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Editorial

Time to furl the Confederate flag

The Confederate flag was raised over the Statehouse dome in 1962 to mark the centennial of the Civil War. It flew there for nearly 40 years before being relocated to a nearby Confederate memorial as part of a hard-fought legislative compromise.

But it's clear that the compromise hasn't succeeded, recognizing what the flag symbolizes for many South Carolinians. It's time for the Legislature to furl the flag in the spirit of good will and reconciliation.

Such an act would be in the spirit of the original compromise, which was approved by lawmakers

of good will, black and white, to remove the flag from a position of sovereignty and place it at what was viewed as an appropriate place on the Statehouse grounds.

Inside

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But there is no appropriate place for the flag at the Statehouse — not in the aftermath of Wednesday's tragic murder of nine people in Emanuel AME Church on Calhoun Street. Among those killed was the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, who was also a state senator.

The suspect, Dylann Roof, has

been associated with white supremacist ideology. Among information that has surfaced on the Internet are several pictures of him with a Confederate flag. In one of those photos he is also holding a handgun.

In the wake of that terrible tragedy, the flag issue has returned with a new intensity. Some critics view it as a confirmation of South Carolina's adherence to the failed policies of bygone years — slavery, secession, Jim Crow, segregation and the state's initial opposition to federal civil rights laws.

Advocates of the flag say that it represents the struggle of this state

during the nation's Civil War — a war in which more than 20,000 South Carolinians died. It was a war fought by the ancestors of many of today's South Carolinians, and it reminds those descendants of the gallantry and sacrifice during that bloody conflict.

For other South Carolinians, however, the flag has nothing but dire associations that reflect the race hatred and lawlessness of those, such as the Ku Klux Klan, who appropriated it for their own purposes. Flag opponents include black and white South Carolinians.

In the spirit of reconciliation, the Confederate flag needs to

be removed from the Statehouse grounds.

On Monday, Gov. Nikki Haley gave her support to furling the flag. "We are not going to allow this symbol to divide us any longer," she said. A growing number of legislative leaders support the idea.

The Legislature has the opportunity to remove the flag before the end of this month's extended session. It can revise the terms of the session, and vote to bring the flag down.

Do it to honor the nine people who were killed at Emanuel AME Church. Do it now.

Haley: Remove flag once, for all

State's 2 U.S. senators join push in wake of Charleston massacre



South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley embraces U.S. Sen. Tim Scott during a news conference in the South Carolina Statehouse on Monday in Columbia. Haley said the Confederate flag should be moved from the grounds of the state Capitol, taking her position on the divisive symbol amid growing calls for it to be removed.

BY SCHUYLER KROPP and CYNTHIA ROLDAN
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COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley and South Carolina's two U.S. senators on Monday joined the growing chorus calling for removing the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds after a white gunman killed nine black people last week in Emanuel AME Church in Charleston.

Haley declared during a Statehouse news conference that South Carolina had "stared evil in the eye" last week, and it is time to fold the flag for good.

"Today, we are here in a moment of unity in our state, without ill will, to say it is time to move the flag from the Capitol grounds," Haley said.

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North Charleston Mayor Keith Summy calls for removal of the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds during a press conference in North Charleston on Monday.

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Many S.C. lawmakers silent on flag stance

Survey still stirs strong sentiments

BY GLENN SMITH
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Deep, strong feelings exist on both sides of the Confederate flag debate, but a majority of South Carolina lawmakers dodged attempts on Monday to pin down where they stand on removing the flag from the Statehouse grounds.

The Post and Courier reached out to all 170 House and Senate members in an attempt to determine how much support existed for removing the flag, as Gov. Nikki Haley has called on the Legislature to do.

A team of reporters called, sent emails and tweeted to these lawmakers throughout the day, but were met by silence from many.

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President to deliver eulogy for Pinckney

First lady, Biden to attend service

BY MELISSA BOUGHTON and ROBERT BEHRE
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President Barack Obama will deliver the eulogy Friday at the Rev. Clementa Pinckney's funeral, a White House official said.

First lady Michelle Obama and Vice President Joe Biden also will travel to Charleston to attend the services for the fallen Democrat, who also served as a state senator, the official confirmed Monday. Pinckney was one of nine people fatally shot Wednesday night during a Bible study at Emanuel AME Church.



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'A MOMENT OF UNITY'



Lawmakers urged to remove Confederate battle flag from Statehouse grounds

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COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley on Monday urged lawmakers to remove the Confederate battle flag from the Statehouse grounds, saying it does not represent the future of the state and has been used as a symbol of hatred. "Today, we are here in a moment of unity in our state, without ill will, to say it's time to move the flag from the capitol grounds," Haley said to thunderous applause and cheers from more than 100 people who filled the Statehouse upstairs lobby and lined the railings above.

Haley addressed the issue following a private meeting with state lawmakers from both chambers and both parties.

She was backed during her statement by lawmakers from both parties, the president of the State NAACP Conference and members of the state's congressional delegation, including former Gov. Mark Sanford and the state's senators, Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott.

Haley said if lawmakers do not address the issue before leaving for the summer, she will call a special session solely for the purpose of removing the flag from the Statehouse grounds.

The issue over the flag's presence reignited last week with the brutal shooting deaths of nine people at a historic black church in Charleston. The white man charged with their murders sported a Confederate flag license plate on his car and has been linked to a website displaying photos that appear to be him holding Confederate flags.

The battle flag was removed from the Statehouse dome in 2000 in a legislative compromise and raised on a pole near the Confederate Soldiers Monument on the north side of the Statehouse, just steps from Main Street in Columbia. Under terms of the compromise, it can be removed only by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature.

Haley said many in the state see the flag as a symbol of



TIM DOMINICK/AP
South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, center, embraces U.S. Sen. Tim Scott during a news conference in the South Carolina State House on Monday in Columbia. Haley said the Confederate flag should come down from the grounds of the state Capitol, reversing her position on the divisive symbol amid growing calls for it to be removed.



For more than a month, no aid could reach Wau Shilluk, a South Sudanese village on the Nile, because of the fighting.

Crisis Spreads In South Sudan As War Rages

By MARC SANTORA

MALAKAL, South Sudan — In places where the fighting is fiercest, no one is even attempting to count the dead.

Nearly half the population of the world's newest nation, South Sudan, is in danger of going hungry. New atrocities are reported almost every day. And more than 1.5 million people have fled their homes, the vast majority to swampy villages where they hope rising waters during the rainy season will keep them safe from marauding soldiers.

"There is no more country," said John Khamis, 38, who has spent much of his nation's existence sheltered in a camp on a United Nations base. "I don't know how the fighting stops now."

It has been less than two years since a power struggle between the nation's leaders plunged South Sudan into chaos, inflaming old ethnic tensions that almost immediately tore this new country apart.

Despite repeated attempts at peace, some of the deadliest fighting of the civil war has erupted in the last few months.

The warring leaders are unflinchingly entrenched in their positions, and the kinds of abuses that shocked the world early in the conflict, including the use of child soldiers and deliberate at-

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Newark Schools Chief, Picked by Christie, Is Out

By KATE ZERNIKE

Cami Anderson, the superintendent of the Newark public school system who became a lightning rod in the debate over education reform in New Jersey and nationally, resigned on Monday, eight months before her contract was to expire.

An adviser and longtime friend to former Mayor Cory A. Booker and appointed by Gov. Chris Christie, Ms. Anderson had been hounded by protests from students, parents and local leaders

for more than a year. She had feuded openly with the city's populist new mayor, Ras J. Baraka, a former high school principal who was elected last year on a promise to return Newark — and its schools, which have been under state control for 20 years — to Newarkers.

Ms. Anderson was appointed in 2011, just as a \$100 million grant from the Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg had set up the long-troubled school district — the state's largest, with some of the nation's most disadvantaged children — to become a national model for change. Ms. Anderson, 43, used some of that money to establish merit-based pay in a teachers' contract that was hailed even by national unions as a groundbreaking compromise.

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SHANA PARCH-LEOPOLD FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Grading Common Core: No Teachers Required

The tests are not necessarily judged by teachers, which has drawn some criticism. Page A11.

With Tap of Taylor Swift's Fingers, Apple Had to Change Its Tune

By BEN SISARIO

In an age of depressed record sales, her albums sell by the millions. Her tours fill arenas around the world. And a complimentary tweet to her nearly 60 million followers can help kick-start another singer's career.

But as Taylor Swift's victory in a one-day battle against Apple this week showed, she also has a

rare power to influence the music business itself, at a time of deep anxiety among artists big and small about the value of their work. These days, the concern is about the value of music in the digital age, and by taking on Apple — and Spotify before it — Ms. Swift has emerged as perhaps the most effective negotiator in the business, for her own benefit as well as others'.

"She is the most powerful person in the music industry," said David Lowery of the bands Cracker and Camper Van Beethoven, and an advocate for artists' rights. "She is able to bring the debate to the mainstream."

Ms. Swift reaches the masses through her adept use of social media, whether teasing a new album on Instagram or taking on industry economics on her blog. On Sunday morning, Ms. Swift wrote a diplomatic but stern

Tumblr post taking Apple to task for not paying royalties on test drives of its new streaming music service, set to open on June 30.

"We don't ask you for free iPhones," she wrote. "Please don't ask us to provide you with our music for no compensation."

By midnight Sunday, Apple — one of the most powerful companies in the world — had capitulated to the 25-year-old pop star.

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Governor Joins the Call To Take Down Rebel Flag

Noting South Carolina's Pain, Haley Wants
Symbol Gone From Capitol Grounds

This article is by Frances Robles, Richard Fausset and Michael Barbaro.

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Gov. Nikki R. Haley called on Monday for South Carolina to do what just a week ago seemed politically impossible — remove the Confederate battle flag from its perch in front of the State House building here. She argued that a symbol long revered by many Southerners was for some, after the church massacre in Charleston, a "deeply offensive symbol of a brutally offensive past."

"The events of this week call upon us to look at this in a different way," said Ms. Haley, an Indian-American, who is the first member of an ethnic minority to serve as governor of the state as well as the first woman.

She spoke at an afternoon news conference, surrounded by Democratic and Republican lawmakers including both of the state's United States senators, Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott, an African-American. "Today we are here in a moment of unity in our state, without ill will, to say it's time to move the flag from the capitol grounds," she said.

It was a dramatic turnaround for Ms. Haley, a second-term Republican governor who over her five years in the job has displayed little interest in addressing the intensely divisive issue of the flag. But her new position demon-

ed the powerful shock that last Wednesday's killings at Emanuel A.M.E. Church have delivered to the political status quo, mobilizing leaders at the highest levels.

On Monday, the White House announced that President Obama will travel to Charleston on Friday and deliver the eulogy for the Rev. Clementa C. Pinckney, the slain pastor of the Emanuel Church and a state senator.

The political aftershocks from the shootings were also felt in Mississippi, where the House speaker, a Republican, unexpectedly declared in a statement Monday night that the Mississippi state flag, which includes the Confederate banner, "has become a point of offense that needs to be removed."

Interviews suggested that Ms. Haley's rapidly evolving position on the flag was shaped by several factors: the horror of seeing the unsimiling gunman posing with it in photos; her conversations with congregants at the church; intensifying pressure from South Carolina business leaders to remove a controversial vestige of the

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Making a Point, Obama Invokes A Painful Slur

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR

WASHINGTON — It was a single word, just six letters long, but one that has not been spoken by an American president in public for generations.

President Obama invoked the word "nigger" in a podcast interview released on Monday to drive home his point that slavery still "casts a long shadow" on American life. But in the process, he touched a raw nerve in a country struggling to confront racism and hatred in the days after nine black parishioners were killed during Bible study in a South Carolina church.

"We're not cured of it," Mr. Obama said of racism during an interview for a "WTF With Marc Maron" podcast. "And it's not just a matter of it not being polite to say nigger in public. That's not the measure of whether racism still exists or not."

For part of the hourlong conversation with Mr. Maron, the nation's first black president patiently explained that race relations had improved in his lifetime. But in acknowledging that racism is still deeply embedded in the United States as a "part of our DNA," Mr. Obama turned to a racially charged word. His use of

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Clinton on Racial Divisions

Hillary Clinton's handling of the subject has changed since her 2008 campaign. Page A13.

Group Promotes White Primacy, And G.O.P. Ties

By MICHAEL WINES
and LIZETTE ALVAREZ

The Council of Conservative Citizens opposes "all efforts to mix the races," and believes "that the American people and government should remain European in their composition and character." It would severely restrict immigration, abolish affirmative action and dismantle the "imperial judiciary" that produced, among other rulings, the 1854 Supreme Court decision that integrated American education.

Those are among the core principles of the council, a Missouri-based organization with a long history of promoting white primacy. Now the massacre of nine black parishioners in a Charleston, S.C., church has propelled the organization, which in recent years seemed in decline, back onto the national stage and emboldened the Republican Party in new questions about its ties to the group.

Many of the themes promoted on the council's website resonated through an online manifesto apparently written by Dylann Roof, who has been charged in the killings last week in Charleston. The manifesto traced the motivation for the shootings to a twisted epiphany: a Google search that led to the council's website, where "pages upon pages of brutal black on white murders" were tallied and described.

"I have never been the same since that day," the manifesto at-

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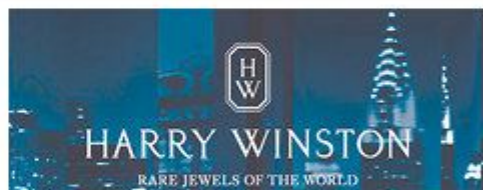
Officials say DNA evidence indicated that two inmates stopped recently at a hunting cabin located about 15 miles from the prison they had fled. PAGE A17

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South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday the Confederate flag should come down from the grounds of the state Capitol. She was flanked by officials, including, on her right, Rep. James Clyburn, and on her left, Sen. Tim Scott, Rep. Mark Sanford and Sen. Lindsey Graham.

Governor: Time to Furl Flag

South Carolina lawmakers asked to take down Confederate symbol after shooting

By JOSE DAWSEY
AND CAMERON McWHIRTER

COLUMBIA, S.C.—South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley called Monday for the Confederate battle flag to be taken down from the Statehouse grounds as pressure mounted on state officials five days after the killing of nine African-Americans in a historic church.

"We are not going to allow this symbol to divide us any longer," Ms. Haley said, applause erupting as she spoke, flanked by more than 30 state political leaders in the lobby of the Statehouse.

The South Carolina legislature has to agree to remove the flag, which flies outside the Statehouse under a brokered compromise. Ms. Haley, a Republican, said she has directed the legislature to take up the matter this summer and would call a special session if it doesn't.

The calls to remove the flag, both from within and outside the state, came in the wake of the shootings at Charleston's Emanuel

African Methodist Episcopal Church. Accused gunman Dylan Roof, a 23-year-old white man who allegedly uttered racist statements to his victims, had a Confederate flag vanity plate on his car, officials said. Mr. Roof, who was arrested Thursday, the day after the shooting, hasn't entered a plea.

Ms. Haley and other South Carolina officials initially declined to discuss removing the flag, saying the issue should wait until after funerals for the victims of the attack. Her remarks on Monday followed meetings with state and federal legislators, along with business leaders, according to



The Confederate flag flies on the Capitol grounds in Columbia, S.C.

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Cheap Gas Fuels Push For Pipeline Mergers

By ALISON SIEBER

Low oil-and-gas prices are poised to shake up yet another part of the nation's energy economy, spurring a merger battle among companies that own the key pipelines that move fuels around the country.

Williams Cos., a large natural-gas pipeline operator, said it hired bankers and lawyers to help it review strategic alternatives, including a sale, after rejecting a roughly \$48 billion unsolicited takeover that would have been the largest energy deal in the U.S. this year.

Shares in the Tulsa, Okla., company soared to an all-time high of \$60.86, up 26%, giving the more than 100-year-old company a market valuation of \$45.58 billion. Shares of its would-be buyer fell nearly 5% to \$65.06.

Cheap energy has stronger companies across the industry—

Tense Homecoming In Cities Liberated From Iraq Militants

Islamic State was driven out of Mosul, Iraq's second largest city, in June 2014. Since then, he and his family have tried every few days to leave an amusement park where they are living to go home.

By Nour Malas in
Yathrib, Iraq, and Matt
Bradley in Tikrit, Iraq

But the 29-year-old farmer said each time they approach a bridge to cross back into the town of Yathrib, Shiite tribesmen at a checkpoint beat the Sunni Muslim refugees. "They say: You are Daesh. Don't even try to come back," he said, using an Arabic acronym for Islamic State. "I have lost hope."

The city recaptured from the Sunni extremists of Islamic State three months ago. Police checked returning residents against a database of known or suspected Islamic State collaborators, then methodically funneled them back into Tikrit.

Sunni-majority Tikrit is now at the center of a government campaign to rebuild and repopulate swaths of the country and mend the tattered social fabric, even as the fight against militants continues. Islamic State has focused its territorial conquests on the Iraqi provinces dominated by the Sunni minority, from which the group initially drew its support.

Tikrit and Yathrib, both in Salahudeen province, illustrate the challenges Iraq faces in trying to resettle some of nearly three million displaced people in areas recaptured

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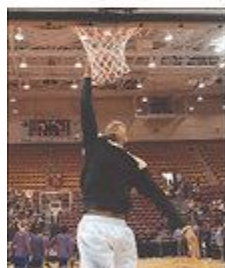
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Frank talk

President Barack Obama says the history of slavery and segregation is "still part of our DNA" in the United States, even if racial epithets no longer show up in polite conversation. He uttered the N-word in making his point. **PAGE A3**

Uneven results

Governors across the country have been packing their bags for all-expenses-paid trade missions abroad, spending taxpayer dollars on costly trips that have an uneven track record of yielding any tangible benefits for their states. **PAGE A3**

Body camera plan

The city of Spartanburg has a plan for spending an additional \$163,717 on body-worn cameras for police officers if the state doesn't come through with funding. **PAGE C1**

'Slamtastic'

Spartanburg-based Denny's Corp. has announced its partnership with 20th Century Fox for the upcoming "Fantastic Four" movie. For a limited time, the family dining chain will offer a "Slamtastic 4." **PAGE C4**

Haley: Take it down

Governor calls for Confederate flag's removal from State House grounds in wake of Charleston slayings



By SEANNA ADCOX, JEFFREY COLLINS and MEG KINNARD
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — South Carolina's governor declared Monday that the Confederate flag should be removed from the Statehouse grounds as she acknowledged that its use as a symbol of hatred by the man accused of killing nine black church members has made it too divisive to display in such a public space.

Gov. Nikki Haley's about-face comes just days after authorities charged Dylann Storm Roof, 21, with murder. The white man appeared in photos waving Confederate flags and burning or desecrating U.S. flags, and purportedly wrote of fomenting racial violence. Survivors told police he hurled racial insults during the attack.

"The murderer now locked up in Charleston said he hoped his actions would start a race war. We have an opportunity to show that not only was he wrong, but that just the opposite is happening," Haley said, flanked by Democrats and Republicans, blacks and whites who joined her call.

"My hope is that by removing a symbol that divides us, we can move our state forward in har-

Gov. Nikki Haley, speaking during a news conference in the South Carolina State House on Monday in Columbia, said that the Confederate flag should come down from the grounds of the state capitol, reversing her position on the divisive symbol amid growing calls for it to be removed. Also pictured are U.S. Congressman James Clyburn, left, and U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, right.

TIM DOMINICK/THE STATE VIA AP

OTHER AREA LAWMAKERS SUPPORT PROPOSAL

Bright says effort to remove flag is like a 'Stalinist Purge'

By CHRIS LAVENDER
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Some Spartanburg County lawmakers support removing the Confederate battle flag from the State House grounds, but state Sen. Lee Bright, R-Spartanburg, characterized the movement to remove it and other Confederate monuments as a "Stalinist Purge."

Shortly before Gov. Nikki Haley called on lawmakers to work together to have the flag removed, Bright said the flag doesn't symbolize hate to him but instead recognizes those who had fought with honor

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Bright said he also believes that outside agitators and the media have latched onto the flag issue, creating strife.

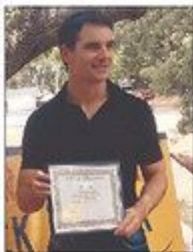
Bright said he would not vote to remove the flag from the grounds because doing so would dishonor the memories of those

who fought for South Carolina in the Civil War.

For State Rep. Donna Hicks, R-Spartanburg, now is the time for the flag to be



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Pee Dee legislators on Haley's comments

Rep. Terry Alexander (D-Florence)

"I thought what the governor said was very on point. I saw quite a few of my conservative Republican colleagues and that's a good sign. I think we're going to move forward on that and see what happens. Legislation is being drafted as we speak for the flag to come down."

Rep. Pat Henegan (D-Marlboro)

"I hate that people had to die for people to realize the importance of it needing to come down; that hurts my heart. I respect the history of everyone, these are things you can't hide from, it's a part of our history, but it doesn't have to be right there in the center of everything, with everyone seeing it every time we go on the Statehouse grounds."

Rep. Jay Jordan (R-Florence)

"It's just the right time; it just is. My thought is there's got to be a better way to honor history, but to do so in a way that's respectful of all South Carolinians and I think that's what's going to take place very soon. It's an important issue and one we need to get on right now."

Rep. Roger Kirby (D-Florence)

"I wish that if we were going to make that decision, we could've done it without having the outside influence and tragedy steering it. I will be in favor

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The Confederate flag flies near the South Carolina Statehouse on Friday in Columbia.

Gov. Haley: Removing Confederate flag will defy race hatred

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — South Carolina's governor declared Monday that the Confederate flag should be removed from the Statehouse grounds as she acknowledged that its use as a symbol of hatred by the man accused of killing nine black church members has made it too divisive to display in such a public space.

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The massacre inside the Emanuel African

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Florence Bridge Club

Players bridge gap to Alzheimer's awareness

BY JOSHUA LLOYD
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FLORENCE — The Florence Community Bridge Club dealt a winning hand Monday morning and raised more than \$500 for the Alzheimer Association's annual "Longest Day" fundraising campaign.

Dozens of avid card players turned out at the Leatherman Senior Center in Florence for lunch and a few games of bridge, canasta and Phase 10 in support



The Florence County Sheriff Office's Raptor 1, seen here flying in late April 2015, is one of two helicopters owned by the FCSO.

Helicopter focus of lawsuit

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'The time has come'

Leaders react to Confederate flag call by Gov. Haley

BY ROB NOVIT

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Moments after S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley forcefully declared that the Confederate flag must be removed from the Statehouse grounds, U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., reached out and hugged her.

Just a few feet away, S.C. House member Bill Clyburn, D-Aiken, the congressman's cousin, was just as moved.

"It was so emotional," Bill said. "It's such a deep feeling for everybody who crossed party lines. It's time to demonstrate what South Carolina is really all about. The governor said this is the best thing for the state."

Bill Clyburn readily acknowledged that the Confederate flag is a symbol of heritage for many people, yet it also symbolizes hatred and racism for many others.

Haley's remarks were televised across the nation and beyond. She cited the murder of nine members of a historically black Charleston church — including the pastor, S.C. Rep. Clemente Pinckney — and the arrest of a 21-year-old man who celebrates the Confederate flag.

The governor noted that the flag was removed from the Capitol dome 15 years ago. Now it's time to go further, she said — "150 years after the end of the Civil War, the time has come."

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Protesters stand around a flying Confederate flag during a rally to take down the flag at the South Carolina Statehouse in Columbia on Saturday. S.C. Rep. Doug Brannon, R-Landrum, said it's past time for the Confederate flag to be removed from South Carolina's Statehouse grounds after nine people were killed at the Emanuel A.M.E. Church shooting.

Speaker expects to pass key bills

BY DERREK ASBERRY

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Despite talks of a continuing resolution to keep the state government open, the Speaker of the S.C. House said he is confident the state budget and two other funding measures will pass during special session.

Rep. Jay Lucas, R-Darlington, spoke about Week 2 of the session, which begins today, during a visit to Aiken on Saturday. The General Assembly is looking to pass the main budget bill, the capital reserve bill — which is used to provide funding for colleges and infrastructure — and a supplementary bill that contains about \$400 million in surplus dollars.

Each of the three bills are in a Conference Committee, which is comprised of a six-member debate group that consists of three representatives and three senators.

While the budget vote by the committee has the biggest implications for the state, the surplus funding has gained most of the attention because legislators believe the bulk of the funding should go toward infrastructure.

Lucas is in agreement, primarily because the General Assembly failed to move on a long-term roads plan.

"If we don't deal with it sooner rather than later, I'm afraid we won't be able to come close to funding our needs," Lucas said.

The House's version of the surplus bill looks to provide \$150 million to state infrastructure and another \$70 million to pay for road modifications to accommodate the state's recent Volvo acquisition.

An amendment also was added to restore the \$4.1 million originally in the budget for ice storm recovery — an appropriation that looks to provide Aiken County with \$1.6 million in recovery funds.

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Card changes could mean safer banking

BY WILL WHALEY

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In response to a recent string of credit card fraud, banks across the U.S. are responding with a card change that will make banking safer.

By Oct. 1, half of credit and debit cards in the U.S. will contain an electronic chip that will store account data more securely, according to the Associated Press.

The chip assigns a unique code for every transaction made on a card, and even if a thief acquired one of the codes, purchases could not be made, according to the Associated Press.



AP PHOTO/MATT ROUSSE

U.S. banks, tired of spending billions a year to pay back fleeced consumers, are in the process of replacing tens of millions of old magnetic strip cards with new cards equipped with more secure computer chips.

"Originally, the payment networks were relying on their own software to catch fraud at the point of sale in the U.S., but it became clear something more was needed," Richey said.

"Everybody is getting ready for it," said Lynn Shepard, executive vice president and senior operations officer at Security Federal Bank in Aiken. "This is just the first step in protecting cards against fraudulent attacks."

Shepard said banks across the world have started using chips in their cards.

Instead of sliding a card, the card is placed in a machine where it remains

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Hogan has 'aggressive' cancer

BY OYETTA WIGGINS
AND JENNA JOHNSON

An emotional Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan disclosed Monday that he has been diagnosed with late stage 3 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, which he called "a very advanced and very aggressive" form of cancer.

At a hastily called news conference that felt more like an intimate family meeting, the 59-year-old Republican described the disease as a hurdle that he plans to surmount.

"I'm going to face this challenge

GOVERNOR TO WORK DURING TREATMENT

Survival rate relatively high, doctors say

with the same energy and determination that I've relied on to climb every hill and to overcome every obstacle that I've faced in my life," said Hogan, who was sworn into office in January after winning an upset victory over then-Lt. Gov. Anthony G. Brown (D).

He said that he will soon begin an 18-week chemotherapy regimen that will begin with four days

in the hospital, in the intensive care unit. The governor said he will rely on Lt. Gov. Royce K. Rutherford to fill in for him on state business and to make decisions for him when necessary — an arrangement that was put in place at least once, when Hogan was under anesthesia for an hour and Rutherford was standing by in case of emergency.

"Luckily there was no major decision during that one hour I was asleep, so [the] lieutenant governor, he didn't make any crazy decisions," Hogan said. "But he has my utmost confidence."

Hogan said he has no plans to leave office. He vowed to continue trying to advance his agenda, which includes strengthening Maryland's economy and business climate, cutting taxes, overseeing efforts in Baltimore to recover from recent rioting and deciding whether to push forward with long-planned light-rail projects.

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Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan was diagnosed with stage 3 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Non-Hodgkin's is often curable. Half of patients survive 5 years. A13

Rebel flag must go, says S.C. governor

Hayley calls for removal of Confederate banner from capital grounds

BY JEREMY BORDEN,
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AND TODD C. FRANKEL

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley called Monday for the removal of the Confederate flag flying on the state capital grounds, acknowledging that a symbol deeply embedded in state history is today widely seen more as a racist relic than as a proud heirloom.

In urging state legislators to remove the flag from the sky above the birthplace of the Confederacy, Haley joined a chorus of leaders from across the political spectrum and around the country that has grown rapidly in the days since a white gunman killed nine black people at a church in Charleston. "Some divisions are bigger than a flag," Haley (R) said during a news conference where she was joined by most of the state's congressional delegation, including Republican Sens. Lindsey O. Graham and Tim Scott. "We are not going to allow this symbol to

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Loph hackers Brian O'Brien, Tan, Kingpin, Mudge, Weld Pond, Space Rogue and Stefan von Neumann testify before a Senate panel in 1998.

The seven young men sitting before some of Capitol Hill's most powerful lawmakers weren't graduate students or junior analysts from some think tank. No, Space Rogue, Kingpin, Mudge and the others were hackers who had come from the mysterious environs of cyberspace to deliver a terrifying warning to the world.

Your computers, they told the panel of senators in May 1998, are not safe — not the software, not the hardware, not the networks that link them together. The companies that build these things don't care, the hackers continued, and they have no reason to care because failure costs them nothing. And the federal government has neither the skill nor the will to do anything about it.

"If you're looking for computer security, then the Internet is not the place to be," said Mudge, then 27 and looking like a biblical prophet with long brown hair

NET OF INSECURITY

The making of a vulnerable Internet

A disaster foretold — and ignored

Loph's warnings about the Internet drew notice but little action

BY CRAIG TIMBERG

flowing past his shoulders. The Internet itself, he added, could be taken down "by any of the seven individuals seated before you" with 30 minutes of well-choreographed keystrokes.

The senators — a bipartisan group including John Glenn, Joseph I. Lieberman and Fred D. Thompson — nodded gravely, making clear that they understood the gravity of the situation. "We're going to have to do something about it," Thompson said.

What happened instead was a tragedy of missed opportunity, and 17 years later the world is still paying the price in rampant insecurity.

The testimony from Loph, as the hacker group called itself, was among the most audacious of a rising chorus of warnings delivered in the 1990s as the Internet was exploding in popularity, well on its way to becoming a potent global

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The Confederate flag flies near the South Carolina statehouse.

Some see hate. Some pride. Some just see a T-shirt.

BY CHICO HARLAN

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The Confederate flag can stand for almost anything in this state — an emblem of identity or racial hate or just boozing partying — and here was one flag that Todd Rutherford wasn't sure whether he had to worry about.

He was on Lake Murray last weekend on a 28-footer, shared mostly with other African Americans, when the engine cut out and the group started drifting straight toward a big pontoon boat. Rutherford, a state lawmaker, looked at the people on the pleasure craft they were approaching: 40 guys, maybe one of them black. And then he noticed a massive Confederate flag rippling from the pontoon's flagpole.

"We needed help," Rutherford said, and this was another story

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Taliban has a key Afghan city within its grasp for the first time since 2001

BY SUDARSHAN RAGHAVAN

KUNDUZ, AFGHANISTAN — Taliban forces were less than four miles from this strategic northern city Monday after seizing control of two key districts over the weekend, triggering fears that they could capture their first Afghan city since U.S.-backed forces toppled the hard-line Islamist regime in late 2001.

The government in Kabul has dispatched reinforcements, including Afghan special forces and

their U.S. advisers and trainers, to try to repel the insurgents and rescue about 75 soldiers and police officers trapped inside their district base. But as of Monday evening, the Taliban remained in control of the districts, including one separated from Kunduz city only by a wide, brown river.

"It is a critical situation," said Mohammad Omer Safi, the governor of Kunduz province.

Not since the Taliban's collapse has the population of an Afghan metropolis faced such intimidation

from the insurgency. Starting this spring, the Taliban has focused its efforts on gaining territory in Kunduz and other northern provinces, straying from its traditional battlefields in the south and east. Whoever controls Kunduz, a vast, rich agricultural region that was a former Taliban bastion, controls the roads to northeastern Afghanistan as well as smuggling and trade routes into neighboring Tajikistan and the rest of Central Asia.

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An Afghan soldier on the front line near Kunduz, a northern city of 300,000 people in a vast, strategic agricultural region.

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'A moment of unity'

Governor says time has come to remove flag from grounds

CHARLESTON (AP) — South Carolina's governor declared Monday the Confederate flag should be removed from the Statehouse grounds, reflecting what she described as a new consensus that the slaying of nine black churchgoers has changed what the banner stands for.

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with murder. The white man appeared in photos waving Confederate flags and burning or desecrating U.S. flags and purportedly wrote of fomenting racial violence. Survivors told police he hurled racial insults during the attack.

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The massacre inside Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church has suddenly made removing the flag — long thought politically impossible in South Carolina — the go-to position, even for politicians who have counted on the votes of disaffected white people in Republican primaries.

Haley was flanked by U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, now

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Attacked in places most sacred, congregations struggle forward

BY ADAM GELLER
AP National Writer

The blast, powered by at least 40 sticks of dynamite, ripped into the stillness before dawn.

A few more hours and Sunday school classrooms at The Temple on Atlanta's Peachtree Street would have been filled with 600 children. The synagogue was spared blood, but the explosion on that morning in 1958 rocked a Jewish congregation whose backing of the civil rights movement had long sown fears of retaliation.

But congregants, however shaken, found their first bit of

solace when the rabbi posted the title of his next sermon on a signboard streetside: "And none shall make them afraid," it read.

As members of a historic black church in Charleston begin searching for a path forward after the massacre of their pastor and eight others, history provides far too many examples for them to follow — from Atlanta to Birmingham and points beyond — where hate turned our most sacred institutions into crime scenes.

Recovery is not a choice for these places and their people. But those who've done the hard

work of rebuilding shattered congregations recall it as a wrenching experience, even as it inspired a deepened search for affirmation.

"Even until this day ... we still have armed security at the door," says Pardeek Kaleka, whose father was one of six people killed by a gunman who burst into a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, in 2012. "I don't think there's ever going to be closure, but we're healing."

That search for healing, despite its pain, can serve to unite, Kaleka and others say.

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The Confederate flag flies near the South Carolina Statehouse on Friday in Columbia. Tensions about the Confederate flag flying in the shadow of South Carolina's Capitol rose last week after the killings of nine people at a black church in Charleston. "We are not going to allow this symbol to divide us any longer," Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday.

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