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Lawrence H. Norton, Esq.  
Office of General Counsel  
*Federal Election Commission*  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: *Complaint against the Beaufort County (SC) Democratic Party, South of the Broad Club*

Dear Mr. Norton,

This complaint is filed against the Beaufort County (South Carolina) Democratic Party, South of the Broad Club for failing to timely file and report their Federal Election Activity during 2006 contrary to applicable law and regulation.

The Beaufort County Democratic Party, South of the Broad Club placed several advertisements in a local newspaper advocating the election of a federal candidate, Michael Ray Ellisor.

A cursory review of the advertisement notes, at a minimum, the lack of an appropriate disclaimer. Additionally, it is believed that these advertisements exceeded the reporting threshold requiring the Beaufort County Democratic Party, South of the Broad Club to file with the Commission.

Moreover, a cursory review of the Beaufort County Democratic Party, South of the Broad Club's state filings, as required by state law, should fully document their expenditures for 2006.

The Beaufort County Democratic Party, South of the Broad Club had previously filed with the Commission regarding their Federal Election Activity. The Club's filing status was terminated in February of 2005 with the agreement that it would be required to re-register with the Commission if it again became involved in federal elections.

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I respectfully request the Commission fully investigate this matter and will gladly provide any additional information required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R H Bates", with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Randolph H. Bates

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

The forgoing complaint against the Beaufort County Democratic Party, South of the Broad Club is subscribed and sworn to before me by Randolph H. Bates, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.



Signature

*Patricia Harney Palmer*

Notary Public for

*South Carolina*

My commission expires:

*October 1, 2009*

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Beaufort County Democratic Party, South of the Broad Club  
Attachments

One      *Island Packet*, advertisement  
Friday, 3 November 2006

Two      *Island Packet*, advertisement  
Saturday, 4 November 2006

Three     *Island Packet*, advertisement  
Tuesday, 7 November 2006

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INTERN

# Iran test-fires longer range missile

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran test-fired dozens of missiles, including the Shahab-3 that can reach Israel, in military maneuvers Thursday that it said were aimed at putting a stop to the role of world powers in the Persian Gulf region.

The show of strength came as Iran remains locked in dispute with the West over its nuclear program, which Washington says is geared toward producing atomic weapons but Tehran says is only for generating electricity. The maneuvers came three days after U.S.-led warships finished naval exercises in the Gulf that Iran branded as "adventurist."

State television reported that several kinds of missiles were tested, and broadcast footage of



The Associated Press

Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards tests missiles during maneuvers Thursday in a central desert area of Iran.

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"We want to show our deterrent and defensive power to transregional enemies, and we hope they will understand the message," the

head of the Revolutionary Guards, Gen. Yahya Rahim Safavi, said in a clear reference to the United States, Britain and France, who were among the six nations that took part in the Gulf maneuvers earlier this week.

Iranian state radio said "The maneuver is aimed at providing security in the region without the intervention of trans-regional powers, which are trying to justify their presence by portraying the region as convulsive."

Asked about Iran's tests, White House deputy press secretary Tony Fratto said, "I don't have any independent verification on that."

Iran's Shahab-3 missile, which can carry a nuclear warhead and is said to have a range of more than 1,250 miles, is believed to be based on a North Korean missile design.

# U.S. will try to resolve N. Korea financial issues

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, South Korea — The main U.S. envoy to South Korea said Thursday that Washington will seek to resolve financial restrictions on North Korea that have hindered nuclear talks, after Pyongyang agreed to return to the negotiations following its nuclear test.

U.S. Ambassador Alexander Vershbow said Washington has agreed to form a working group on the financial issue amid the six-nation nuclear talks that North Korea agreed this week to rejoin — the first sign of a relaxation of tensions after the North's Oct. 9 test.

"We want to resolve these issues because we do want to have a normal relationship with North Korea," Vershbow said in a lecture to university students, referring to

## Sanctions talk

South Korea has said it would take steps to punish North Korea under a U.N. sanctions resolution for its nuclear test.

Alexander Vershbow, the U.S. envoy to South Korea, said the U.N. sanctions resolution "remains in force until North Korea denuclearizes."

Source: The Associated Press

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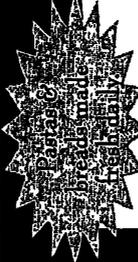
Pyeongyang has said it will seek to have the financial restrictions lifted at the resumed talks, last held in November 2005. They involve the two Koreas, China, Russia, Japan and the U.S.

No date has been set for the next round of talks, but South Korean Vice Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan said Wednesday it would be held after the summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, or APEC, scheduled for Nov. 18-19 in Vietnam.

China said the sooner the talks resume, the better.

President Roh Moo-hyun said South Korea would keep its

relations with North Korea "friendly" despite the communist regime's nuclear test — a sign that Seoul will seek to mend ties that were strained by the North's missile tests in July and worsened after the most recent nuclear test.



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# INTERNATIONAL

## Taiwan leaders fall to corruption

### First lady, three aides already indicted; Officials say president could be next

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAIPEI, Taiwan — President Chen Shui-bian suffered the biggest blow of his administration Friday when prosecutors indicted his wife for corruption and said they have enough evidence to charge him, too — an announcement that could quickly end his fragile leadership.

The news sent thousands of anti-government protesters into the streets of the island's capital, and the main opposition party said it would launch a new recall drive if Chen doesn't resign by Monday.

Chang Wen-cheng of the Taiwan High Prosecutors' Office — who announced that first lady Wu Shuchen and three aides were indicted on embezzlement, forgery and perjury charges — said there is a strong possibility that Chen also will be indicted after he leaves office.

Chen's nemesis, Nationalist Party leader Ma Ying-jeou, demanded that he resign immediately.

"He has lost the people's trust and respect, and as he is burdened with scandals, he can no longer lead the people nor effectively represent the country," Ma said.

Ma said the Nationalists, the biggest opposition party, would launch

a recall drive against Chen if the president did not resign by Monday. Chen's support base showed signs of crumbling on Friday.

Leaders of the president's Democratic Progressive Party met and officials insisted Chen explain the allegations within three days.

"We strongly demand that President Chen Shui-bian explain the unclear parts from the prosecutors' report," said Yu Shyi-kun, the ruling party's chairman.

There has long been grumbling inside the president's party that the scandal-tainted Chen has become too much of a liability and should be dumped before the 2008 presidential election.

The Taiwan Solidarity Union, a small party that backed him, said it would support a recall motion against him if it comes up in the island's legislature.

With the small support, Ma's Nationalists and their People First Party ally would need the support of about a dozen lawmakers from Chen's party if the recall passed, it would be sent to the voters for approval in a referendum.



The Associated Press  
Taiwanese protesters cheer at an anti-President Chen Shui-bian rally Friday after prosecutors said they have enough evidence to indict Chen on corruption charges.

### What's next for Taiwan?

- **Sitting president safe:** Under Taiwanese law, a sitting president cannot be indicted other than on charges of sedition.
- **Ready to step down:** Chen, who didn't comment on the indictments, has said he would step down if there is evidence of wrongdoing.
- **Worthy successor?:** If Chen quits with two years left in his second term, his outspoken and unpredictable vice president, Annette Lu, likely would take power. That could raise tensions with rival China, which reviles Lu and has called her "insane" and "scum of the nation."

Source: The Associated Press

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authorities at an Italian-run hospital in Helmand province received a phone call telling them to go to a location on the road linking Lashkar Gah and Kandahar. It was there that an Afghan hospital employee found Torsello, he said.

Torsello is in good health and will travel back to Kabul, where he could arrive sometime Sunday, Sequi said.

### Fiji, military leaders talk amid coup fears

SUVA, Fiji — Thousands of troops paraded in Fiji's tense capital Friday, but the prime minister said the acting military chief assured him there were no plans for a military coup.

The parade, which followed a military march late Thursday in the streets of the capital of Suva, were provocative shows of force amid a standoff between the government and the military that has sparked fears of a fourth coup in less than 20 years in the South Pacific nation.

Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase met with the acting defense chief, Capt. Esala Telani, for talks on the crisis, and afterward described the recent escalation in the long running dispute as a "hiccup."

"He gave me an assurance again that the military never intended to stage a coup and they are continuing with their war of words, as they put it," Qarase told reporters after the meeting. "The message to our people is that things are normal."

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# Ordinance

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Azallion said the group does not support illegal immigration. But it believes the draft ordinance might supersede federal immigration authorities by giving the county's business-license office the power to enforce immigration laws, she said. It also could place a heavy burden on business owners and strain county resources, she said.

"We think that there are a lot of uncertainties in trying to implement and comply with the ordinance," she said. "The issue of illegal immigration is not anything that we've even considered."

The actions of the group represent the first organized opposition to the county's effort to rein in the perceived illegal-immigration problem. Until now, it has been mostly cheered by residents who have long complained that illegal immigration has gotten out of hand in Beaufort County, but little has been heard from the business or Hispanic communities.

The Latin America Council of South Carolina, the area's largest Hispanic assistance and advocacy group, also has been fomenting opposition to parts of the proposed ordinance, sending letters to County Council members and Chairman Weston Newton, said the Latin American Council's executive director, Luis Bell.

The Latin American Council is holding an informational meeting Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Ebenezer Church in Bluffton. It has been advertising the event with Spanish-language ads in

## If you go

The Latin American Council of South Carolina will hold an informational session on the proposed ordinance at the Ebenezer Church at 35 Pinckney Colony Road in Bluffton at 8 p.m. Wednesday. Call 682-4599 for more information.

local publications with the goal of engaging the Hispanic community in the debate, Bell said.

"We would like to call their attention to some things that they haven't (thought of) before, and we would like them to know that there (are) very (many) things, economical and from the community point of view, that are going to be at stake if such a proposal is passed," he said.

The county first considered the ordinance in early October when Councilwoman Starletta Hairston introduced a proposal borrowed from the City Council in Hazleton, Pa. A U.S. District judge has issued a temporary restraining order blocking that ordinance from going into effect.

Under the proposal, businesses that employ illegal immigrants could have their county business licenses revoked. The latest draft, to be discussed Wednesday, requires business owners to sign an affidavit saying they do not knowingly employ illegal immigrants. They're also encouraged to enroll in the federal government's free Basic Pilot Program that allows employers to verify employees' legal status.

Then comes the part that has some business owners worried: Anyone can file a complaint against a business suspected of employing illegal immigrants. The county says it will only consider it a valid complaint if it is signed by the person who files it. The county will not investigate complaints that allege a business is employing illegal immigrants just because it employs minorities, the ordinance says. Businesses would have 15 days to produce documents proving their workers are legal.

Azallion said businesses are concerned that would open the floodgates to complaints and would overload both the county and business owners with time-consuming verification.

But Hairston said the ordinance is only reinforcing what the federal government requires of businesses and that it will help to even the playing field for businesses that have been losing out to competitors that employ cheap illegal labor.

"I think our taxpaying citizens should expect we only give lawful people or citizens a business license here," she said. "They're not going to do this if we keep doing what we're doing, putting our head in the sand (while) the problem is just growing larger and larger."

*Island Packet staff writer Ginny Skalska contributed to this report. Contact Tim Donnelly at 706-8145 or [ttdonnelly@islandpacket.com](mailto:ttdonnelly@islandpacket.com). To comment on this story, please go to [islandpacket.com](http://islandpacket.com).*

documents, and they have to evolve to different needs as they arise."

Preston would like to see Palmetto Bluff hold an open meeting in front of the Town Council to explain its runoff management program and actions it's taking to ensure the May River is protected.

"In my view, Palmetto Bluff is attempting to go above and beyond, for the most part, what they are being required to do," Preston said. "They just need to stand up and answer everyone's questions."

Palmetto Bluff general manager Bill Peacher said the development has been forthcoming and proactive on all environmental issues. The issue, he said, is that some in the community are angry that the golf course was approved in the first place.

"In their judgment, the golf course shouldn't have been built where it is," Peacher said. "But we've jumped through every hoop, gotten every approval and gone

beyond what was required of us to deliver environmentally on all levels. We've upheld our end of the bargain here."

Even so, after Waring, McIntire and others met with community officials, Palmetto Bluff embarked on a project to replace some of the golf course grasses near the river and its marshes with natural vegetative buffers, including spartina marsh grass and saw palmetto.

But Peacher and Patti Richards, director of Palmetto Bluff Conservancy, an environmental nonprofit set up to protect the community's natural resources, said it's not because there was a problem with the previous filtration systems, nor was it solely to quiet critics.

"This is not just to appease the community," Richards said. "If everybody is in agreement, and they think native vegetation will do a better job than grass, then we're willing to do it."

Winston-Salem, NC 27103, in memory of his late wife, Geraldine Hale

### Stephen F. Krimm

Stephen Francis Krimm, 45, of Hilton Head Island died Sunday, Nov. 5, 2006, at his home.

He was born Jan. 24, 1961, in Cleveland, the son of the late Cleta Jayne Krimm and George E. Krimm. He moved to Hilton Head Island in 1985 from Cleveland.

He was an architect. He is survived by his wife, Anita Bonaminio Krimm, a son, Zachary Stephen Krimm, a daughter, Madeline Rachel Krimm, a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Tamara Krimm of Wasilla, Alaska, a niece and nephew, Chelsea and Jordan Papp of Hudson, Ohio, and nephews, Michael and Keith Krimm of Cleveland.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth Papp, in October.

Friends will be received from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at The Island Funeral Home and Crematory, 4 Cardinal Road. A mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Francis By the Sea Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Krimm Children's Fund, 36 Indian Trail, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926.

### Hospital

Surviving locally are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Rebecca Hale, and five grandchildren, James, Matthew, Emily, Rachel and Noah Hale, all of Bluffton.

Mr. Hale was born Nov. 28, 1932, son of the late George Bury and Nora Wilson Hale.

He worked for 30 years for Amoco Oil Co., where he received numerous safe-driving awards and served as shop steward with Local Teamster Union 391.

Survivors also include two daughters and sons-in-law, Anita and Ronald Lewis of Stanley, N.C., and Brenda and Michael Whicker of Kernersville, N.C., two grandchildren, Alisha and Stephen Whicker of Kernersville, and four sisters, Nevil Bowling, Katherine Wade, Charlotte Greene and Juanita Shrader.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine Brown Hale, two brothers, George Bury Hale Jr. and Edgar Hale, and an infant sister, Flossy Hale.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today at the Eastlawn Gardens of Memory Mausoleum Chapel in Kernersville, with Chaplain Fred Moretz officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home, 101 Hospice Lane,

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## Locker room

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Seahawks football coach Tim Singleton said a Georgetown parent tried to attack him, and several players started verbal confrontations as the teams shook hands near midfield after Hilton Head High's 14-10 victory in the first round of the Class 3-A playoffs.

"Most of their kids acted with class, but a few of them wanted to be jerks about it and made some inappropriate comments,"

Singleton said.

He said he was then assisted by a few Georgetown parents in directing Bulldog players back toward their team's bench.

"But then one of their parents made a smart comment, too, and I said, 'That's not necessary,' and the guy kind of went crazy," Singleton said. "Two other adults had to hold him back."

Singleton said Georgetown coaches returned to midfield to help calm the situation.

"Coach (Barry) Avant and their principal handled it with a lot of class, and apologized to us," Singleton said. "That was good enough to me."

Administrators at the two schools talked again Monday and were "still sifting through the facts," said Hilton Head athletic director Greg Elliott, who added that Georgetown "will try to make good" on the damage. He declined further comment.

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