right, American Express.

From the 36th floor of the building, the east windows framed a panoramic view of the Twin Towers. Traffic emerging from the Brooklyn Battery

FIRST PERSON

Tunnel zoomed by. Business managers spilled from the subway stations on their way to work.

By the beginning of 2001 I was working at another company and commuting by car from Brooklyn to Connecticut. On Sept. 10, my friend Aparna gave birth to her first child. I decided I would drive to the east side of Manhattan to visit her in the hospital the next morning.

I was in my car heading for the Brooklyn Bridge when I saw a small plume of smoke that seemed to be coming from the North Tower.

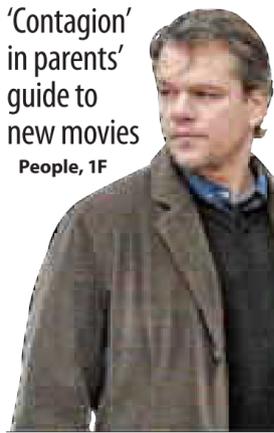
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This was the view of Manhattan on Sept. 11, 2001, from Adam Parker's apartment window in Brooklyn.

'Contagion' in parents' guide to new movies

People, 1F



Romney set to visit Boeing plant Monday, deliver labor speech

Local & State, 1B

More than 8,000 volunteers take part in Day of Caring

Local & State, 3B

Coming Sunday

Welcome to America Street, an inner-city artery of poverty and promise. Long seen as a dangerous, drug-infested thoroughfare, the area is undergoing a resurgence as urban homesteaders stake out claims and police team up with residents to stamp out crime. **In News**



Mostly sunny. High 88. Low 65. Complete 5-day forecast, **8B**

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MOVING MAIL

North Charleston postal center pushes through tons



BRAD NETTLES/STAFF

Victor Gibson, an operations support specialist at the U.S. Postal Service's Charleston Processing and Distribution Plant, said the center has become more efficient in the past 10 years.

BY ALLYSON BIRD
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The next time you complain about buying a 44-cent stamp from the beleaguered U.S. Postal Service, consider the process that takes a piece of mail to its destination.

A letter that starts at your mailbox or a blue postal box on the curb travels first to the Charleston Processing and Distribution Plant on Cross County Road.

There, in a cavernous assembly line with a dizzying network of pipes and ducts, everything coming from ZIP codes starting with 294 begins a journey.

First, the mail enters a purple feed machine that the workers affectionately call "the Barney system."

From there it heads to another conveyor belt that squeezes air out of the mail and tests it for anthrax — at the rate of 25,000 letters per machine every hour.

Then it's on to the computers that electronically read where the mail should go.

They take photos of illegible addresses and send them to Greensboro, N.C., where workers manually interpret our lousy handwriting.

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By the numbers

425: Total workers at Charleston Processing and Distribution Plant

5,171: Total workers in U.S. Postal Service's Greater South Carolina District

1.8 BILLION: Pieces of mail sorted last year in Greater South Carolina District

317: Facilities in Greater South Carolina District

3.5 MILLION: Customers served by the U.S. Postal Service's Greater South Carolina Performance Cluster

— Source: U.S. Postal Service

Hurricane season now at its peak

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The next storm could wreak havoc on the Ocean Course and wash away the sand from under a condo at Wild Dunes. It could swamp homes near Breach Inlet. It could put all of Folly Beach County Park under water.

And the next storm could be out there now. We're at the peak of a 2011 hurricane season that is on track to be one of the most active ever. Already, 14 named



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Sullivan's Island and Folly Beach are considered the "most critically eroded" Charleston-area beaches, according to the state office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

They are maybe one storm away from the sort of destruction faced a little more than five years ago, when millions of dollars were spent on repairs and renourishment. And this season is far from done.

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Suspect on run in stabbing death

Authorities say man killed woman in West Ashley

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An intense manhunt was launched Friday after a woman was found stabbed to death in her West Ashley home, the victim of an apparent domestic dispute.

Authorities were looking for the woman's suspected attacker, Chesley Black Jr., 29, who drove away from the scene of the stabbing with one of the couple's children, a 2-year-old girl.

At first, an all-points bulletin was put out for Black and the 2-year-old, but she later was found at a relative's house in Sumter, said sheriff's Maj. Jim Brady, a spokesman for the Charleston County Sheriff's Office.

Once the child was located and found to be safe, authorities focused on finding the suspect. He may be driving a black, four-door, 2010 Nissan Altima with a S.C. license plate of EPY 454, Brady said. Black is 6 feet, 2 inches tall, 220 pounds.

There was no indication that Black was thought to be armed, but he should be considered dangerous in view of the stabbing he is alleged to have committed, Brady said. "He should not be approached," Brady said, urging anyone who spots Black to call 911 immediately.

Deputies were called by the couple's house at 2103 Fife Lane in the Forest Lakes subdivision about 4:15 p.m. for a reported stabbing, Brady said. The call had first been received by Charleston police, but the house is in an unincorporated area, so the county was notified. When deputies entered the house, they found a female who had been stabbed to death, Brady said.

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Black

To help

Anyone with information on Chesley Black Jr.'s whereabouts should call the Charleston County Sheriff's Office at 202-1700.