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Roof's death penalty trial postponed until 2017



Roof

Psychiatric testing incomplete; judge asks if request is 'delaying tactic'

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A judge on Wednesday delayed Dylan Roof's death penalty trial until early next year because the defendant's psychiatric evaluation had not been completed.

Circuit Judge J.C. Nicholson said he felt "obligated" to approve the defense team's request for a continuance based on a doctor's report. The trial was set for Jan. 17 with jury qualification scheduled to start Dec. 6.

Still, Nicholson expressed concerns about whether incomplete tests and analyses of the 22-year-old accused of killing nine people at Emanuel AME Church amounted to a "delaying tactic." He often spoke sternly during a hearing in downtown Charleston, scolding attorneys at times and ordering

Roof's defense team to keep him updated monthly on its progress. Roof, an Eastover resident, would face a penalty phase if convicted of murder. Much of the evidence that his lawyers still seek would help

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For complete coverage of the shooting at Emanuel AME Church, including victim profiles, videos, photo galleries and more, go to postandcourier.com/church-shooting.

'Don't do this to me'

Transgender people testify S.C. bill could bring more depression, suicides



PHOTOGRAPHS BY PAUL ZOLLER/STAFF

Dex Sexton (facing) and Grayson Keck testify Wednesday against a move to require transgender people to use the bathroom that matches the gender on their birth certificate. Grayson, of Columbia, told senators the bill "victimizes the innocent."

BY MAYA T. PRABHU
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COLUMBIA — About 10 transgender men and women stood before two state senators Thursday morning and told them a proposed bill that would require them to use the bathroom that matches the gender on their birth certificate would cause more harm than good.

Oponents of the bill said its passage would force many "passable" transgender people to "out" themselves and would likely lead to higher instances of suicide and depression among a group that already has a high rate of those who take their own lives.

Grayson Keck, a 13-year-old transgender boy from Columbia, told senators the bill "victimizes

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the innocent." Grayson said he shouldn't be forced to use the girls' bathroom where he does not feel safe.

"You don't know what it's like to be born in a shell that doesn't match your interior spirit," he said. "Please don't do this to my community and please don't do this to me."

Grayson's friend, middle-schooler Dex Sexton, who also is transgender, pleaded with senators to oppose the bill. He asked why men who are known to have

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Members of the LGBT community protest Wednesday in Columbia during hearings for a Senate bill that would bar transgender men and women from using the bathrooms of their choice.

Mt. P. may plan for affordable housing

Moratorium on new apartments a chance to rework town rules

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MOUNT PLEASANT — Overnight, the town's 180-day moratorium on new apartment developments has morphed from a way to ease pressure on overcrowded roads and schools to an opportunity to develop plans for affordable housing.

Inside
Moratoriums a familiar, controversial tool. **A7**

"I felt we could create some lower-cost housing for the average person, and that would have to be apartments," said Councilman Joe Bastos, who proposed the moratorium. "We have to find a way to put that into our rules."

At Tuesday's Town Council meeting, most of the concerns about affordable housing were voiced by those opposed to the moratorium, who said that restricting apartment development would only mean higher rents.

"I guess he had some time to sleep on it," said Mayor Linda Page, who voted against the moratorium. "That wasn't the intent expressed last night, when it was about giving infrastructure some time to catch up, with roads and schools."

Bastos said he didn't expect his moratorium proposal would be approved by the council.

"I was surprised, kind of like the dog that chases a car and catches it," he said. "The town has been dealing with a rush of development since the recession ended, including multiple apartment developments with hundreds

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Do you support Mount Pleasant Town Council's decision to put to a six-month moratorium on apartment projects? Go to postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

Zika causes severe birth defects, officials confirm

'No longer any doubt' about microcephaly

BY MIKE STOBBER
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NEW YORK — Confirming the worst fears of many pregnant women in the United States and Latin America, U.S. health officials said Wednesday there is no longer any doubt the Zika virus causes babies to be born with abnormally small heads and other severe brain defects. Since last year, doctors in Brazil have been linking Zika infections

in pregnant women to a rise in newborns with microcephaly, or an unusually small skull. Most outside experts were cautious about drawing such a connection. But now the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says enough evidence is in. "There is no longer any doubt that Zika causes microcephaly," CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden said. The CDC said it is also clear that Zika causes other serious defects, including damaging calcium buildups in the developing brain.

Among the evidence that clinched the case: Signs of the Zika virus, which

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Four area Wal-Mart stores to offer curbside pickup. **B1**

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Kids have a ball watching the RiverDogs in game. **C1**

Senators OK ethics plan with income disclosure

Sheheen: Bill 'fake' because amounts left off

BY MAYA T. PRABHU
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COLUMBIA — Less than a week after Gov. Nikki Haley said income disclosure had been killed in the Senate, lawmakers voted for an ethics reform bill that will require public officials to disclose sources of income.

"Well it's not dead," Sen. Larry Martin, R-Pickens, said Wednesday following a vote on the bill's second reading.

The 40-1 margin comes a day af-

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S.C. House alters roads bill; senators say bill likely dead. **A6**

ter senators moved to give the bill, which was sent over from the House of Representatives last year, a priority debate spot. Sen. Margie Bright Matthews, D-Walterboro, voted against the legislation.

The bill will require everyone who files a statement of economic interest

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5 things to know about Columbia Fireflies baseball for home opener

THURSDAY, 7:05 P.M. (GATES OPEN 5:35 P.M.)
AT SPIRIT COMMUNICATIONS PARK

BY DWAYNE MCLEMORE
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Five things to know about the Columbia Fireflies minor league baseball team and the inaugural season home opener Thursday at Spirit Communications Park.

1. OPENING DAY FESTIVITIES

Expect plenty of pomp and circumstance Thursday night. The Opening Day events start at

6:20 p.m. and include the Fort Jackson band and full team introductions. Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin is one of the ceremonial first pitch throwers, as well as the six fans who helped name the team.

2. PARKING PLAN

Parking is \$3 per car and several lots include trolley service to the main plaza outside the stadium. The three

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10 things you should see and do at Spirit Communications Park, 1B

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TheState.com: Video tour of the stadium and time-lapse of the turf installation.

EXCLUSIVE

SLED report names 2 with ties to Wilson

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Attorney General Alan Wilson has close ties to two individuals named in a secret eight-page section of a SLED report involving potential public corrup-

tion in the S.C. General Assembly.

The two people are Rep. Rick Quinn, R-Lexington, and his father, Richard Quinn, as well as the father's political consulting firm, Richard Quinn & Associates, the report says. The Quinns are Republicans, as is

Wilson.

"Nothing improper was done," Rick Quinn said in a statement to The State newspaper Wednesday.

A copy of the secret portion of the State Law Enforcement Division report — which is at the center of an explosive and his-

toric legal battle between the attorney general and his special prosecutor, David Pascoe — was reviewed by The State newspaper reporters and editors.

In recent weeks, Wilson has tried to fire Pascoe, who with SLED Chief Mark Keel, is in the final stages of an ongoing in-

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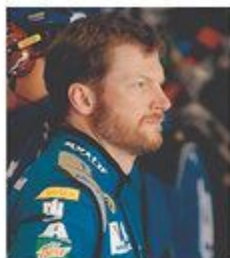
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vestigation into possible public corruption described in the secret portion of the SLED report.

The secret pages of the SLED report are also in play in the S.C. Supreme Court, which might be set to decide whether Wilson can fire Pascoe and thereby possibly shut down or slow the

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SOUTHERN 500 THROWBACK

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Grayson Keck hugs Dex Sexton after they testified during a Senate subcommittee to consider the controversial bill that would ban transgender people from choosing the bathroom they use. They were against the bill.

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Clemson students protest racism on campus

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CLEMSON - One day after Clemson University broke ground on a historical marker intended to express the institution's acknowledgement of its racism of the past, more than 100 members of the school's Black Student Union marched on the administration building Wednesday to complain that not enough is being done to deal with the racism of the present.

The group met in front of the John C. Calhoun home, where enslaved African Americans once worked for the vice

president of the United States, and where two days earlier, students hung bananas on a banner depicting the role of blacks in Clemson's history.

"Part of the reason we are here is to express not only our sentiments regarding the fact that this incident actually happened, but also the lack of productive response from the administration to the efforts made by concerned students relating to this event as well as others in the past," said Richelle Hayes, a communications major from Mullins.

Clemson President Jim Clements stepped up onto a millstone in front of the historic site and asked the students to

do their part to help make the university's diversity training and inclusion efforts succeed.

"This is a team effort. We're all in this together," he said. "For us to make progress we're going to have to do it together. There are a lot of things we're doing. There are just a lot more things we have to do."

The students who defaced the banner are being dealt with through the university's Student Affairs office, Clements said. No criminal charges are expected.

"I know we were all hurt by the inci-

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RON BARNETT

Clemson University President Jim Clements talks with students.

Overflow crowd speaks out on bill



The Trans Student Alliance at USC held a rally and press conference at the State House to protest the S. 1203 bill that would ban transgender people from choosing the bathroom they use.

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'Please don't do this to me,' transgender student, 13, says

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COLUMBIA - Legislation addressing transgender use of public bathrooms drew dozens of speakers on both sides of the issue Wednesday, from those arguing the bill is needed to ensure privacy and safety, to warnings that the bill, if enacted, could cost the state billions in federal funding and spur harassment and violence.

The divisive bill also triggered a warning during Wednesday's hearing by one of two senators on the panel hearing testimony that he would do everything in his power to block the bill from ever being heard on the Senate floor.

Testimony is scheduled to continue this afternoon, though the two-senator panel is not expected to vote on the bill, which

already is on the agenda for the next meeting of the full Senate General Committee.

The bill by Sen. Lee Bright, a Spartanburg County Republican, would bar transgender people from using public bathrooms, changing rooms and locker rooms that do not correspond with their biological sex and prevent local governments from passing legislation allowing such use.

The legislation is similar to a recently enacted North Carolina law. North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory issued an executive order Tuesday addressing some provisions in the law though leaving unchanged the most talked about part that requires people to use bathrooms of their sex at birth.

Wednesday's testimony packed a small Senate hearing room with speakers from around the state, as well as U.S. At-

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Radio: Officer Jacobs identified Mackey in foot chase

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It started as a call for a foot pursuit on Rebecca Street and Ackley Road near a Baptist church in Nicholatown. Less than a minute later, Officer Allen Jacobs was lying behind a house bleeding from multiple gunshot wounds as his partner tried to give him CPR.



Officer Allen Jacobs

Police radio communications released to The Greenville News through a public-records request reveal new details and show how quickly the events from March 18 evolved from a foot pursuit, to the fatal shooting of an officer and to the eventual discovery of the suspect's body off the Swamp Rabbit Trail. Authorities have said the suspect, 17-year-old Deontae Mackey, fatally shot Jacobs after the officer pulled over to ask Mackey about a gun he was trying to acquire.

Mackey then turned the gun on himself, authorities have said.

The 18-minute recording, released late Tuesday, was released because it wasn't material to the ongoing State Law Enforcement Division investigation, said Greenville Police Department spokesman Gilberto Franco. Other materials, including video from responding officers, Jacobs' body camera and offense reports, won't be released until SLED completes its investigation. Jacobs is the first officer to call in a "1058," which is police scanner code for a pursuit, according to audio from the recording. He gives a location — Ackley and Rebecca — and names Deontae Mackey as the suspect he's chasing.

"Shots fired! Shots fired!" an officer yells seconds later. "Officer down...behind 8 Rebecca St."

When a dispatcher asks the officer to describe Jacobs' injuries, the offi-

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House alters roads plan

Senators say bill is likely dead

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — The South Carolina House made changes Wednesday to the roads bill that has been debated for more than a year, leading senators and the governor to say the proposal is likely dead for the year.

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But Wednesday's amendment greatly reduces the chances of reforming how commissioners are chosen to the board that helps run the Department of Transportation. Many lawmakers have said that is a critical first step toward getting closer to the extra \$1 billion a year the road agency has said it needs to get state highways back to good condition.

The House could have agreed to the Senate road bill, which allows Gov. Nikki Haley to appoint all members of the DOT board with Senate approval. But instead, the House changed the bill to have approval by the House and Senate.

"Government closest to the people is usually best. And there is no need to take 124 people out of the process," Rep. Gary Simrill, R-Rock Hill, said of House members.

State Sen. Larry Grooms said in South Carolina's 240 years as a state the Ethics Commission is the only body where both chambers approve members. The Republican from Charleston said senators can't just remove that kind of precedence.

"They knew before they voted that putting in a joint confirmation was going to kill it," said Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey, R-Edgefield. "Several of us told them that beforehand. They knew it and they did it anyway. I think they've killed the bill."

Simrill, who has led the effort to pass a roads bill in the House since

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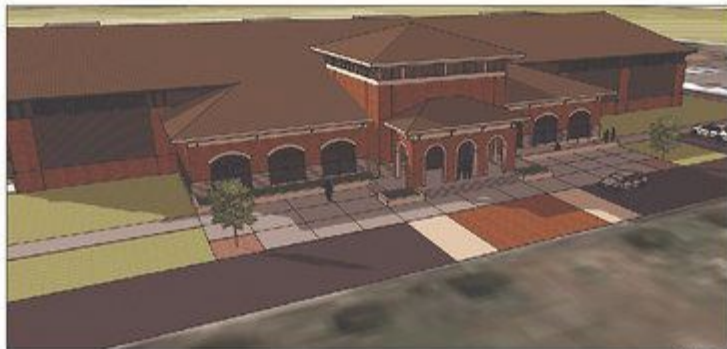


Florence City Councilwoman Teresa Meyers-Ervin talks to a community member on Wednesday at the site of a \$5 million, three-court basketball gymnasium that will sit on Barnes Street near downtown Florence.

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Florence breaks ground for \$5 million gym

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This is a preliminary rendering of a three-court basketball gymnasium for Florence.

FLORENCE — The city of Florence hit nothing but net on Wednesday with a groundbreaking ceremony for a \$5 million, three-court basketball gymnasium that will sit on Barnes Street near downtown.

The gym will feature three basketball courts — one large championship-style court and two others — as well as team rooms, a cafeteria and

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Florence nurse running for city council District 2

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FLORENCE — Gary Summerfield Jr., a nurse at McLeod Regional Hospital, announced Wednesday that he's jumping into the special election race for Florence City Council District 2 — a seat held for decades by the late Ed Robinson.

Summerfield, a graduate of West Florence High and the Medical University of South Carolina, said it's time for the

city's second district to have full representation. He said the south side of Florence has been neglected since the '80s and it's time for that to change.

"I've lived in this district for almost 20 years and have always felt that we didn't get the same representation on the south side of town that the north and east sides of town had," he said. "South Flor-

ence has been stuck in the '80s and '90s as far as businesses coming there. We need more retail and to encourage development on that side of town."

Summerfield said he's not a vetted politician, nor does he consider himself an activist. He said he's a common, working-class Florentine who recognizes the needs of people in District 2. "Certain areas of our city prosper greatly while other parts seem to have been left behind. We all see many areas of West Florence continuing to grow

and thrive, while much of the rest of our city remains stuck in the '80s and '90s," he said. "David McLeod Boulevard isn't the only strip of road we can do business on. We need more places to shop on Irby Street besides Auto Zone and Dollar General."

His lack of political experience doesn't bother him. He said he's helped countless Florence east, north and south residents as a nurse and now he wants to

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Researcher to bring 'Shroud Encounter' to St. Anthony Catholic Church

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FLORENCE — Russ Breault, president and founder of the

Shroud Encounter, will be at St. Anthony Catholic Church on Sunday afternoon to talk about the "Shroud Encounter." He has researched and lectured on the Shroud of Turin for more than 30 years and has appeared in

intriguing because as we peel one layer of mystery, there's another layer of mystery right underneath it."

According to an announcement, the "Shroud Encounter"

of crucifixion suffered by Jesus as recorded in all four Gospel narratives, according to the announcement.

"All of the exact same patterns of wounds, as recorded in the

trail tracks through Italy, France, Asia and Turkey, the announcement said.

In 1981, scientists concluded that the Shroud of Turin was not the work of an artist. Blood



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Day care takes new precautions

A Boiling Springs day care said it has taken additional steps to ensure its facility is safe after a toddler was found wandering outside the building. **C1**



Lawsuit filed

An Aiken couple has filed a federal lawsuit after they were pulled over by police and forced to endure what they say was an illegal cavity search. Police never found any of the drugs they suspected the couple of holding, and they were never charged with a crime. **C3**

NEWS DIGEST

Bill requires officials to report who pays them

COLUMBIA — Elected and appointed public officials in South Carolina would have to report the sources of their private income — but not how much they are paid — under legislation approved Thursday by the Senate.

The Senate passed the measure by a vote of 40-1. In addition to legislators, the bill would include statewide officers, such as the governor, and members of public boards, such as school boards and city and county councils. Sen. Vincent Sheheen called it "fake" disclosure.

But his attempt to further amend the bill to require officeholders to report how much they make failed on a voice vote.

Judiciary Chairman Larry Martin countered that requiring people to specify an amount would stop many who work for private businesses from coming

TRANSGENDER BATHROOMS

Opponents, supporters of bill testify

SC Senate subcommittee holds hearing

By Chris Lavender
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COLUMBIA — A Spartanburg woman told a state Senate subcommittee Wednesday that a bill preventing transgender people from using the bathroom of their choice is based on fear and misunderstanding.

Deb Foreman, whose adult son is transgender, was one of several people who testified both against and for the measure proposed by state Sen. Lee Bright, R-Roebeck, during the

hearing.

Bright's bill would force transgender people to use bathrooms, showers or changing rooms based on their biological gender. Private businesses also would not have to accommodate transgender men or women.

The measure is modeled on a similar law in North Carolina.

Foreman described how her son has struggled because of others' ignorance.

"He still fears using a public bathroom because of societal

hate and discrimination, and this legislation would make it even worse," Foreman said.

Foreman said she contacted Bright's office after the legislation was introduced to invite him to meet with groups in Spartanburg to discuss the issue. She said Bright never returned her call.

"With all due respect, Sen. Bright, you are ignorant to the issues of the LGBT community," Foreman said.

Foreman said the legislation, if approved, would jeopardize the safety of transgender people.

"There has been no outcry for this type of legislation," she said. "It would certainly cause more harm than anything else."

More people spoke against than for the bill during the hearing.

Pastor Johnny Gardner of Columbia was among those who supported the bill, and he urged lawmakers to pass it. Gardner said people shouldn't use bathrooms that don't correspond to their biological sex.

"We ought to do what is right," Gardner said.

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AIMING FOR 1,000

SMC looks to add more students



Students tour the Spartanburg Methodist College campus. The college has launched an initiative to add more students over the next several years. ALEX HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHJ.COM

New Spartanburg Methodist president launches initiatives to increase awareness of college

By Zach Fox
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1,000 over the next several years.

"I think 1,000 (students) leads to a robust community," Cochran said.

Part of expanding the student body involves more marketing of SMC, said Lisa Ware, the college's first vice president of marketing.

"We really need to let people know we're here," she said. "We've been called the 'best

FOR THIS SESSION

Roads bill likely dead

Governor, senators say House changes doom prospects

By Jeffrey Collins
 The Associated Press

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RBC HERITAGE PRO-AM

Amateur misfires sometimes a hazard



David Trafford, of Hilton Head Island, holds his hat as the wind blows Wednesday during the pro-am at Harbour Town Golf Links.

Walkway between 10th, 15th fairways put fans close to RBC Heritage pro-am action

In 30-minute span, 2 people, house, tree struck by errant shots

Bill Paladino, a Vietnam veteran, joked he'd been dodging bullets his whole life

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Bill Paladino was walking along the cart path when the warning sounded. "FORE RIGHT!" yelled a volunteer on the right side of the fairway.

The errant drive struck Paladino below the shoulder, hitting the back of his gray "U.S.M.C." sweatshirt with a muted thud. "Is someone hit?" another volunteer said. "Is he OK?" "You need some ice?" one of Paladino's friends asked him. "Maybe I can have a little ice," Paladino, a Marine Corps

veteran, said in his New Jersey accent. "It's just a flesh wound. If it'd hit me in the head, I'd have been fine."

He laughed. A friend retrieved some ice from a concession stand near Hole No. 10's fairway at Harbour Town Golf Links. An amateur — playing in Wednesday's pro-am ahead of the RBC Heritage — walked down the fairway and stepped outside the ropes to apologize for the misfire. He and Paladino posed for a picture. Paladino held the bag of ice to his shoulder. The cart path and pedestrian walkway to the right of No. 10 was busy Wednesday. It's a

popular spot, according to Heritage regulars. You can watch golfers' tee shots on No. 10, see groups' approaches to No. 15 and watch players' drives on No. 16. A prime spot to watch the action on three holes and not too far from the excitement of the par-3 17th.

But that same walkway was, well, a bit treacherous on this day. The high winds were generally unkind to amateurs' tee shots. Moments after Paladino was hit, a volunteer farther down and off the side of the fairway was struck.

"It feels great," Richard Mar-

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Jason Day returns to the Heritage as the top-ranked golfer in the world. 1B



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BY DAVID LAUDERDALE

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