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## Appointed superintendent

As the state's chief executive, the governor should have a lot more to say about the direction of public education, as one of the state's preeminent responsibilities. The best way to accomplish that would be to give the governor authority to appoint the state superintendent of education....

Both Gov. Nikki Haley and state Superintendent Molly Spearman are endorsing the change, and are urging the Legislature to put the question to a vote in the next general election.

In a letter to lawmakers this week, they point out that South Carolina is one of only 13 states where the superintendent is an elected official, "wholly separate from the administration of the governor."

The result?

"Instead of moving the state forward with a common vision for education priorities, this divided leadership structure can result in incompat-

ible positions, a lack of coordination and fragmented accountability for failures in our pre-K-12 education system."

And there is an unfortunate record of failure in public education in South Carolina, which typically ranks among the bottom tier of states in many measures of student achievement.

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### **COLUMBIA**

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Haley says a new direction for the agency will include working closer with counties.

Earlier this year, Richland County sued the agency over its threat to withhold local sales taxes. A judge ordered Revenue to release the money but said the agency can pursue its allegations that county officials were misusing it.

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# Pinnacle fire evacuees go home; blaze spreads north

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About 100 evacuees displaced by the mountain fire around Table Rock were cleared to go home Monday afternoon, as firefighters kept up containment efforts.

The wildfire that jumped the South Saluda River this weekend has surrounded Rocky Mountain and was headed toward Buzzard Mountain. Over 40 firefighters were working hand lines and bulldozers around those two mountains Monday, while the rest of the personnel on the scene watched the burned out area extending from Pinnacle Mountain north

and east to the South Saluda River and Table Rock State Park for hot spots.

South Carolina National Guard helicopters continue to drop water on the burn out areas and the fires on Rocky and Buzzard mountains.

Gov. Nikki Haley said several local, state and federal agencies are working well together to battle the 5,400-acre blaze. She said the containment strategy seems to be working, but there are lingering concerns.

"The air quality is a concern. It's something we are watching very closely as we go forward,"

said Haley at a Monday news conference. "It's all hands on deck. It's Forestry, PRT (Parks, Recreation and Tourism), DNR and Emergency Management Division, as well as the National Guard. They have really been working day and night tirelessly since this all started."

Residents evacuated by Friday's large burnout were allowed to return home as of noon Monday, due to the progress of containment efforts on the east side of the fire, according to a

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midday update from Pickens County Emergency Management office.

Pickens County officials say that overall, fire breaks are holding up elsewhere around the 5,400-acre fire,

which started burning on Pinnacle nearly two weeks ago. The official containment estimate remains at 35 percent, as it has been for the last few days.

County officials said the cost of the firefighting efforts has exceeded \$1.6 million. Haley said her office is work-

ing closely with FEMA, which could cover up to 75 percent of the costs racked up from fighting the mountain fires in northern Pickens County.

*Tim Smith of the Greenville News contributed to this report.*



**Nikki Haley**

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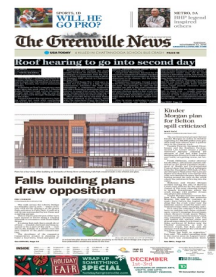
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COLUMBIA — A closed hearing to determine whether Dylann Roof is competent to stand trial will continue into a second day Tuesday, the courts announced Monday.

A decision on Roof's competency may come later this week when U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel writes his order. Gergel said last week that he and his staff would work through Thanksgiving on the order.

Gergel ordered the competency hearing closed last week after concluding that holding it in open court could threaten Roof's right to a fair trial.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for Roof, 22, who faces 33 federal charges in connection with the murders of nine African-Americans at Mother Emanuel AME church in Charleston in June 2015.

Roof's trial began Nov. 7 with jury selection but was called to a halt. Gergel subsequently disclosed that Roof was

undergoing a competency evaluation and that a hearing to determine his competency to stand trial would be held last week. Gergel then moved the hearing to Monday and issued an order sealing it.

*The Greenville News* and USA Today Network objected to the closure, along with The Associated Press, the Charleston *Post and Courier* and *The State* newspapers, National Public Radio, WCSC-TV and federal prosecutors.

Gergel last Thursday listened for 45 minutes as members of victims' families and news media representatives lodged objections to the closure. But the judge was not swayed.

Competency hearings, Gergel wrote in his order, can complicate a trial if they are open. For instance, he said, the defendant can talk to the court-appointed examiner without any Miranda warning and may disclose matters that would not be allowed to be disclosed in a trial because of a Fifth Amendment right to re-

main silent and not testify against himself.

Also, he wrote, a defendant in a competency hearing can testify without waiving his right to remain silent at trial. And in some instances, Gergel wrote, a competency report may not be used against a defendant at trial, and doing so could lead to a verdict in a death-penalty case being overturned.

The judge said at Thursday's hearing that he was worried that if the hearing were open jurors might learn details, which could include extensive statements by Roof.

Defendants who are found incompetent to stand trial — usually meaning they are unable to assist with their own defense or lack comprehension of the proceedings — are committed to a hospital for treatment to restore competency,

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## Roof

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said Professor Richard Bonnie, director of the Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy at the University of Virginia.

"Generally speaking, in most cases where people are found incompetent and need treatment for restoration, it's a matter of months and the person is typically restored to their ability to stand trial," said Bonnie, who is not associated with the Roof case. "The supposition in these cases is there are acute symptoms of mental illness and they can be treated in the way you would normally treat acute mental illness."

In another high-profile shooting case, a federal judge determined that defendant Jared Loughner was incompetent to stand trial, and after more than a year of treatment that included medication, found he could understand the proceedings.

Loughner then pleaded guilty to

federal charges that included the murders of six people in a 2011 Tucson shooting spree that targeted and critically injured U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. The deal took the death penalty off the table.

Gergel said if he finds Roof competent, jury selection would resume on Nov. 28.

The Roof trial as well as the trial of a white former North Charleston police officer charged with murder in the shooting death of a black man are to be the subject of a prayer vigil Tuesday requested by Gov. Nikki Haley.

Haley said Monday she plans to be at a noon service at Emanuel AME and is asking churches statewide to ring their bells and host prayer services at that time for healing from Hurricane Matthew

and the two murder trials.

"We don't know what's going to come out of these murder trials," she said. "I just felt it was a very important time that we all come to-

gether and just reflect back on 2015 and what brought us together in the first place, what allowed the rest of the country and the world to notice the grace of South Carolinians and the way we handled it."

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Dylann Storm Roof is escorted from the Cleveland County Courthouse in Shelby, N.C., on June 18, 2015.



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# South Carolina prays through tough times

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**I**t's been a rough year for South Carolina. Last month, the state was struck by hurricane-induced flooding, forcing waters to rise across the Palmetto State for the second year in a row. The trials in two racially charged shootings also are underway in Charleston.

In response to those tribulations, worshipers prayed across the state Tuesday, at the request of Gov. Nikki Haley, including at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Columbia.

"There's so much going on, and now we can just relax and pray," said 12-year-old Abby

Suber, a sixth-grader at Saint Joseph Catholic School.

Dan Rogers led an intercessory prayer at the noon service for the victims of the Emanuel Church shooting and the family of Walter Scott. "There's a need to come together," Rogers said. "No matter how bad things are, we're bigger than that."

The Rev. Richard C. Wilson often leads midday services at the church, but he noted the governor's call for the state to come together, and referenced the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday with a call to "give thanks for the blessings we have today."

The younger attendees at the service appreciated that Tues-

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## PRAYER SERVICE

day's prayers held special meaning for a state going through difficult times remembering the devastation last year's flooding had on Columbia.

"My neighbors had their house flooded, and they had to swim out of their house at 7 o'clock in the

morning," said Elliott

Cox, 12. The displaced neighbors ended up staying with her family for a while, "and I slept on an air mattress," Cox said.

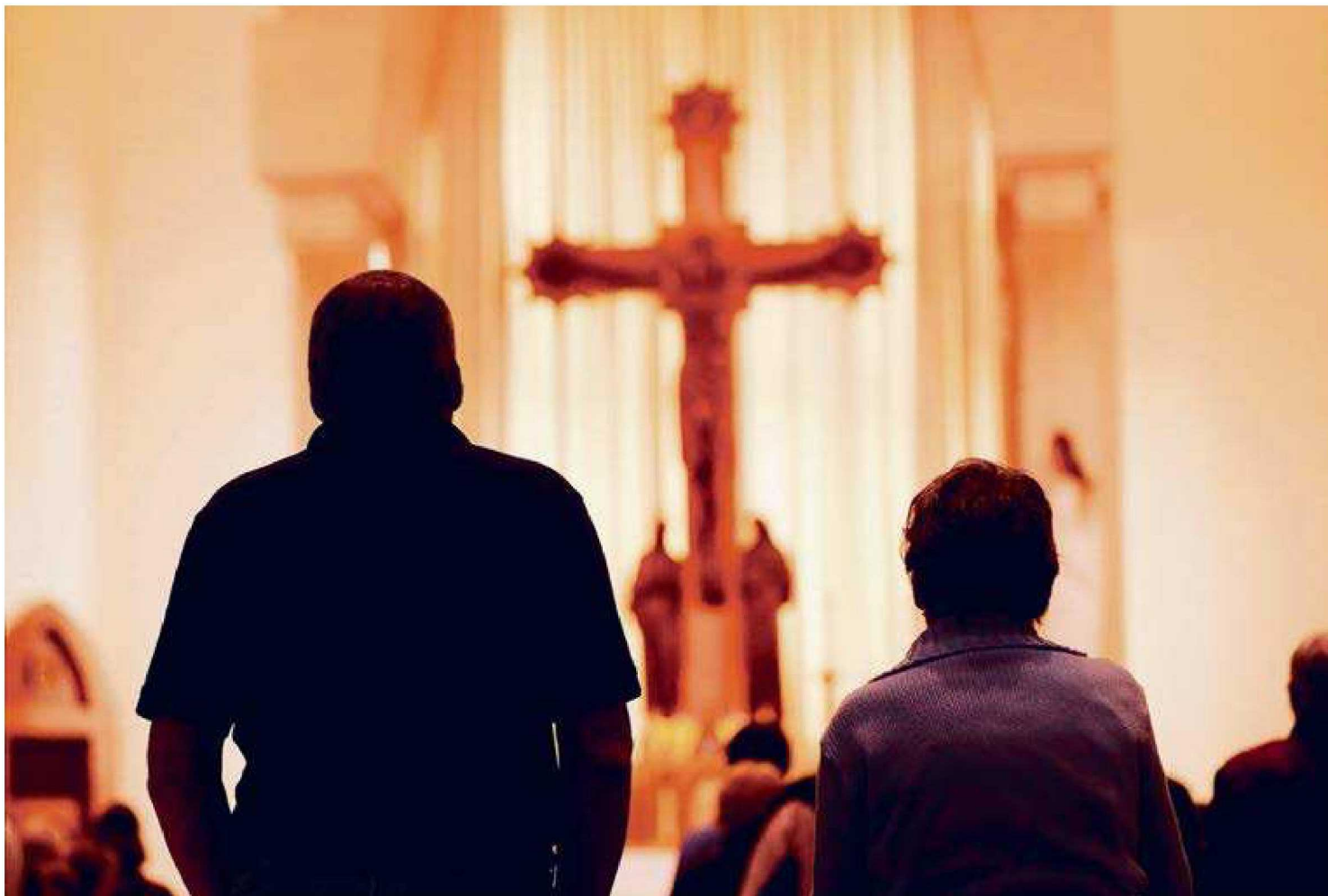
"All my friends had to evacuate their houses," said Inara Spector, 11.

"Even my teacher had to evacuate, but she still came to school every day to do her duty."

Those memories, and Tuesday's service, helped Suber to feel better about the troubles her state is currently going through.

"We're a good state, and we come together, and everything's going to be OK."

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Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Columbia held a prayer service, one of several across the state being held at the request of Gov. Nikki Haley after Hurricane Matthew, and in the midst of two racially-charged murder trials in Charleston.



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Johanna Killoy prays inside Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Columbia..

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## State briefs

# Roof's competency hearing wraps up with no decision

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CHARLESTON — There's no official decision yet on the competency of Dylann Roof to stand trial in the killing of nine black worshippers at a South Carolina church.

Court officials said no decision was reached in the two-day hearing that ended Tuesday afternoon in Charleston.

U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel says he'll rule later this week if the trial can continue. Gergel closed the hearing amid concern its contents could taint potential jurors' views of Roof.

The hearing came as Gov. Nikki Haley attended a prayer vigil blocks away at Emanuel AME Church, site of the 2015 shootings. The vigil was one of many statewide Haley requested to encourage prayer for South Carolina during the trials of Roof and former North

Charleston officer Michael Slager, as well as recovery from Hurricane Matthew.

### Five Hilton Head parks still closed after storm

HILTON HEAD ISLAND — Five parks on Hilton Head Island are still closed more than six weeks after Hurricane Matthew struck the resort.

*The Island Packet*, of Hilton Head, reported that most parks on the island have reopened, though some do have some restrictions.

The area's biggest attractions, the beaches, are all open for the busy Thanksgiving holiday season.

Town officials have cited debris cleanup and some damage for the reason why many of the parks and beaches were closed following the Oct. 8 storm.

Honey Horn and the Chaplin Community Park are being used as debris-processing sites. Town officials say it could be six months before those parks reopen.

### Human remains found at Greenville work site

GREENVILLE — Workers of a communications tower repair company have unearthed human remains in Greenville.

The Greenville Police Department said in a news release that the crew found the remains while excavating a site adjacent to the Richland Cemetery on Monday. Police say it does not appear the area was ever part of the cemetery.

The workers found a skull, portions of a mandible and what appeared to be a radius bone.

A forensic anthropologist has not yet been able to determine the person's age, gender and year of death, but police believe the bones have been on the ground for an extended period of time.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to contact authorities.

### Cargo service booming between S.C., Germany

SPARTANBURG — A new air cargo service is booming between South Carolina and Germany.

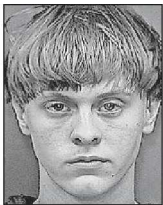
*The Herald-Journal*, of Spartanburg, reported that the "Atlantic Bridge" cargo service between the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport in Greer and Germany is a success after just six round trips.

Officials want to expand the twice-a-week service. But airport officials said Monday they need more warehouse space and parking space for planes.

The service using a Boeing 747-400 cargo jet started Nov. 5.

The service was started by the German company Senator International. It brings the cargo jet from Europe to Greer on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The goods are then delivered to companies in the Upstate and elsewhere in the Southeast.

BMW is the biggest customer of the new service.



Roof

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# Aiken joins rest of the state in prayer

Residents  
give thanks  
for blessings,  
celebrate diversity

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At noon Tuesday, church bells rang across South Carolina in observance of a day of prayer requested by Gov. Nikki Haley.

Haley attended a prayer vigil at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, a place where a year ago nine black parishioners were shot and killed during a Bible study. A trial is underway for the man accused of the shooting and a competency hearing also was reportedly being held for him Tuesday.

A separate case involving a former North Charleston police officer charged in the 2015 killing of an unarmed motorist is also underway in the Charleston area, prompting the governor to ask South Carolinians to pray for both, as well as a region in the state still recovering from

Hurricane Matthew.

She also asked those praying for the state to give thanks for its blessings.

Hours before in Aiken, a prayer group of roughly a dozen people that represented around eight or nine churches of all denominations met for its weekly prayer meeting at a local restaurant, where they prayed for government leaders, the community and nation.

Roger Rollins, executive director of the Family and Marriage Coalition of Aiken, said the prayer group is designed to bring people together, to get over the disunity and to work around everybody's differences.

"This is what brings us here," he said.

The Concerned Ministers Fellowship joined the group and each per-

son around the table prayed — some calling on that same unity and others offering prayers for local and state leaders and the nation's newest leaders.

Rollins also passed out a devotional guide to use during reflection at noon.

Both he and the Rev. Paul Bush, of the Concerned Ministers Fellowship, believe prayer is critical in life, with Rollins calling it "No. 1" and the means in which people communicate with God.

"Prayer is the key. You can't get into anything without a key. Prayer is the key that opens opportunity," Bush said.

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"And opens the door," Rollins added. "Then, you put legs on that prayer. But you've got to pray first."

Asked of the Charleston massacre and other events that have

happened around the state and country, both men agreed recent years have felt divisive but pointed out they feel it is an opportunity for unity.

"What's important here is

what we said this morning: The key in unity is the 'u.' So, as we come together, as a diverse body, as the preacher prayed in the last prayer, we have one body but there's many members," Bush said. "All of them

are alike, and all of them are different."

"Every finger has its own print and so with that, the Kingdom of God is really getting ready to show the world — at a time like never before

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— the power of unity through diversity. Not that the diversity will separate us, but that the diversity will bring us together to show us that we all need each other.”

Bush said the Concerned Ministers Fellowship had been working in Aiken with the Aiken Department of Public Safety and government leaders years before the acts at Mother Emanuel occurred. This, he said, is why people haven’t seen violent acts or rioting in

the area in response to some instances.

“We marched in never what was called a protest. We marched in unity,” he said.

Also stressing the need for unity, Rollins said people often focus too much on the horizontal and, as he pointed his finger upward, Rollins said people should focus instead on the vertical, which he believes is Jesus.

In talking about how to focus on what brings people together, he metaphorically compared it

to a bicycle wheel, which has spokes that help it go round.

“We tend to look at all the other spokes instead of looking at the center of the wheel. If you look at the center of the wheel, that’s what brings us together,” Rollins said. “We’ve got to quit looking at the next spoke and asking, ‘Why do you look different? Why are you in a different place than I am?’ We’ve got to start looking at the center.”

That is what will help the world go round, he said.

Rollins and Bush both spoke about what the forgiveness of the church shooting victims’ families meant, with Rollins saying he sees it as forgiving

an attitude that allowed it to happen but also forgiving an individual, which he said is how God forgives.

Bush said he believes that forgiveness is bigger than Charleston. He said it’s about the nation and it began in the once-segregated South, which God has used to show “he’s still at work.”



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**Pastor Almeta Nichols, of River of Life Church, prays Tuesday morning during a weekly prayer meeting in Aiken. This week’s meeting fell on a day when Gov. Nikki Haley called for statewide prayer.**



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**The Rev. Paul Bush, foreground, of the Concerned Ministers Fellowship, prays with a prayer group in Aiken on Tuesday, a day Gov. Nikki Haley called for statewide prayer vigils.**



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**Romualdo Liis, of River of Life Church in Aiken, prays during a prayer group Tuesday, a day when Gov. Nikki Haley called for statewide prayer vigils.**



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# Encouraging Trump-Romney detente

**E**ight and a half months ago, Mitt Romney called Donald Trump a “fake,” “fraud,” “con man” and “phony.”

Mr. Trump responded by contending that he owned a Gucci store in Trump Tower in Manhattan that was worth more than Mr. Romney. Mr. Trump added that Mr. Romney, whom he had endorsed for president in 2012, was a “choke artist” who had blown what should have been a Republican victory in that election.

Now, though, there seems to be a significant possibility that Mr. Romney will soon be calling Mr. Trump “boss,” and Mr. Trump will be calling Mr. Romney “Secretary of State.”

The last two Republican White House nominees appear to be back on cordial terms. And whether or not Mr. Romney becomes a part of the Trump administration, the willingness of both men to move beyond previous insults against each other so they can work together again speaks well of them. Their reconciliation also could bode well for our nation.

Mr. Romney met with the president-elect on Saturday at Trump National Golf Club in New Jersey. Mr. Romney later called it a “very thorough and

in-depth discussion.” Mr. Trump said, “It went great.”

Then on Sunday, Vice President-Elect Mike Pence said Mr. Romney was under “active and serious consideration” for the Secretary of State job. And Kellyanne Conway, a senior advisor to Mr. Trump, told CNBC on Monday that it was “gracious of Romney” to go see Mr. Trump.

Among other reported prospects for Secretary of State are South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, who met with the president-elect at Trump Tower last Thursday, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee. Mrs. Haley, who also sharply criticized Mr. Trump during the GOP primary race, would be a better fit as Secretary of Commerce, given her lack of foreign policy experience and her in-state success on the economic development front.

Mr. Romney doesn’t have substantial credentials in the foreign policy arena, either. However, he did get it right in the 2012 campaign when he repeatedly identified Russian President Vladimir Putin, as a major menace.

During a debate that year,

President Obama mocked that view, saying:

“Governor Romney, I’m glad that you recognize that al-Qaida is a threat, because a few months ago when you were asked what’s the biggest geopolitical threat facing America, you said Russia, not al-Qaida. ... They’re now calling to ask for their foreign policy back because, you know, the Cold War’s been over for 20 years.”

Mr. Romney aptly responded: “I’m not going to wear rose-colored glasses when it comes to Russia or Mr. Putin.”

Since then, President Obama presumably has finally learned the hard way that Russia, with its aggressive actions in Crimea, Ukraine and Syria, is indeed a serious threat to U.S. interests and global stability.

Mr. Trump, judging from his past praise of Mr. Putin, could use a few lessons on Russia from Mr. Romney, too.

And regardless of who becomes Secretary of State, the detente between Mr. Trump and Mr. Romney boosts hopes that the president-elect is trying to land the best talent, not settle scores, as he picks personnel for his administration.

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## PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

# Haley mum on details of Trump meeting

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### COLUMBIA

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley did not offer many details Monday on her meeting with President-elect Donald Trump, even as she continues to be the focus of talk about a potential Cabinet appointment.

Haley would not say what she and Trump discussed last week. The Republican governor, touted as a possible Cabinet appointee

under the New York real estate mogul, said they had a "very nice" conversation about several topics. "It was a private meeting," Haley said Monday.

Haley spoke at a news conference at the State House to announce a new director of the state Department of Revenue, but was questioned about reports

she could be named Trump's secretary of state. Haley also has been speculated to be a candidate for secretary of commerce.

"I was very happy to be invited," Haley said. "It was a good meeting. We talked about a multiple group of topics."

Haley said she has been in talks with the Trump transition team since the meeting and that she will continue to support the president-elect. "What we want is a very successful Trump transition and administration. That only helps South Carolina."

Haley attributed her national profile to S.C. residents, especially their response to tragedies and natural disasters. "It was all about the team," she said.

Haley was sharply critical of Trump during the GOP primary campaign, but is one

of several Trump critics reportedly being considered for jobs in his administration.

Haley said Monday her critiques of Trump during the campaign were professional, not personal. She added her relationship with Trump did not need mending during last week's meeting.

"He was a friend and supporter before he ran for president, and was kind to me then. But when I see something I am uncomfortable with, I say it. ... When we met, it was friends who had known each other before."

Trump previously had contributed to a Haley-backed political committee, and the Republican's 2010 and 2015 campaigns for governor.

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*