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Thanks to pressure from Gov. Nikki Haley and Rep. Mark Sanford, the federal government will pick up a large portion of the tab for debris removal from affluent areas on Hilton Head Island. Can these folks be considered part of the 47 percent of "takers," per Gov. Mitt Romney?

Meanwhile, Haley refuses to allow Medicaid expansion, even though it would be totally funded by the feds through 2020. This leaves thousands of our citizens without medical care. Per usual: Haves, 1; have-nots, 0.

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CHARLESTON — The family of a white man accused of killing nine black parishioners at a South Carolina church is asking for privacy during his upcoming trial.

Relatives of Dylann Roof said in an email statement Tuesday afternoon they are "still in anguish and shock that a member of our family could have committed such a terrible, senseless crime" and are "still struggling to understand why Dylann caused so much grief and pain to so many good people."

The statement goes on to say Roof's relatives "pray that the Emanuel AME families and the Charleston community will find peace."

Roof's federal death penalty trial in the June 2015 shooting is scheduled to start later this month. He also faces the death penalty in a state trial set for next year.

Non-profit group seeks help with park project

COLUMBIA — Supporters who want to build a \$3 million park at Fort Jackson to mark the installation's 100th anniversary are seeking \$500,000 from the city of Columbia.

The State newspaper reported the nonprofit group Gateway to the Army Association was scheduled to make the pitch to

city council members Tuesday. Association president Marty Wells told the newspaper the group has already raised \$50,000 in private donations or in-kind commitments.

Plans call for picnic areas, green space, a 300-seat amphitheater and a 20-foot statue as a tribute to the training installation's drill sergeants.

Columbia city manager Teresa Wilson said if the council approves the money, city staff will begin looking for funding sources such as revenue from the city's meal tax.

The Army's largest training installation celebrates its 100th anniversary in June.

Tests find more mold at Spartanburg courthouse

SPARTANBURG — Tests show more mold has been found in the Spartanburg County Courthouse.

The Herald-Journal of Spartanburg reports tests from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration were given to county officials Monday.

The August testing showed the problems were not over for county employees and officials who have been battling mold for months.

But Clerk of Court Hope Blackley said new testing Mon-

day in the two courtrooms showed the rooms are clear now so the courtrooms can be used this week.

Blackley said concentrations of mold were found to be in low-quality concentrations, but that additional testing was warranted.

Most of the mold remediation work at the courthouse was completed in late September.

County officials continue to discuss long-term solutions for air quality issues in the 59-year-old building.

Haley to visit Lowcountry to discuss storm recovery

RIDGELAND — Gov. Nikki Haley is heading to the Lowcountry to talk about recovery from Hurricane Matthew.

The governor's office said Haley will be in Ridgeland on Wednesday as part of a relief event. The event is set from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jasper County Farmers Market.

Federal, state and nonprofit organization officials will be available to answer questions from residents of Beaufort, Jasper, Colleton and Hampton counties about help families and businesses after the storm.

Those who visit the event can register for financial help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. They can also apply for disaster loans

from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency will also be on hand to provide information for farmers about crop losses and damage.

Man accused in student's death faces more charges

MYRTLE BEACH — Authorities in Horry County said a man accused in the death of a Coastal Carolina University student who was killed while trying to cross a road is now facing additional charges.

The Sun News, of Myrtle Beach, reports Lt. Selena Small of the Conway Police Department said 31-year-old Edward Lee Washington is now charged with hit and run, duties of driver involved in accident with death. He already faced multiple charges, including felony driving under the influence.

Horry County Chief Deputy Coroner Tamara Willard said Ryan Bielawa, of Averill Park, New York, was trying to cross S.C. 544 near an apartment complex last Saturday when he was hit by a vehicle and killed.

Washington is jailed on a \$76,234 bond. It's not known if he has an attorney.

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Timothy White, a petition candidate for the McCormick County Council District 4 seat, is seeking to unseat Charles Jennings, the 28-year Democratic incumbent.

Elections are Nov. 8.

Charles Jennings

Jennings has served on McCormick County Council for 28 years and as council chairman for six years.

He said his experience on council and his track record as a councilman

are an asset to the council and the county.

"I am a proven leader who is a hard worker and a servant of the people," he said.

Jennings rates hiring a full-time economic development director, helping to bring businesses such as restaurants and a Food Lion into the county, and negotiating tax incentives with Milliken Textiles to keep the company in McCormick among his greatest accomplish-

ments as a member of council, he said.

He is also proud of his role in the construction of a public safety building, a detention center and an administration building in the county.

Jennings said he would like to convert the former McCormick County High School building into a recreation center and would push for the construction of a new emergency management building, he said.

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Jennings said he would also like to work toward constructing a spec building on a 50-acre tract a mile and a half south of Plumb Branch the county recently acquired.

"We've purchased land and now I'd like to see a spec building and a business come to that industrial park," he said.

Jennings said his biggest priority if re-elected would be collaborating with businesses, towns, fellow council members and the county's economic director to attract businesses and jobs to the county.

He also said he supports a 1-percent additional sales tax that will go before voters on Nov. 8.

The tax — which would raise about \$3.5 million for the county over eight years — would go to funding eight capital projects throughout the county.

"It would really help McCormick County if it were passed," he said. "For some of the projects, if we don't pass it, we would have to increase

taxes to take care of."

Timothy White

White, the owner of Michelle's New York Pizza in McCormick, said he was inspired to run when Gov. Nikki Haley visited the county and encouraged people to get involved with local government.

During a luncheon in November, Haley said "the problem with McCormick is you need new county leadership" as explained why the state Department of Commerce rescinded a \$1.2 million grant awarded to the county to build a spec building.

"We kind of took it to heart when she said 'if you want progress and you want change to come to your town, you need a county council that's more open to development and change,'" White said.

Owning a restaurant gives White an understanding of the needs of the community,

he said, and hearing the concerns of his customers also motivated him to run for office.

"It gives me good insight on the average working person and people day to day coming through," he said. "The issues they're passionate about, the things they're complaining about, the things they're positive about. We see both sides of it sitting down at the lunch table."

White said he would like to focus on bolstering education in the county if elected.

"We'd like to focus our efforts on education and giving the children the supplies they need to excel in their classes," he said. "Right now we have a portion of our middle school that doesn't even have textbooks to take home."

White would work with the leaders in the school district to try and improve education in the county, he said.

"First thing we're going to try and do is just get the lead-

ers of the school together," he said. "I'm just looking to firm up what we have and find out what direction they want. Me telling them how to do it wouldn't be good. I need to find out what they need and support them."

White said that he would make developing business in the county a priority.

"We've had a lot of businesses come and go," White said. "The good ones could have made it with a little bit of help and support from the county and the community. We don't have a resource for new businesses."

White said he would push for the county to offer a program that helped educate small business owners and prospective business owners.

"We don't have a resource for businesses here for if you have a question about your business," he said.

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York Tech to honor contract with pro-Confederacy group

■ York Technical College leaders said Monday that legally they have to honor a contract to lease space to the Sons of Confederate Veterans and will make sure no display of Confederate flags is allowed, although the NAACP and others are against the flag and convention.

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ROCK HILL

York Technical College officials intend to honor a leasing agreement allowing the Sons of Confederate Veterans South Carolina convention on campus in March, but pledged to minimize its presence and vowed no Confederate flags or similar symbols will be allowed on campus.

College officials stated during a news conference Monday morning that they originally canceled the contract after learning of convention plans as a result of reporting by The Herald. But they rescinded their notification after legal advice from several attorneys.

In fact, the college has spent some \$30,000 in legal fees attempting to research its options regarding the SCV issue, according to York Tech President Greg Rutherford.

Still, the NAACP and

other community leaders said they are against the event being held at the Baxter M. Hood Center in Rock Hill, because of the group's use of the Confederate flag and the message that having the convention on campus would send to the community.

Rutherford said that the Confederate flag will not be allowed to be displayed at the convention, stating that the school reserves the right to decide what materials can be displayed under a landlord/tenant type of agreement.

There will "neither now nor ever," be a display of the Confederate flag on campus, including during the event, Rutherford said.

Rutherford said that school leadership, after receiving confirmation that center staff had booked the event, wanted to cancel it. But four legal opinions the school requested advised that the group had a First Amendment right to assemble.

"We deplore the Confederate flag," he said, but said that legally the school cannot control the views of those groups – more than 400 in the past year – who rent from the school.

School officials now say they intend to keep the event isolated and away from the eyes of students and others among the college community, and that no Confederate flags or other similar symbols will be allowed anywhere on the York Tech campus, including inside the Hood center.

But officials as of mid-day Monday had not communicated those restrictions to the group.

When contacted by The Herald after the news conference, Bucky Sutton, commander of Rock Hill's Micah Jenkins SCV camp – host for the convention – said he had not been contacted by York Tech officials concerning the

school's decision to honor the contract or any other information about what would be allowed. Sutton declined further comment.

Rutherford and other school leaders met with NAACP and black elected officials Monday before the news conference. NAACP officials say they are still against the convention because the flag remains "divisive," and a sign of racial "hatred" and have brought up repeatedly the difficult and contentious racial climate in the region and country that might be made worse by the convention.

Since learning about the convention from a story in The Herald in September, the NAACP chapters in Rock Hill and western York County, along with

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See video from Monday's news conference at heraldonline.com.

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Rep. John King, York County Councilman William "Bump" Roddey and others, have had meetings. They have expressed concerns over a convention that could feature the Confederate flag at a public college that receives taxpayer money.

NAACP leaders have said they respect free speech and assembly for all people, but that they had concerns about the school choosing to enter into a contract with a group that espouses the Confederate Flag.

The York Tech student body is about 25 percent black.

With urging from Gov. Nikki Haley, the General Assembly voted in 2015 to take the flag down from a spot next to the Statehouse after nine blacks were killed in June 2015 at a Charleston church, allegedly at the hands of Confederate flag supporter who wanted to start a race war.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a non-profit organization that states on its website: "The South Carolina Division, of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved."

The SCV website also states "One comes down, many go up," with a picture of the Confederate

flag in front of the S.C. Statehouse before it came down. The Confederate flag is on its logo and materials. The group held a news conference at the Statehouse in 2015 after the Charleston killings, but before the flag came down the next month, saying it denounced the killings but opposed any effort to take the flag down.

Yet, even if "SCV is considered by some to embrace unpopular views," one of the legal opinions solicited by York Tech distributed Monday showed the First Amendment prohibits interfering with free speech and assembly. The legal mandate of taking the flag down applies only to the state capitol complex, the legal opinion states.

"If a college opens a limited public forum, the college may not deny access to that forum based on the viewpoint of the speaker nor grounds unrelated to the purpose for which the forum has been opened."

York Tech held a nearly one-hour press conference at the Hood center Monday, criticizing coverage of the issue in The Herald.

President Rutherford took issue with The paper's previous coverage that said Confederate flags will be on display during the convention. Rutherford said the school can control what is put up during the convention and that no Confederate flags will be allowed.

Herald Editor Mark J. Rochester said the news-

paper stands by its reporting on the issue.

"Until Monday, we had no idea the college had any concerns regarding our reporting on the Sons of Confederate Veterans convention taking place on campus. The school's hard-line stance conveyed during the press conference had not been articulated during any of our previous reporting," Rochester said.

"It was disappointing to see President Rutherford blame the media, and The Herald specifically, for covering an issue that is clearly newsworthy."

A copy of the contract provided to The Herald said the Sons of Confederate Veterans will have "approximately 200 guests." On its form for the convention, the group states that all registered guests will receive a convention medal.

"The convention medal will feature a photo of our ancestor's battle flag as it flew July 9, 2015," the form states. The Confederate flag was taken down from the Statehouse grounds the next day, July 10, 2015.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans Micah Jenkins camp from Rock Hill, on its registration form as the camp "host" for the event, shows a Confederate flag on the registration materials and has its logo that features the flag on the registration form. It also shows the group intends to have vending tables.

York Tech officials said, however, that no displays

means none.

"If that means some of their vendors can't come, then that's the way it will be," said Marc Tarplee, York Tech's vice president of business services, at the news conference.

After the news conference, NAACP Rock Hill chapter President Jacques Days and other black leaders said that the meeting with York Tech leaders was "interesting and informative" - they also were provided a copy of the contract - yet their position has not changed.

They said their position on the convention is simple: "We don't want it," Days said.

"The Confederate flag is a heinous sign of a divisive history," Days said. "It is about division, racism and hatred."

Days said that their "may be a way around" the contract and that potentially York Tech would not have to go forward, but he offered no details on a potential legal challenge.

In the short term, black leaders expect York Tech to honor what it announced Monday when leaders told the news conference that no Confederate flags will be displayed in any form.

"We will hold them true to their word that there will be no display of Confederate flags," Days said.

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LEFT: York Technical College President Greg Rutherford questions a photograph on The Herald's website during a Monday news conference to address the leasing agreement the school has to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. RIGHT: Jacques Days, president of the NAACP's Rock Hill chapter, said he had hoped the college would find a way to cancel the event.



Tarplee

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Maybe it is time for a change in South Carolina

South Carolina has traditionally voted Republican. However, maybe it is time for a change. Realizing that Clinton is a politician and is playing the political game to get elected may be off putting for many, but realizing that Trump is an example of the absolute worst in people must override any hesitance to vote for Clinton. Trump has repeatedly demonstrated his disregard for anyone's rights or opinions except his own. He has shown himself to be a selfish egotist who attacks anyone who disagrees with him, and he deserves only disgust for his treatment of women. How can anyone consider him presidential when he been unfaithful to his wives, divorced twice, bankrupt six times, and paid no taxes for years.

Now I see Nikki Haley, who won't fund the arts, is going to vote for him, and Trey Gowdy, who wasted millions of taxpayers money in an attempt to discredit Clinton to gain political favor in the Republican party, will say nothing against him. These are our political leaders, and they will support the worst candidate for the American presidency in history. In addition, their Republican leadership have stated they will block any nominee Clinton puts forth.

America is not a dictatorship, but the Republican party seems to think it can ignore the Constitution no matter the cost to the American public. Maybe it is time for a change

in South Carolina.

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COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina spent nearly \$1 million sending 300 school buses to Charleston County on the coast during Hurricane Matthew to evacuate residents, but only 24 of the buses were used, state education records show.

And the only people who rode the buses to inland shelters were residents of a nursing home, according to information from the state Education Department obtained by *The Greenville News*.

Fuel for the buses, meals and hotels for the drivers and bus aides, the cost of a team from the state Forestry Commission and other expenses totaled \$954,779. State officials said they think federal disaster money should repay much of that cost.

Some residents did go to North Charleston to get on the buses, but were directed to local shelters instead because of a rule that stated the buses couldn't be used until nearby shelters were at least half full.

Gov. Nikki Haley touted the buses for a few days after ordering evacuations along the coast as the hurricane threatened.

Her spokeswoman, Chaney Adams, said she was relying on county information and the program will now be reviewed.

"When local requests for assistance come in, as the state prepares for a storm, we listen to the needs of local officials," Adams said. "In the aftermath of a storm, state officials always consid-

er what worked and what didn't, and that informs what can be handled better during the next state of emergency."

Hurricane Matthew killed five people in South Carolina, all connected to inland flooding from heavy rains. The storm killed 42 people in the U.S., more than half of them in North Carolina, and more than 500 people in Haiti.

Hurricane Matthew was a Category 4 storm when the governor ordered evacuations, and officials had to take into account the possibility of a direct hit without any weakening, Education Department spokesman Ryan Brown said.

"It would have been a much worse situation had we been hit with a massive hurricane and not had enough buses there," Brown said.

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Richland One students will go to school January 13, March 31, and April 17 to make up the three days they missed when schools were closed October 5-7.

On October 4, Gov. Nikki Haley ordered schools in Richland One and several other districts to close for the next three days due to the anticipated impact of Hurricane Matthew on various parts of the state and the need for massive evacuations.

January 13, March 31, and April 17, which would have been student holidays/staff professional development days, were designated as student makeup days, if needed, in Richland One's

2016-2017 academic calendar. State law requires all school districts to build three makeup days into their calendars.

Because schools were closed for three days, some adjustments had to be made to marking periods and report card dates. Those changes are reflected on the 2016-2017 academic calendar that is posted at www.richlandone.org; click on the District Calendars link.

If any other makeup days are needed this school year, the district will address those matters at that time, and students, parents, and employees will be notified.

For more information, contact the Richland One Office of Communications at (803) 231-7504.

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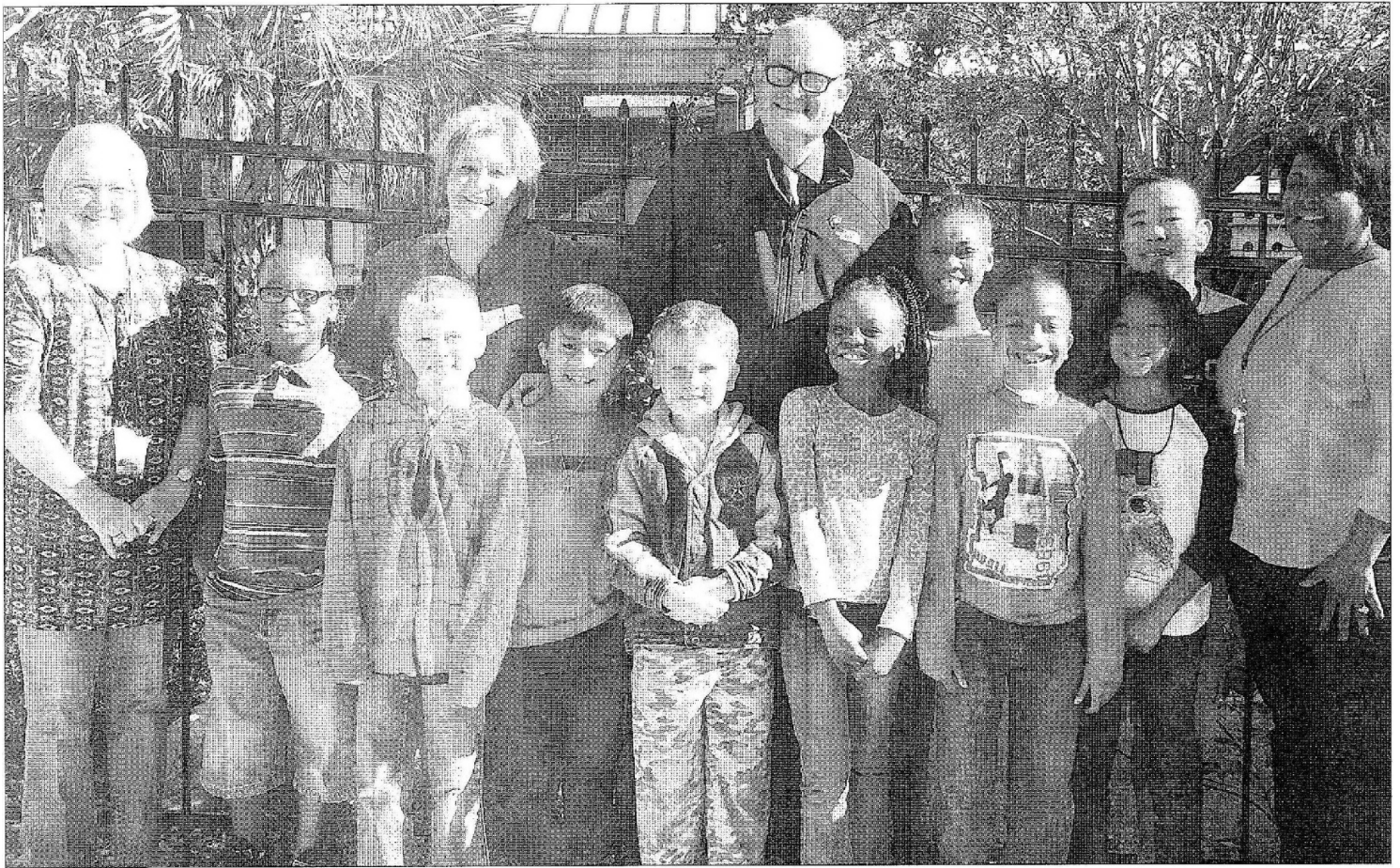
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Students in Brennen Elementary School's deaf/hard of hearing classes were honored with a visit from Governor Nikki Haley's "rock star" interpreter, Jason Hurdich on October 11. Hurdich, who is the only certified deaf interpreter in South Carolina, has recently become something of a social media sensation. He has been working diligently with the governor's office to ensure all South Carolinians have equal cultural and linguistic access to all critical emergency messages. He talked with Brennen students about the recent hurricane, weather, and his profession. Hurdich also encouraged them to believe that no goal is unattainable.