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The hearing to determine whether the Durham district attorney should keep her job is adjourned until Feb. 20 after she appears to be struggling with an illness in court. 1B

FAMILY SAYS SLAIN MAN WANTED HELP

The family of a man killed by a Wake County sheriff's deputy says that he had called 911 for help and that deputies should have taken steps to avoid a confrontation. 1B

WITNESS DESCRIBES YOUNG CRIME SCENE

The second week of testimony in the Jason Young murder retrial opened with testimony on what investigators found at the home after Michelle Young was found dead. 1B

HOUSE GOP AGREES ON PAYROLL TAX

Republican leaders say the caucus is willing to extend the two-percentage-point cut in the payroll tax through the end of the year and add the \$100 billion cost to the nation's debt. 3A

HURRICANES BEAT CANADIENS 5-3

Carolina scores three times in the third period to bring home a win against the Canadiens in Montreal. 1C

WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy. High 56; low 38.

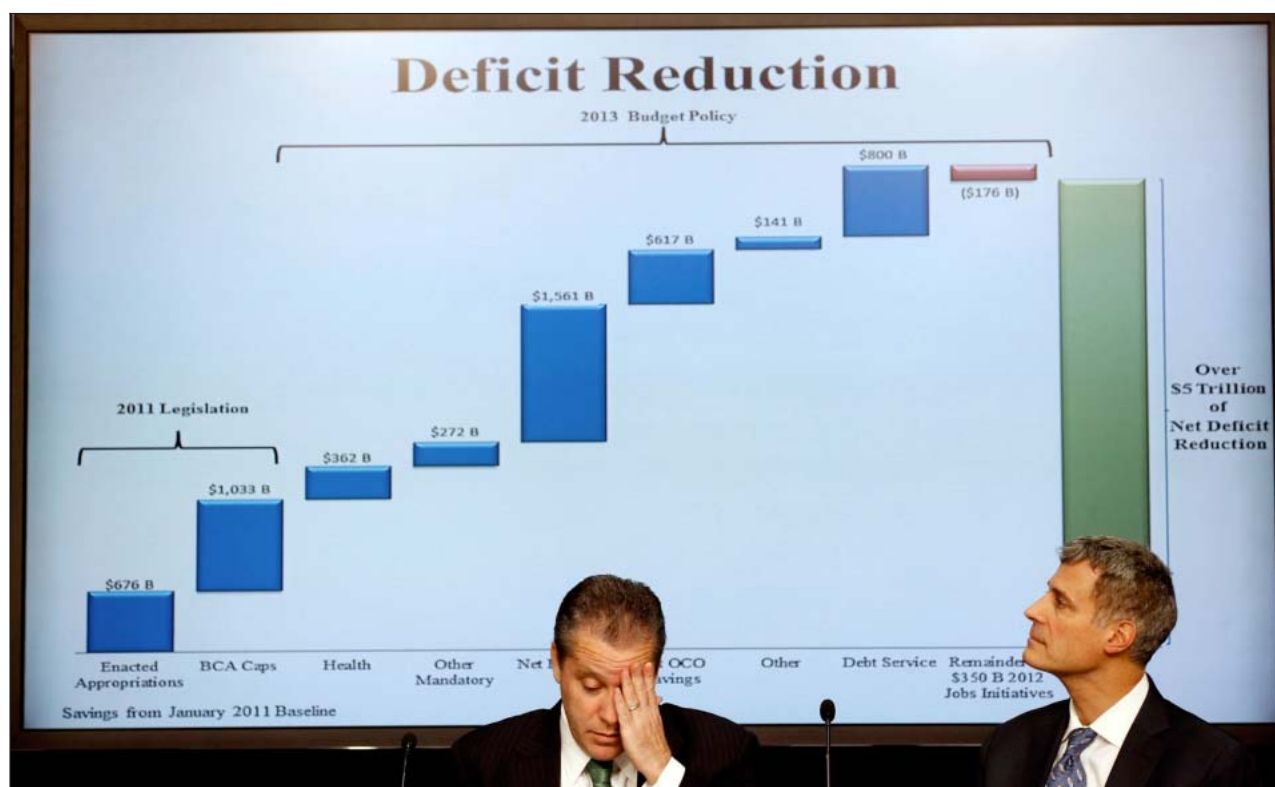
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Obama budget aims for less onerous deficits



National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling, center, and Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Alan Krueger participate in a news conference on the Obama administration's \$3.8 trillion budget Monday.

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\$3.8 TRILLION PLAN FOCUSES ON SPENDING, NOT CUTS

By Kevin G. Hall
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's proposed federal budget would shrink annual deficits over 10 years, but it would fall far short of taming the nation's exploding federal debt.

By the end of his second term, if he's re-elected, debt held by the public would rise to \$15.7 trillion. That's more than double the \$7.5 trillion national debt he inherited when he came into office. And debt held by the public is projected to keep rising under his budget, reaching \$19.5 trillion by 2022.

Meanwhile, Obama's budget wouldn't slash annual budget deficits, but it would reduce them to levels seen as less threatening — but still high.

After spending 2011 fighting with Congress over how to cut the budget, Obama



Staff assistant Kathleen Llewellyn of the Senate Budget Committee unloads copies of the budget. Story, 6A.

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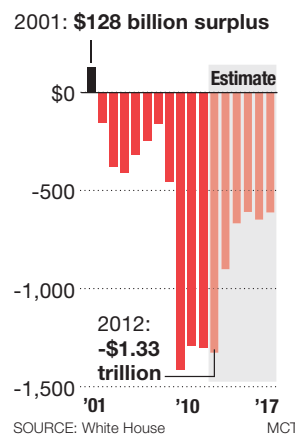
submitted a \$3.8 trillion budget for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1 that projects the fiscal 2012 deficit actually will rise, to \$1.326 trillion — slightly higher than last year's \$1.299 trillion.

Annual deficits then would shrink, to \$612 billion in fiscal 2017 — which starts Oct. 1, 2016, the final year of Obama's second term if he

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Federal budget deficits ease

What the 2013 budget proposal says about deficits, actual and estimated, by fiscal year, in billions:



SOURCE: White House

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1,400 jobs may be coming

Caterpillar may build in SE N.C.

By David Bracken
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An industrial park just west of Wilmington is among the sites where heavy equipment-maker Caterpillar is considering building a plant that would employ 1,400 people.

The project would deepen North Carolina's already close ties with the Illinois-based company, which over the past 18 months has received about \$50 million in state and local incentives for projects in Winston-Salem, Sanford and Clayton.

Rep. Dewey Hill, a Democrat who represents Brunswick and Columbus counties, confirmed Monday that the company is considering the 1,000-acre International Logistics Park along the border between Brunswick and Columbus counties.

"I feel sort of good about the project right now," said Hill, who has been involved in some of the discussions. "It's going to be heavy, real heavy, anywhere from a 1,000 to 1,800 (jobs). And of course it's Caterpillar and they're a great company."

Caterpillar announced in November it was looking for a site in the United States to manufacture mini excavators and small tractors. The factory would employ 1,400 people and handle manufacturing currently done in Japan.

Speculation that the plant would be built in North Carolina ratcheted up last week after the Associated Press obtained an email from company officials that said the facility

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Baffling bills serve as toll warning

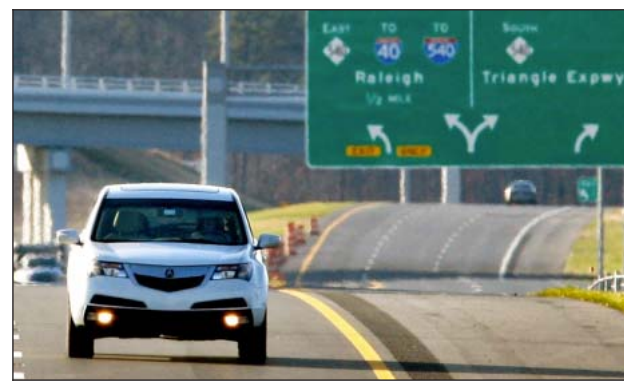
Elaine Petrone of Raleigh wants to know why she and her husband got bills in the mail from the N.C. Turnpike Authority, illustrated with photos of their license plates, for trips on N.C. 540 near Research Triangle Park.

ROAD WORRIER



Bruce Siceloff

The bills were for \$0.00. "I didn't see any signs that say this is a toll road," Petrone said. "It's a waste of resources to be running that thing you're not collecting tolls on, and sending out bills for zero dollars." The bill is a bleak warning



In January, drivers started paying tolls electronically on the first 3.7 miles of the Triangle Expressway.

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from the N.C. Turnpike Authority to drivers on this section of 540: It's free now. But get ready to pay.

Between now and early August, thousands of drivers can expect to receive these baffling bills for zero dollars and no obvious sense.

This three-mile leg of the 540 Outer Loop in western Wake County, from N.C. 54 to N.C. 55, has been a toll-free ride since it opened in July 2007. But, with the consent of state and federal offi-

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Wake study stirs 'one world' debate

By Thomas Goldsmith
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A work session of the Wake County Board of Commissioners on Monday turned into a debate about whether proposals to control the county's rapid growth are part of a one-world movement to deny individual freedoms.

What ignited the debate was the work session's first order of business: a task force report on "sustainability" that recommends how Wake should approach its future energy and resource needs.

Paul Coble, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, used the topic to propose a Wake County property rights commission. He

said it would ward off any chance that United Nations-style notions of sustainability could infringe on individual rights in Wake.

"We'd far rather err on the side of property rights than on collectivism," said Coble, who is campaigning for the Republican nomination for the seat in North Carolina's 13th U.S. Congressional District.

Task force members denied any one-world influence and said they had only responded to the board's request for the study, which still faces a vote in a regular meeting at an undetermined date.

Commissioner Erv Port-

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