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Unions ready to fight

To the editor,

On Sept. 10 in a Georgetown hotel meeting room a group met for the 59th year here in South Carolina. There were no news crews or reporters in attendance.

This group awarded scholarships to members' children and grandchildren. The group discussed issues that affect citizens of our state and asked politicians to come and be a part of those conversations. The members have family ties to South Carolina dating back hundreds of years and are staples in their communities. The members of this group through a democratic process elected an executive board to work within our state for the betterment of the organization.

This organization discussed how it could help the Georgetown community after the devastating closure of the steel mill. Gov. Haley, who is younger than the time that this organization has been serving South Carolina, was invited to learn what this organization is and does in her

state but was unable to attend.

This organization, a staple for almost 60 years, is none other than the SC AFL-CIO. An organization of unions with members who live across the state of South Carolina. An organization that has been repeatedly been told that it does not exist here in our state by Gov. Haley.

I encourage Gov. Haley and all our legislators to reach out to this organization to speak with the members and learn our history.

To learn that a labor organization is more than the internationalists that our politicians like to say are the ones pushing labor issues in our state.

To learn the stories of the struggles of the citizens of South Carolina and how the SC AFL-CIO works to help with those struggles. But, most of all, to learn that we are here, and we are not going any were without a fight because we fight for our ancestors, as well as our children's future.

*Joe Shelley
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To the editor,
 Applause from the audience.
 "Welcome to the new reality game show 'SO YOU THINK YOU HAVE A DEAL,' brought to you by the American Petroleum Institute. I'm Bob Blowhard, your host. Don, who is our first guest?"

Don: "Gov. Nikki Haley, COME ON DOWN."

Bob: "Gov. Haley, you get to choose what's behind door number one labeled 'Money, Money, Money,' door number two labeled 'Jobs, Jobs, Jobs,' or door number three labeled 'Political Aspirations.' Which door do you choose first?"

Gov. Haley: "Our great state needs money for all the programs it can't afford, so I'll choose door number one."

Bob: "Sorry, governor, but President Obama and Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell have decided that revenue sharing from offshore drilling should not go to the states so they kept it. You get zip. Care to try another door?"

Gov. Haley: "Well, we really do need jobs and offshore drilling needs infrastructure, and Georgetown could be the next Port Fourchon. I'll take door number two."

Bob: "Sorry again, governor,

but the oil drillers need suppliers right away and it would take years to develop that kind of port in Georgetown. They picked Norfolk, Virginia, because it is already a huge deep water port, has no bridges to get under, has Newport News Shipbuilders right there to make repairs or build new supply ships, and has freeways and railheads already built in. No jobs for South Carolina there. You have one door left."

Gov. Haley: "Well, at least I still have my political career to fall back on. I'll take door number three."

Bob: "Sorry, Gov. Haley. Through some odd quirk of politics, a circus clown was nominated by the GOP to run for president, and he has chosen a swimsuit model as his running mate because she is 'So hot.' Don, what kind of parting gifts do we have for the governor?"

Don: "Well, governor, we have a hearty 'Thank you' to give you and bus fare back to South Carolina. And now for our next guest: U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, COME ON DOWN."

Applause from the audience.

Ed Yaw

Pawleys Island

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Eleven GOP presidential hopefuls will be trying to make their case Friday for the White House in Greenville.

You can follow The State's coverage of Heritage Action's "Take Back America" forum on thestate.com, where political reporter Andrew Shain will post live updates as the candidates — including the Top 5 front-runners, according to national polls — answer questions from S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley and Heritage Action leaders.

The event at Bon Secours Wellness Arena starts at 4 p.m. The can-

didates each will speak for about 20 minutes.

The forum's lineup features: New York business mogul Donald Trump; retired Maryland neurosurgeon Ben Carson; former chief executive Carly Fiorina; former Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida; U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz of Texas, Rand Paul of Kentucky and Marco Rubio of Florida; Govs. Chris Christie of New Jersey, Bobby Jindal of Louisiana and Scott Walker of Wisconsin; and former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania.

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Add getting Gamecocks season football tickets in a luxury suite to the list of permissible perks for South Carolina's governor.

Gov. Nikki Haley and previous governors, going back decades, have routinely received the tickets as a benefit of occupying the Governor's Mansion. But Haley's office sought an opinion from the State Ethics Commission about the gift earlier this month following questions from a

reporter, said her attorney, Butch Bowers.

The board on Wednesday unanimously approved allowing the university to continue the longstanding practice, calling it a gift to the office rather than Haley herself.

The governor's office receives 16 tickets to each home game. Haley personally attended three of the seven home games last year, said Haley spokeswoman Chaney Adams.

Ethics Commission attorney Michael Burch-

stead called it a "close question."

Ordinarily, it's easier to discern when gifts to the governor's office that exceed the limit are nevertheless legal, he said, using the example of a painting that remains on the wall for future governors.

But he concluded it's OK as long as USC continues to provide the tickets with no restrictions on their use, and Haley puts priority on using them for state purposes, such as hosting dignitaries or courting company executives.

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Lowcountry in some pretty deep water

Nuisance flooding is on rise with development, loss of wetlands

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The flooding last month that swamped a mobile home park in North Charleston and impacted thousand of people's commute from the Sea Islands is likely to happen again — and soon, experts predict.

Nuisance flooding is on the rise in the Lowcountry as devel-

opment increases, filling in wetlands and creating more impervious surface, such as blacktops and roofs. It's a problem felt up and down the rapidly growing East Coast.

The Shadowmoss Plantation flooding was in a low-lying area near Church Creek, along

rapidly developing Bees Ferry Road. The Charlestowne Village Mobile Home Park flooding in North Charleston took place in a low spot across Dorchester Road from the newly built Jerry Zucker Middle School and in the vicinity

of development around Charleston International Airport.

And the Main Road flooding

below the Limehouse Bridge to Johns Island took place at a low point of the road where it crosses wetlands, near the newly built McLernon Trace townhouse subdivision and commercial development along U.S. Highway 17.

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Nuisance flooding on rise in Lowcountry

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Overall, the Aug. 31 flooding was bad enough that Gov. Nikki Haley declared five coastal counties a disaster and the federal Small Business Administration is making available low-interest loans to help with recovery.

At a public meeting last week with state and county transportation staffers, residents weren't mollified when the Main Road flooding was characterized as a "freak" weather occurrence of heavy rains and high tides.

"If you've got all that going on, all those houses, you're always going to have flooding there," said Edisto Island resident McKinley Washington, a former state senator, at the meeting.

County: Charleston

the road and not the other, the water has to run down somewhere," said the Rev. Bernard Brown to murmurs of assent.

The S.C. Department of Transportation operations chief engineer did not disagree. "Absolutely," operations chief Andrew Leaphart said after the meeting, confirming that nearby development makes it harder to maintain roads not only because of more cars but because of difficulties draining them. "The geographical features of an area impact it," he said.

The numbers back them up. A 2014 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration study concluded that Charleston floods four times more often today than it did in the 1960s, and it's going to get worse. A number of factors were

cited, including the loss of natural barriers, such as wetlands, as well as sea-level rise and land subsidence.

An ongoing College of Charleston study has found that the National Weather Service issued coastal tidal flooding advisories 10 times more in the past 10 years than it did a half-century ago. Researchers haven't pinned down causes, said Lee Linder, atmospheric studies professor.

"There is no question the loss of wetlands affects it, but we don't know how much it influences it. The wetlands (act like) a sponge," he said. "The more you pave over an area, the worse flooding becomes. Definitely in the suburban areas, we've seen much more of that."

As Leaphart noted during the meeting, "We can't always

build or construct our way out of these traffic jams."

The problem is impervious surface — asphalt, concrete, roofs or similar areas that don't absorb rain. Study after study, as well as common sense, has indicated that the fewer places water has to drain, the more it pools.

"Wetlands within and upstream of urban areas are particularly valuable for flood protection. The impervious surface in urban areas greatly increases the rate and volume of runoff, thereby increasing the risk of flood damage," the North Carolina State University water quality program said on its website.

"In a developed watershed, much more water arrives into a stream much more quickly, resulting in an increased like-

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likelihood of more frequent and more severe flooding,” reported the U.S. Geological Survey on its website in August.

The fixes are expensive. Main Road improvements to relieve traffic congestion at the U.S. 17 intersection nearby have been estimated to cost at least \$3.5 million. Residents want an overpass that would raise at least part of the flooding area.

That would cost an estimated \$50 million.

And the Lowcountry is rapidly developing into an urban area. A decade ago, a breakthrough study at the federal Hollings Marine Laboratory on Fort Johnson indicated that 14 percent of Charleston County’s land was covered by impervious surface. The lower portions of Dorchester and Berkeley Coun-

ty weren’t that far behind.

No more recent study has been done, but more than 60,000 people have moved to the tri-county area in the past five years, along with a number of large “footprint” businesses.

A residential and commercial development boom that started in the 1990s slowed with the 2008 Great Recession but is back underway. In 2013,

that three-county area around Charleston was the 12th-fastest-growing metropolitan area in the nation, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Berkeley and Dorchester counties made a top-100 list of fastest-growing U.S. counties.

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Federal flood disaster loans

Gov. Nikki Haley declared five coastal counties a disaster after damage from recent high-tide and rain related flooding, including Charleston, Dorchester and Berkeley counties. The federal Small Business Administration is making available low-interest loans up to \$200,000 to help with recovery. The filing deadline is Nov. 9. To apply, go online to <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>; call 1-800-659-2955 or visit Fire Station No. 5, 6265 Dorchester Road, North Charleston; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays. Open until 4 p.m. Sept. 23.

Flooding increasing in Lowcountry

Coastal tidal flooding weather advisories issued by the National Weather Service for the Charleston area:

2
1950-1959

245
2005-2014

— Source: College of Charleston, courtesy Prof. Lee Linder.



Poll

What do you see as the largest contributor to nuisance flooding? Go to **postandcourier.com/polls** to vote.

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Chris Alexander gives Melissa Kucin and her dog a boat ride from their flooded home at the end of Two Loch Place to high ground. Shadowmoss Plantation was hit hard by flooding after a record rainfall last month.

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A Charleston police officer blocks a lane of traffic on Bees Ferry Road last month as motorists make their way through a flooded area in the other lane. Increasing development has caused more runoff, contributing to area flooding woes.

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Don't Drill meeting overflows

Hundreds aim to
send Haley message

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MOUNT PLEASANT — A capacity turnout of more than 200 people packed a meeting hall for the inaugural Don't Drill Lowcountry gathering Tuesday night. Dozens more waited outside.

"We had to turn people away," organizer Sydney Cook said.

This is the fourth "spinoff" along the coast of Stop Oil Drilling in the Atlantic, a Pawleys Island-based group. Each of them has started the same way, said activist JeanMarie Neal, with overflow crowds.

The grass-roots organization represents people who say they are frus-

trated that more isn't being done to stop proposed oil and gas exploration offshore — despite solid opposition from coastal community governments, conservation and business organizations.

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Meeting overflows

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These aren't your standard conservation advocates and don't have standard memberships. Their participants include a former oil-rig crew chief and a former U.S. Department of the Interior staffer who worked with offshore oil and natural gas operations. They include teachers, Realtors, business owners, engineers, attorneys and a former congressional staffer. They number in the thousands.

What they want is for Gov. Nikki Haley to listen, to do an about-face from her current position and request that South Carolina be excluded from the leasing area. The idea is to use word-of-mouth influence, getting people as individuals to petition her.

"If the governor says no, we are out. That's why the focus is on Governor Haley," Cook said.

Their work is cut out for them. Haley worked largely behind the scenes with industry lobbyists to urge federal officials in the

Obama administration to open the Southeast coast to oil and natural gas testing and drilling.

In January, the Interior Department included the region in its proposed areas for five-year leases that would open the waters to exploration with repeated blasts of seismic guns 50 miles or more offshore. Meanwhile, a bill now in the U.S. Senate would give states the option to open up their own waters to testing closer to shore.

The issue cuts to the heart of coastal life, where people appear to largely support curbing exploration to protect marine life and a billion-dollar tourism economy. Industry spokespeople have argued that the work can be conducted while ensuring the safety of marine animals.

Since January, more than 40 community governments in the Carolinas have come out against the proposed drilling, along with hundreds of businesses and business groups.

Haley hasn't budged. Asked again Tuesday if the growing op-

position has her reconsidering, Haley — who is in Europe on an economic development trip — released a statement through staff.

"Governor Haley appreciates the concerns of those activists — offshore exploration should be done in a way that protects, and never compromises, our environment, our ports and tourism industry," the release said.

"But as she has worked with members of the congressional delegation and the General Assembly on this critical economic development issue, she's also been clear: exploring offshore for energy is critical to our future because it means jobs, energy independence from other countries and security for our state."

State Sen. Chip Campsen, who spoke at the meeting at Charleston Harbor Resort, opposes the leases because he believes the onshore infrastructure demand to drill for oil or natural gas offshore would be too much for the

coast to handle while protecting its tourism economy. If approval of the leases were pressed to vote in the state Legislature, it would be close, he said.

"It's pretty powerful that so many coastal communities have weighed in on the issue," Campsen said. But "to be honest, I think the Legislature has somewhat ignored it, because (the state) doesn't have any jurisdiction in the matter."

The Don't Drill Lowcountry campaign was launched by three Sullivan's Island residents, Sarah Church, Rita Langley and Cook. They aren't strangers to politics. Two of them are Town Council members. But this sort of campaign is bigger than any of them has tried before.

Yet they had 1,400 follows on social media within four days of launching a Facebook page with no promotion, Cook said.

"It has very quickly escalated as we've gotten the word out. People are coming out in great strength," Church said.

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supporters. It's that there aren't enough of us to handle them," Cook said. "Not a single person or group approached has said no." The Stop Oil Drilling in the Atlantic group has more than 1,500 "core" participants, Neal said. Each person contacted is

asked to spread the word. The startling thing for organizers of each group has been just how many people weren't aware of plans to open the offshore areas. "The sense is people are desperate for information. They don't know what they can do

to help. They feel powerless. It's almost a vacuum," Cook said. That's what they want to change.

"It's phenomenal," said James Mulhern of Mount Pleasant about the turnout at Tuesday's meeting. "It's hard to work as an

individual, so it's good to see the community coming together."

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Poll



Do you support testing for oil and gas deposits off

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SC deaths more than twice the national average

Figures are from 2013 with an increase of 7 deaths to 57 vs. 2012

Nationally, 94% of women killed by someone they knew

BY MEG KINNARD

Associated Press

South Carolina has again ranked worst in the nation for deadly violence against women, according to a report released Tuesday by the Violence Policy Center.

Ranking first among states for women murdered by men, South Carolina had a rate of 2.32 women killed per 100,000 people in 2013,

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the latest year for which statistics are available.

That's more than twice the national average and represents 57 known deaths, compared with 50 a year earlier, according to the study.

South Carolina ranked second last year and has been in the report's top 10 annually for the last 18

years. This is the fourth time that the state ranked worst in the nation.

The study found that nationwide, 94 percent of women murdered by men were killed by someone they knew, and the most common weapon used was a gun.

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Renaming Tillman Hall?

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When: 4 p.m.

Where: The walk will begin at the gates of Memorial Stadium and continue to Tillman Hall

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The study includes other information regarding female victims killed in domestic disputes in South Carolina, including:

- **Age:** Five female homicide victims were less than 18 years old and eight victims were 65 years of age or older. The average age of female victims was 44.
- **Race:** Out of 57 female homicide victims, 43 were white, 21 were black, one was Asian or Pacific Islander and one was of unknown race.

- **Most common weapons:** For homicides in which a weapon could be identified, 60 percent of female victims were shot and killed with guns. Of those, 66 percent were killed by handguns. Six females were killed by knives or other cutting instruments, two were killed with a blunt object and nine were killed by bodily force.

- **Victim-offender relationship:** For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 96 percent of female victims were killed by someone they knew. Two female victims were killed by strangers.

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