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Exchanges reveal contempt for Pascoe



Pascoe



Wilson

Aide plotted with GOP figures before Wilson ripped special prosecutor, texts, emails show

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A chief aide of S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson apparently plotted with high-powered Republican consultants before last week's fiery news conference in which Wilson torched David Pascoe — his own special prosecutor — texts and emails obtained by The Post and Courier show.

Texts between Trey Walker, former aide to Gov. Nikki Haley and currently a lobbyist for BlueCross BlueShield, and Matt Moore, the S.C. Republican Party state chairman, describe discussions the day before the news conference between "Tony Denny, Henry Mac,

Quinn's and Piper ..."

The people referenced include two Republican consultants, the lieutenant governor and Wilson's deputy chief of staff, Adam Piper.

In statements to reporters last week, Wilson summed up the controversy as a turf war. But the emails and texts reveal the intensity of anger among some of Wilson's allies, their determination to make Pascoe pay, and the strains this created within the GOP.

"Matt," Adam Piper wrote to Moore on the morning of April 1 on his private Gmail account. "If there is a way for

the party to reveal David Pascoe is Dick Harpoottian's Mini-Me/Sock Puppet/Clone, it would be beneficial for years to come for the party."

Harpoottian is a longtime Democratic party leader and a past party chairman.

Piper added, according to the email, "Idea for you: Pascoe is a friend in other reasons. He's a Democrat political hack and Dick Harpoottian's mini me who has relied on Harpoottian throughout his career."

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THE WALTER SCOTT EFFECT ONE YEAR LATER

Never to be forgotten

Family visits grave 1 year after Scott's death, urges meaningful reforms



Judy and Walter Scott Sr. stand with flowers at the grave of their son, Walter Scott Jr., on Monday afternoon as they mark the first anniversary of his shooting death by a North Charleston police officer.

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Walter Scott's death at the hands of a North Charleston police officer should serve as the foundation for all police abuse cases across the nation, according to one of the family's attorneys.

Chris Stewart, standing a few feet from where the 50-year-old's body is buried, said Monday that many examples have been set in the last year by the family, the city of North Charleston and the state Legislature.

He and attorney Justin Bamberg gathered with many of Scott's family members at his gravesite at Live Oak Memorial Gardens to mark the first anniversary of his shooting death. They brought flowers and released blue and white balloons symbolizing love, hope and justice — and Scott's fondness for the Dallas Cowboys.

Family members tearfully took turns laying flowers on the memorial and comforting each other with big hugs. They stood for a

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moment of silence and held hands to pray before speaking out about what the day meant for them.

"This day a year ago shook America to its core," Stewart said. "Every single American, every single person in the world, witnessed murder."

He said there never would have been justice or any steps taken toward justice if it hadn't been for the cellphone video a bystander took of the shooting.

Michael Slager, the former officer who shot Scott, is charged with murder and scheduled to go to trial in October.

Scott struggled with Slager after fleeing a traffic stop on April 4, 2015. As Scott ran away, Slager fired at him eight times, hitting him five times from behind.

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Chief Driggers to critics: 'Stop talking, come work with me'

Top cop with a low profile faces year of scrutiny, growth

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Eddie Driggers cocks his head at the sound of his name and smiles broadly at the four men waving to him from the yard of a weathered home bathed in the waning light of a spring afternoon in North Charleston.

"I'll have about the best seat in the house," Driggers bellows as he strides toward the group of old timers, a police radio bobbing from his slacks.

They chuckle as he greets them with a warm round of handshakes.

A tall, beefy man with a salt-and-pepper moustache and a measured drawl, Driggers comes across more as a kindly grandfather than as a leader of one of the largest law enforcement agencies in South Carolina — a police force at the center of a national firestorm.

For the past year, Driggers has been something of an enigma to an outside world trying to understand how one of his officers came to gun down an unarmed black man, shooting him five times from behind as he ran away.

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Driggers

Leak shows where the powerful hide money

Shell companies raising questions

BY DAVID MCHUGH and FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, GERMANY — A leak of 11.5 million documents from a Panama-based law firm offers a glimpse into the shadowy world where the rich and powerful hide their money, raising sharp questions about the use of shell companies that obscure the identities of their true owners.

Leaders of the Group of 20 — representing about 80 percent of the global economy — have vowed to crack down on the practice, which is blamed for helping conceal money laundering, corruption and tax evasion.

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Ashley bridge lane closure not ordeal some feared

Impressions of impact on traffic vary widely during experiment

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Monday morning marked the first commute across the Ashley River's northbound bridge since one of its lanes was blocked off — and it appeared to go as experts expected.

Around 8 a.m., the loss of the lane appeared to slow traffic approaching the bridge from Folly Road by several seconds as two lanes merged into one, but that congestion had lifted an hour later.

But the impressions of the resulting congestion varied widely, and some noticed a big change.

Douglas Muller of Johns Island said he noticed traffic backing up on James Island back to the Terrace Oaks Antique Mall, which he said is abnormal. "My normal commute was at least 10 minutes longer this morning than it is normally," he said. "The congestion was bumper to bumper and it did not ease until I exited the ramp from the bridge on to Lockwood Drive."

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Robber pistol-whips boy, 11, who hit him, shoots man. **A4**

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STATE HOUSE PROBE

AG's aide tried to smear SC special prosecutor

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A top aide to Attorney General Alan Wilson explored ways to discredit special prosecutor David Pascoe personally, politically and professionally, according to emails obtained by The State news-

Email reveals bare-knuckle tactics against special prosecutor attorney general hired, then fired

Wilson aide wrote GOP operatives, trying to launch attacks on special prosecutor as a Democratic lackey

paper.

The aide, Wilson's deputy chief of staff Adam Piper, sent an email late

last week to the chairman of the S.C. Republican Party, asking state chairman Matt Moore to con-

sider using the state Republican Party to besmirch Pascoe.

Pascoe, a Democrat, was appointed by Republican Wilson to investigate allegations of criminal wrongdoing by legislators at the GOP-controlled State House. However, last week, Wilson said he was firing Pascoe.

The email gives a rare glimpse into how political operatives plot no-holds-barred strategies as controversies unfold involving top political officials.

"If there is a way for the party to reveal David Pascoe is (former S.C. Democratic Party chairman) Dick Harpootlian's Mini-Me/Sock-Puppet/Clone, it

ONLINE

THESTATE.COM: See Adam Piper's email online.

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would be beneficial for years to come for the (Republican) party," Piper wrote in an email, sent at 10:58 a.m. Friday on his private email account, to Moore.

In the email, Piper called Pascoe "a Democrat political hack," saying he has relied on Harpootlian for years.

Moore told The State newspaper Monday that he

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Former Gamecock Cory Jenkins celebrates a reception during practice Monday afternoon for the USC lettermen's game, set for Saturday.

EXCLUSIVE

Arts group faces cuts in its taxpayer funding

BY CLIF LEBLANC
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The OneColumbia arts advocacy group has been spending public money inappropriately and could lose its taxpayer funding, according to city officials and two external audits.

In its first five years of operation, OneColumbia - a non-profit group born with the backing of Mayor Steve Benjamin - has received almost \$670,000 from the city to operate, records show. That money comes from meal taxes. The organization has asked for nearly \$177,000 more for the upcoming fiscal year.

However, an auditor has questioned thousands of those

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National study reports injustice in South Carolina's lower courts

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COLUMBIA - Many defendants in South Carolina's lower courts are not advised of their constitutional rights, trials are held without any lawyer present in the courtroom and those found guilty are sometimes given the choice of paying a fine they cannot afford or going to jail, in effect creating a debtors' prison, a national study of the state's magistrate and municipal courts has found.

The study, "Summary Injustice," by the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, was issued Monday following observations by attorneys in 27 lower courts in December 2014 and July 2015.

South Carolina has about 319 magistrates and about 200 municipal courts, called summary courts, according to the state's judicial website, that handle misdemeanor charges ranging from traffic violations to shoplifting and drug possession.

The report paints a bleak picture of what can happen to poor and unrepresented defendants in the state's lower courts, where often no lawyer is present, cases are sometimes prosecuted by police and thousands face criminal charges that can send them to jail for 30 days with a criminal record.

Among the report's other findings are that the courts often fail to inform defendants of their right to counsel and refuse to provide counsel to the poor at all stages of the criminal process.

"When you go to a summary court in South Carolina, you find yourself in a judicial netherworld where the police officer who made the arrest acts as the prosecutor, the judge may not have a law degree, and there are no lawyers in sight," said Susan Dunn, legal director of the ACLU of South Carolina. "By operating as if the Sixth Amendment doesn't exist, these courts weigh the scales of justice so heavily against defendants that they often receive fines and jail time they don't deserve."

Chris Welborn, a Rock Hill criminal defense lawyer and treasurer of the NACDL, said some may be shocked when they read the report.

"Sadly, as someone who has spent my career representing the criminally

accused in South Carolina, I am only able to underscore how pervasively these courts have been disregarding the rights of the people of South Carolina, and that it's been like this for decades," he said.

Magistrates and municipal judges are not required to hold law degrees in South Carolina. Newly appointed magistrates must have a four-year degree and both types of judges must undergo training and certification exams. Magistrates who are not attorneys must observe 10 trials before handling one of their own.

Summary judges are provided with a manual that offers information about procedures, how the court system works and a defendant's rights. In fact, the

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Police Chief Keith Grounsell speaks with supporters during a meeting to discuss his suspension at Simpsonville City Hall on Monday.

Simpsonville police chief 'not back at work'

Council votes to take action after suspension

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council members quickly packed up and left through a back door.

Following the meeting, Councilman Matthew Gooch said Grounsell and City Administrator David Dyrhaug were meeting to discuss the action and that Dyrhaug would be the only person who

said the city's communications specialist would put out a statement on Tuesday.

The emergency meeting was scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. A few minutes before 4, Councilwoman Sylvia Lockaby stood before the crowd and quoted a verse from the Bible,



A small plane made an emergency landing in an Anderson County field on Monday.

FAA: Small plane forced into emergency landing in field

RON BARNETT AND ROMANDO DIXSON
STAFF WRITERS

No one was injured Monday afternoon when a small airplane made an emergency landing in a field in Anderson County, authorities said.

The Anderson County Sheriff's Office, EMS and the Hopewell Fire Department responded to the pasture about 4 p.m. Monday, said Taylor Jones, the emergency services director at the Sheriff's Office.

Two people were on board when the Beechcraft BE35 landed, FAA spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen said.

A female flight instructor and male pilot walked away from the hard landing in the 4500 block of Midway Road in Anderson, Jones said. The propeller was bent but the single-engine plane appeared to have suffered no major damage otherwise. The plane is registered to a Simpsonville resident, according to FAA records.

"They did a really good job in sitting down there in a pasture," Jones said.



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City responds to lawsuit

Officers at center of 2014 roadside search reassigned

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Four Aiken police officers at the center of a federal civil rights lawsuit alleging an officer unconstitutionally performed a public cavity search in broad daylight in 2014 have been put on "temporary reassignment" pending an external investigation.

City leaders met with local leaders of Aiken's black community Friday, hours after news broke that two Aiken County residents, Elijah Poetoon and Lakey Hicks, were suing Aiken Public Safety officers Chris Madlin, Clark Smith, Brian Hall and Penny Schultz, in addition to the Aiken Department of Public Safety, its Chief Charles Barranco and the City

of Aiken in federal court.

"My first reaction was to make phone calls and find out, and I saw the date on (the dashcam footage) and find out why I did not know about it, and secondly, to find out where it was as far as in our process," said Aiken Mayor Rick Osborn, who first saw the news on Facebook.

On Friday, Osborn quickly called other City officials to meet, which included Aiken City Council member Leslie Price, who at the time of the call was getting ready for bed.



Osborn

Fellow City Council member Gail Diggs said her daughter showed her the story on her cellphone Friday evening.

Aiken City Manager John Klimm, who noted the heavy turnover of City staff within the past year, said neither he nor Council members, City Attorney Gary Smith and Assistant City Manager Stuart Bederbaugh were aware of the allegations.

Klimm called the entire ordeal a "massive failure in terms of communication." After Poetoon and Hicks were pulled



Klimm

over Oct. 2, 2014, both filed a lawsuit Sept. 21, 2015, with the county's Clerk of Court office; the suit was later moved to federal court in November. The two, who live and have children together, are being represented by Rock Hill attorney Robert Phillips. The litigation, coupled by dashcam footage, details a search which occurred during a traffic stop over a "paper tag" on Horry Street, near Richland Avenue, in Aiken.

Poetoon, in the complaint, alleges Cpl. Chris Madlin performed an illegal cavity



Barranco

VIDEO

- See police dashcam footage with the story at aikenstandard.com
- Read the plaintiffs' complaint in full at aikenstandard.com

search on the side of the road after receiving consent to search the car and Poetoon, who was a passenger in the vehicle driven by Hicks.

Aiken Public Safety continues to deny the allegations.

In a statement provided to the *Aiken Standard* on Monday, the police agency said the traffic stop of Poetoon and Hicks was "legal," as it was part of an ongoing narcotics investigation.

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Residents prep for home rentals

BY BILL BENGTON
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Fresh faces are popping up in upscale Aiken County neighborhoods this week, linked to such corporate names as Google, AT&T and World Fuel Services, and avoiding hotel stays by renting homes with good access to Augusta National Golf Club.

Hundreds of local residents help the "Masters rental" process by preparing their homes and making other accommodation arrangements while Jordan Spieth, Bubba Watson, Jason Day and Rory McIlroy visit the CSRA, along with several trainloads of golf enthusiasts and the sport's other top performers.

High-profile rental arrangements include AT&T's relationship with residents of Shoreline Drive, in North Augusta. A River North resident reported that Google "rented half the neighborhood." Creative Artists Agency ("the world's leading entertainment and sports agency") are said to be represented in Hammon's Ferry this week.

Data on rental rates vary. One North Augusta resident reported that "a lot of the houses right on the river" brought in \$20,000 to \$28,000 for a week of Masters rent in 2015. A home in The Rapids, also in North Augusta, reportedly brought in \$7,000 for the week.

Among local veteran renters is North Augusta resident Linda Broome, whose family lives in the River Oaks subdivision.

"We organize the maid service, the catering, the badges, the practice rounds, the breakfast — just about all their activities," she said, noting that her neighborhood's guests are from Koch Industries.

"Some Masters housing will bring in rollaway beds, but this comes up by ones and twos."



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BENGTON

North Augusta resident Linda Broome is among Aiken County's most prominent leaders in helping arrange "Masters rentals," through which she and hundreds of other local residents head out of town (or at least down the block) during Masters Week and open their homes for representatives of such corporations as Land Rover, Koch Brothers, Google, AT&T and World Fuel Services. Renters, for the week, avoid hotel stays and seek homes with convenient access to Augusta National Golf Club and the week's festivities.

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Masters Tournament, Zach Johnson looking, C-photos from the

Minority report stalls bill for first responders

BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND
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A Senate bill that would allow first responders suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder to receive workers' compensation benefits has been slowed due to a minority report.

It's a Senate rule that is affecting between 50 and 60 bills, according to state lawmakers. A minority report can put on a bill by someone who voted against it at the committee level. It is a procedure that slows up the bill from being taken up for debate on the Senate floor.

The workers' compensation bill, S. 429, primarily sponsored by Sen. Paul Thurmond, R-Charleston, has a companion House bill and

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HOUSTON HEARTBREAK

Kris Jenkins' buzzer-beater leads the Wildcats past North Carolina and to the program's second NCAA championship — despite a thrilling Tar Heels comeback that kept Marcus Paige and Co. in it until the final seconds. **Sports, B1**



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Final pitches to Wis. voters

By Jill Colvin and Scott Bauer
 The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — After Donald Trump's toughest stretch of the campaign, he and Ted Cruz made spirited final pitches Monday to Wisconsin voters, who will cast ballots Tuesday in a Republican primary that both consider a key step in the race for president.

After Tuesday, there's a two-week lull before the next important voting, in New York.

Trump is facing pressure on multiple fronts following a difficult week marked by his controversial

comments, reversals and rare moments of contrition.

While his past remarks on topics like Mexican immigrants have drawn a backlash, even he appeared to recognize the damage caused by missteps in the lead-up to Wisconsin.

Those included re-tweeting an unflattering photo of Cruz's wife and a series of contradictory comments on abortion that managed to draw condemnation from both abortion rights activists and opponents.



Republican presidential hopeful, Donald Trump, left, reacts to the words of his wife, Melania, as she addresses the crowd during a rally Monday at the Milwaukee Theatre in Milwaukee. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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AC HOTEL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Developer: More visible changes coming

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The foundation of the \$20 million, 10-story AC Hotel by Marriott in downtown Spartanburg is in place.

Project officials said it won't be long before passersby will see the 120-room hotel, a joint venture between local businessman George Dean Johnson Jr. and OTO Development, begin to rise at the corner of West Main Street and Daniel Morgan Avenue.

"Our first challenge was to make sure we could have a site to work off of," said Bruce Collins, director of development for OTO. "And that work is substantially complete... It's very exciting. Pretty soon you will start seeing (the hotel rise) above street level."

Construction of the hotel began in October with the demolition of the former Event Rentals building.

Crews have been busy



The foundation of the AC Hotel by Marriott in downtown Spartanburg is in place and project officials say it won't be long before work above street level will be seen. ALEX HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHJ.COM

system.

A concrete pad and base for the tower crane that will be used to lift heavy materials as construction goes vertical

Two large undocumented fuel tanks, remnants of the property's commercial history, were unearthed at the site, Collins said. The tanks

from a trolley that once ran along West Main Street.

Trey Crittenden, senior project manager for the hotel's contractor, Robins &

SPORTS



Nationals edge Braves in opener

Daniel Murphy, making his Washington debut, hit a go-ahead double in the 10th inning, and the Nationals rallied past the Atlanta Braves 4-3 to spoil Atlanta's season opener Monday. **B1**

UPSTATE

New plant coming to county

A BMW supplier from China will break ground Tuesday on a new production plant in Spartanburg County. Jiangnan Mold Plastic Technology Corp. announced Monday it will invest \$45 million to build a 260,000-square-foot facility on nearly 13 acres at the intersection of Robinson and Genoble roads near Greer and create 150 jobs during the next five years. **C1**



More time

A group of community members dedicated to saving the former Mary H. Wright Elementary School will have more time to find potential investors and a use for the old school building. The auction of the landmark scheduled for April 4 was postponed by Wells Fargo Bank. **C1**

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LOCAL

Boykin Spaniels headed to National Field Trials

Local breed will compete for titles in Camden on Friday, Saturday **A2**

IN OPINION: Baseball fans, test your trivia knowledge **A8**

Search continues for missing man

Fisherman disappeared while on trip Saturday

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Family and friends gathered on and near a bridge over the Pocotaligo River on Monday, waiting for word on whether South Carolina Department of Natural Resources located

Harry Lee Bradley of Sumter. Bradley, 61, was dropped off at the site by friends Garry Nelson and Sam Hayward at noon Saturday. They didn't panic when he didn't show up for them to pick him up at

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A Florence County Sheriff's Department helicopter lands on U.S. 15 to pick up a South Carolina Department of Natural Resources officer to coordinate with a boating crew Monday. They were checking locations downstream from Pocotaligo River for Harry Bradley. Sumter County Sheriff's Office deputies stopped traffic while the helicopter landed.

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Rat rod fans flock to show Saturday

BY JIM HILLEY
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It takes a special kind of auto enthusiast to love rat rods. Or at least somebody who doesn't like to wash his or her vehicles.

Larry Murdough of Walterboro was showing his 1948 Dodge pickup Saturday at the fourth-annual Rust & Dust Rat Rod Show at Cut Rate Soda Fountain, 32 S. Main St. He said he likes the rat rods because they attract a lot of attention.

"People want to pull out cameras and take pictures," he said.

His grandson Riddick, a lad of about 4 or 5 years old who was scampering all over the Dodge, really likes his grandpa's truck.

"If you ask him, he'll tell you it's his," Murdough said.

Murdough's passenger looks like he is at death's door — and not on this side, either.

"He's kind of quiet, but he gets a lot of attention, too," Murdough said. "He made it on TV at Daytona."

No bones about it, the passenger resembles a skeleton.

Jay Wells, of Pinesville, said it took about a year and a half to build his 1928 Model A.

"I don't like the pristine ve-



Jace Harding, 3, receives help from his father, Jason Harding, to look at a 1955 Pontiac during the fourth-annual Rust & Dust Rat Rod Show on Saturday at Cut Rate Soda Fountain.

KEITH GEDAMKE / THE SUMTER ITEM

hicles," he said. "You spend more time cleaning them than you do driving them. This one, you can get in it and go." It also saves him money, he said.

"Junkyard parts are a lot cheaper," he said.

He calls his Model A "Mistrez."

"My wife says if I am not spending time with her, I am spending time with the car," he explained.

James Parrott believes in recycling, apparently. Why

else would he use a Jack Daniels bottle as a gas gauge?

The contraption sitting in the back of his 1946 Ford pickup looks remarkably like a whisky still — where could Parrott possibly have learned to build such a thing?

"Let's just say I grew up in South Carolina," he said.

Parrott has put a lot of work in the vehicle, he said. Shiny metal all around the top is a dead giveaway he has

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Daniel Holladay Jr. gives the eulogy of his uncle, Sgt. John Charlton Holladay.

FINAL RESTING PLACE

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Home at last



MICHAEL MCFARLAND

Holladay family members watch as various servicemen approach to honor Sgt. John Charlton Holladay on Monday at the Florence National Cemetery. Jack Holladay, a nephew of the marine, holds the folded American flag that had covered the casket on its journey to South Carolina.

73 years later, Marine laid to rest in Florence

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN
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FLORENCE — *"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound ..."*
The sweet sounds of "Amazing Grace" could be heard echoing through the Florence National Cemetery on Monday morning as Sgt. John Charlton Holladay at last was laid to rest in the place he called home for much of his life.

Holladay, a Florence Marine, was killed in action in 1943 in the South Pacific by a sniper during World War II. His remains were discovered recently by a local person on New Georgia Island in the British Solomon Islands and identified through DNA sampling.
Sunshine beamed down on more than 100 family members, friends, civilians and active duty and veteran servicemen who gathered to pay their respects for Holladay in the

graveside service with full military honors.
Daniel Holladay Jr., of Columbia, one of Holladay's nephews, said the return of his uncle's body was completely unexpected, but it has felt wonderful to be able to say he is home.
"He's here," Daniel said, gesturing at the flag-draped casket. "Amazing. Simply amazing."

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MORE ONLINE

» Visit scnw.com: For coverage of Holladay's body arriving Friday in Charleston, and for photo galleries, a video of two nephews sharing the story, a video of "Amazing Grace" being sung Monday at the burial and documents shared by the family.

FMU names new provost

BY MELISSA ROLLINS
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Chapman King came when he retires in May.



City of Florence

Florence County Democratic chair to run for Robinson's council seat

NCAA MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



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Gambrell, 2 newspapers question Burgess mailer

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In the lead up to today's Republican primary runoff between state Rep. Mike Gambrell and Williamston Councilman Rocky Burgess, a number of campaign mailers have circulated attacking Gambrell for his state

Our View

■ Club for Growth delivers a blow. Viewpoints, 6A

House votes and campaign practices. Gambrell and two newspapers dispute some of the claims made in a mailer from Burgess' campaign that,

among other things, allege an active investigation into the legislator.

The mailer from the Burgess campaign said, "According to the Anderson Independent Mail, Mike Gambrell is being investigated by the Attorney General and/or the House Ethics Committee for directly violating state law and using resour-

ces from his State House account to assist his election to the State Senate. Specifically, Gambrell used his taxpayer funded email account for campaigning and... just like Hillary Clinton... he thinks he is 'above the law' (Source: Index-Journal 3/26/2016)"

The Index-Journal reported that S.C. Club for Growth, a con-

servative Political Action Committee campaigning against Gambrell in the runoff, filed an ethics and elections complaint against Gambrell with the state Attorney General's office, which typically does not handle such complaints, but did not report that an

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Lander University students race through a cloud of dried blue paint to finish the LU Run or Dye 5K Fun Run on Monday afternoon.

Lander Run or Dye 5K promotes health, wellness

By **MARY KATE MCGOWAN**
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After running 3.1 miles, four Lander University students waited at the end of the LU Run or Dye 5K for runners and walkers.

Posed with cups of dried blue paint in their hands, the group of four dumped one of the school's colors onto fellow students, Lander faculty and staff and a few commu-

campus, said Rachel Griggs of the Lander University Wellness Center.

Griggs said the event, which was free to those associated with Lander, promoted health and wellness as well as getting outside and being active.

Junior Brandon Warrick said he wanted to run to enjoy the nice weather, and he has participated in the race every year since his freshman year.

In their crisp, white shirts before the race, runners and walkers gathered on the Cen-

ter, remembered Joshua Counts, a Lander student who died last week.

Throughout the race, stations of volunteers dumped various colors on the runners and walkers. By the time the participants crossed the finish line, they resembled Smurfs more than students.

Freshman Brooke Meredith, who has raced in a color run before, said it "makes running fun."

For junior Jasmine Bracey, Run or Dye was her first 5K to run in, and she thought it



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BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOLS

District looks for \$12.8M more in 2017

Superintendent presents \$216.3 million in needs for next school year

Request to Beaufort County would be 6.3 percent higher than 2015-16 budget

School board to hold forums, certify budget request in May

BY REBECCA LURYE
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The Beaufort County School District hopes to receive an extra \$12.8 million next year — a 6.3 percent increase from its current budget — to help pay for the growing costs of enrollment and operations.

Superintendent Jeff Moss presented a preliminary \$216.3 million budget to the school

board during a Friday work session, though the board will not certify its budget until May 17.

About 40 percent of the district's new needs would go toward covering state and federal mandates, such as salary and health insurance increases, but the rest comes from within the district, including:

- \$2.5 million to hire new employees, teachers
- \$2.3 million to cover higher

operational costs

• \$1.86 million to increase teacher's cost-of-living supplements from \$1,000 to \$2,000

This year, the school district has a budget of \$203.5 million, about two-thirds of which it had spent as of April 1. The district estimates it will come in under budget by about \$2 million, primarily because there have been a host of vacancies the district either could not or chose not to fill, says Phyllis White, the chief financial officer.

Next year, however, Moss says he wants to raise the district's millage rate from 103.5 to 113.1 to generate the rest of the local and state revenue he expects to need.

Student enrollment has been one of the district's biggest challenges, growing about

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SPORTS

ARE YOU READY FOR HERITAGE?

Aaron Baddeley joins the field for the 48th annual RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing, which tees off Monday. 1B



The U.S. Supreme Court upheld Texas's system of drawing voting districts based on everyone who lives there, not just registered voters.

VOTING DISTRICTS

Court bolsters political influence of US Latinos

Supreme Court rules district lines can be divided based on total population, not just eligible voters

than urban districts, making their votes count for less, in violation of the Constitution

for the court.

Ginsburg said that "history, our decisions and settled practice in all 50 states and countless local jurisdictions point in the same direction." She also declared that "representatives serve all residents, not just those eligible or registered to vote" and that nonvoters have an important stake in many policy debates.

The court stopped short of saying that states must use total



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ARE YOU MAD FOR MOLLUSKS?

The Oyster Bar, the newest addition to a growing number of Old Town Bluffton eateries, is expected to open around April 18. 9A

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Nestle plant holding Grand Opening

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The Nestle Waters bottling plant, which is located one-half mile southeast of McBee on S.C. Highway 151, is celebrating its grand opening with a community open house available to the public from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at 100 Nestlé Way off Highway

151. This free, family-friendly event will include tours of the new facility, a barbecue and hotdog lunch, face painting and bounce house, in addition to prize drawings. Plant manager Tom Strowe and his staff, in addition to Senior Natural Resource Specialist Lance Tully, will be on hand to answer any questions about the spacious

state-of-the-art facility. Since late February, the plant, which is operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, has been shipping bottled water to wholesale distribution centers throughout the Carolinas and neighboring states. Fifty-nine full-time employees have been hired, which is about 30 percent more than the projected 45

jobs in the initial planning. According to Strowe, a little over half of these employees reside in Chesterfield and Darlington counties, while three-fourths of the employees live within a 60-mile radius of the plant. The annual payroll is nearly \$2 million, with wages and a benefit package in the top quarter of the area work force within a 60-mile radius.



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Teenaged boy involved in rape case

REBECCA ROLLINS
Staff Reporter

According to the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office, deputies were dispatched to a Jefferson residence March 23 following a complaint that a 16-year-old boy raped a 14-year-old girl.

When deputies arrived shortly after 10 p.m., the victim told police she was home alone when the alleged offender knocked on the door and asked if he could use the bathroom. According to reports, the 16-year-old boy

lives down the street from the girl and claimed he couldn't make it home. The victim allowed the boy to come in. Upon entrance, the boy allegedly sat on the couch instead and began fondling the girl.

According to reports, the victim states she pulled back from the advances, but the boy grabbed her, pulled her pants down and began raping her. The victim stated that afterwards when she went to clean herself up, the offender was gone. A neighbor of the victim called police when the

victim came to his door, crying and upset. The neighbor stated he'd been trying to reach the victim's parents when police arrived, and eventually the mother arrived on scene.

Police advised the mother to take the victim to McLeod-Cheraw for a rape kit to be performed immediately. Deputies went to the alleged offender's house to locate the boy and take him to the CCSD for questioning while investigators took swab samples of the couch and pictures of the home.

Dr. Williamson selected as N.C. Community College System President

JOAN YATES
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The State Board of Community Colleges unanimously voted last week to hire Dr. James "Jimnie" C. Williamson as the eighth System President for the N.C. Community Colleges. Williamson, currently the president and CEO of the S.C. Technical College System, will begin his new role July 1 at an annual salary of \$285,000.

"Dr. Williamson exceeded all of our expectations," said Jerry Vaughan, chair of the Presidential Search Committee. "His experience brings together business and education, as well as workforce and economic development. We couldn't be more pleased that he will be bringing his considerable talents to North Carolina and to our system."

Williamson's two years as the System President in South Carolina have included working with South Carolina university partners to smooth transfer pathways, chairing a special Senate proviso com-

prehensive workforce development strategy to narrow the skills gap, and working with companies such as Volvo, Michelin, Continental and BMW on industry-specific worker training. Additionally, he has been at the helm of South Carolina's nationally recognized apprenticeship program and was named State Employee of the Year by the South Carolina Association of Regional Councils in 2015.

"One of the things that really stood out for both the Search Committee and the Board was his business experience," said State Board Chair Scott Shook. "He has been on the educational and training side and on the employer side. That's a unique combination, and we believe it is one that will benefit our 58 colleges and our state as we work to educate our workforce and to respond to employer needs."

Williamson has served 27 years in higher education in South Carolina, including 20 in the S.C. Technical College system, rising through roles from registrar to dean to two college presidencies and then to System President.

From 2008-14, he was in a leadership position with

olina. While serving in the private sector, Williamson was honored by ASHRA with the inaugural Gary Willis Leadership Award for outstanding leadership and innovation as a healthcare human resources professional. He is a member of the Residential Care/Community Assisted Living exam construction committee for the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards and has served as a reviewer for several long-term care textbooks.

With a B.V.A. and M.Ed. from Winthrop University, Williamson also holds a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina and has a long history of community service. He served as District Governor of Rotary District 7770 in 2014-15 and has served as a board member of the S.C. Chamber of Commerce and as a member of various economic development boards. He is a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Chesterfield County School Board and a former member of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees.

Williamson has been honored by Winthrop University with the Alumni Professional Achievement Award, as well

County voters have some choices in June primary

ROBERT MONNIE
Staff Reporter

Although two state Senate seats, five countywide races and four seats on county council will remain uncontested, Chesterfield County voters will have some choices when they mark their ballots during the June 14 primary. The deadline for candidates to file was at noon March 30.

The purpose of this election is for each political party to select its respective candidate in the General Election Nov. 8.

At the top of the ballot are several candidates from a variety of parties wishing to replace U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, a Republican from the Low Country. Bill Bledsoe filed as a Libertarian and Constitutionalist, Thomas Dixon is in the fray as a Democrat, while two candidates, Jim Hinkle and Rebel Michael Scarborough, are competing for the American Party nomination. Near the top of the ballot is

incumbent U.S. Congressman Tom Rice (R-7th District), who has no primary opposition, while Democrat Mal Hyman of Hartsville has filed for the Democratic nomination.

Running unopposed for their re-election to the S.C. Senate are Vincent Sheheen (D - District 27, Camden) and Gerald Malloy (D - District 29, Hartsville). No one filed as Republicans or third parties for those positions.

Seeking re-election to S.C. House District 53 is

Incumbent S.C. House District 54 State Rep. Pat Henegan (D - Bennettsville) will face opposition in the General Election from Republican candidate J.D. Chaplin.

S.C. House District 65 is held by Speaker of the House Jay Lucas (R - Hartsville), who has no opposition from other parties.

Running unopposed for their county of-



Tom Rice



Mal Hyman



Vincent Sheheen



Gerald Malloy



Pat Henegan



J.D. Chaplin



Jay Lucas



Patricia Henegan



Jay Lucas

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Refugee rumors continue despite facts

JOAN YATES
Editor - The Link

Despite assurances from a landowner and various county agencies that no plans are in place for refugee settlement in Chesterfield County, rumors continue.

Rep. Richie Yow recently said a man was even heard to exclaim he didn't care what anyone said, he knew refugees were coming, although he had no facts to substantiate his belief.

There are two groups

newly resettled refugees in the state of South Carolina, and each agency provided the following information to the Chesterfield County Legislative Delegation and county officials last week.

In reply to a query from Chesterfield County Administrator Denise Douglass, Jason Lee, director of World Relief Spartanburg, emailed the following.

"Ms. Douglass, Thanks for reaching out. I was totally unaware of this rumor circulating the web until your in-

(a story published on Fits News) is patently false. We can only serve refugee clients 50 miles away from our office (in Spartanburg) if they are considered 'free' refugee cases (meaning they have no family/relational connections). We can serve clients 100 miles away if they have a 'family-ties.' We are obviously over 100 miles away so there are no plans to serve refugee clients or resettle refugees in Chesterfield County from World

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