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Wilson: Feds ignoring S.C. Roof case

Solicitor frustrated over scheduling conflicts, idea of families enduring trial during holidays

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Charleston's top prosecutor on Monday said the U.S. Department of Justice and the federal court system have ignored South Carolina's case against Dylan Roof by trying him first and likely putting his victims through two trials.

Roof, the accused killer of nine worshippers at Emanuel AME Church, already faced a January death penalty trial in state court when the federal authorities announced they also would seek his execution in their separate case.

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Should the judge in Dylan Roof's state death penalty case reschedule the trial to come before the federal trial? Go to postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

A judge then headed defense lawyers' request by setting the federal trial date earlier, in November, meaning Roof would be tried first in a state trial that is significantly less likely to result in a conviction.

The federal state court hearing was the... 9th Circuit Solicitor Scarlett



Roof

Wilson expressed frustration with the conflict emerging between the two capital cases.

The predicament is a first of its kind in America's legal history, and experts have said that such issues were bound to come up.

The blamed defense lawyers worked together to pick the most favorable court for Roof. The federal government for stepping in to "send a message" in a historic civil rights case and the federal court for brushing aside her wish to try Roof first.

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During a court hearing Monday, 9th Cir. U.S. Solicitor Scarlett Wilson makes an impassioned plea for Circuit Judge J.C. Nicholson to set Dylan Roof's trial before a federal proceeding.

City revitalization gets \$22.8M boost

Belmont Charleston Place repayment means cash for new projects



Charleston Place was built 30 years ago to breathe new life into the city's struggling King Street, and the project succeeded, as seen on a busy Monday afternoon. The project now will breathe new life into other revitalization efforts by paying off a \$21.8 million debt to a non-profit development group.

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The city of Charleston had about \$22.8 million in new money for affordable housing and economic development efforts now that Belmont Charleston Place has paid back a loan that dates to the construction of the luxury hotel.

In 1983, as the 44-room hotel and retail complex was being built, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development gave the city a \$14 million Urban Development Corporation loan.

The city used about \$4 million of that public money to pay for such things as sidewalk, street and parking, while \$10 million was loaned to the project developer for up to 45 years.

On Monday, assembly called Charleston Place LLC repaid the city at least \$22.8 million for its independent nonprofit, the \$10 to \$15 million said Sharon Freeman, executive director of Charleston LLC.

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N. Chas. residents skeptical at forum

Document on police panel raises concerns

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North Charleston residents learned Monday night to what they thought would be a discussion about the formation of a citizens board to advise police officials were surprised to learn a document had already been created that outlined a recommended plan for the board.

The community engagement forum began as a presentation of the document, which included the board's mission, purpose, responsibilities and qualifications for members.

Community members were not

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Beach Co., city craft solution for Jasper

Foes slam tentative 'fast-track' plan

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The city and The Beach Co. have reached a tentative plan to resolve one of the most contentious developments in Charleston's recent history: the 10-year long battle over what to build on the former Jasper site.

The compromise plan — expected to be nullified at a special City Council meeting Tuesday night — would pave the way for a new building approximately 400,000 sq ft, 14 stories high. The plan is similar to what the city's Board of Architectural Review rejected last June, only to have a judge overturn its decision.

Preservation and neighborhood groups voiced a stiff opposition late Monday night. "We are stunned by the news of this agreement and disappointed that some city leaders, claiming 'faster is better' are willing to fast-track a deal which is at odds with everything Charleston has stood for in recent years," they said.

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U.S. senators reject gun-reform bills

S.C.'s Graham, Scott say no to universal background checks

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WASHINGTON — Grasping for some response in the wake of the recent mass shooting in the nation's history, U.S. senators voted Monday on four proposals to prevent gun

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from landing in the wrong hands. Each proposal, as expected, failed to meet the minimum support needed to advance in the U.S. House of Representatives.

South Carolina's senators, Republicans Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott, joined with the majority of

other Republican colleagues by voting down the two gun-control bills by Democrats.

One of the proposals would have required universal background checks for gun purchases; the other would have banned gun sales to individuals who are deemed "mentally ill" or "incompetent."

Scott said in a media statement the two bills ran afoul of the gun ownership and due process rights afforded by the Constitution.

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U.S. OPEN

Just the start of something big

Welcome to the era of Dustin Johnson, who rose from the Midlands to fame



BY BOB SPEAR
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Dustin Johnson conquered the nation's toughest golf course, overcame a bizarre rules decision and exorcised demons from major championships past in winning the U.S. Open at Oakmont on Sunday.

The golf world celebrated with him; just check out the messages from fellow pros throughout social media. And home where he grew up, the South Carolina Mid-

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Johnson's long road to the top. 1B

lands golf community joined in the jubilation of the second major title won in the past seven years by a alumni of the acclaimed junior golf program.

There's talk of honoring the newly named Open champion, now ranked third in the world, with a parade, and those who knew him in his formative days in the Irmo and Dutch Fork communities relish telling stories from yesteryear.

PGA pro Jimmy Kooza can talk forever about the youngster, perhaps G, who came with his dad to Weed Hill

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Dustin Johnson with the championship trophy after winning the U.S. Open golf tournament at Oakmont Country Club

JOHN DAVIS WOODEN USA TODAY Sports

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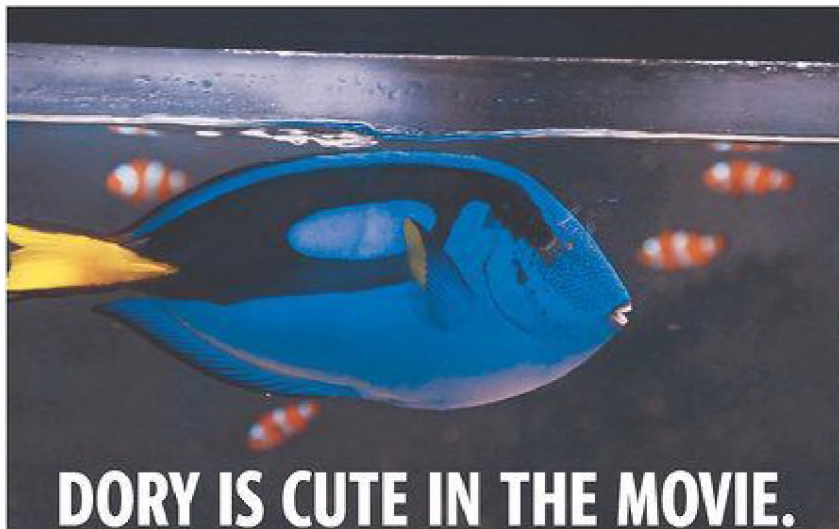
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DORY IS CUTE IN THE MOVIE.

BUT THINK TWICE BEFORE BUYING YOUR OWN.

The blue tang is a high-maintenance fish

BY EMMETT HUBBIS
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Dory — the animated blue tang fish who is a friend of the beloved fish characters Nemo and Marlin — made her debut in a starring role this weekend to large audiences in Columbia.

Her popularity, though, hasn't caused a potentially harmful run on regal blue tangs at local stores. Merchants caution customers who fall in love with Dory not to rush into buying the real-life version.

"Finding Dory," which opened Thursday, is a sequel to 2003's hit movie "Finding Nemo." With

clies, with sales boosted by 1 million. But clownfish are the only species of saltwater fish whose be-

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Business Aquariums on Bush River Road in Columbia.

Regal tang fish must be bred in their natural southern Pacific habitat and imported to the U.S. mainland for sale. A run on tang fish induced by "Finding Dory" could seriously diminish their population, Griffin said. Without experienced and responsible breeders, though, such

people about the dangers of just jumping into it and being very careful if someone does decide to do it," Griffin said. He added he has not seen an increase in tang fish sales since the movie debuted.

For starters, caring for regal tang fish requires working on tanks at least once every one to two weeks, Griffin said. The water must be tested often, the filtration must be serviced, and customers generally need to closely monitor the fish and tank.

Just setting up the tank for a tang fish or other saltwater fish would take two months, Griffin said. Generally, if Griffin sees a

PENNY SALES TAX BATTLE

Agency alleges 'fraud' by Richland

S.C. Revenue Department escalates legal dispute with Richland County, accusing it of illegal activities in penny sales tax program

Tax proceeds supposed to go to transportation projects only, agency says

Revenue Department says millions in public money wasted in 'self-dealing'

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The S.C. Department of Revenue will not transfer to Richland County any more money collected from its penny sales tax program until the county stops engaging in "civil fraud" in connection with the \$1 billion sales tax program, the state agency said Monday in court filings.

Richland County has "expended hundreds of thousands of dollars and entered into contracts worth potentially millions of dollars for expenses that are imprudent, wasteful and illegal," the agency alleged.

Richland County had no immediate response.

The money collected is supposed to go to transportation projects. But the Revenue Department said some of the money is being spent on unauthorized activities, including public relations and management fees.

The state agency's court filings, made late Monday, were in response to a lawsuit filed May 20 by Richland County. In that suit, the county asked a state court judge to order the Revenue Department to release to it money collected from the added



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Attorney: Kids' deaths an 'insane act'

Mother pleads not guilty
by reason of insanity

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There's no question about who killed Carly and Sawyer Simpson and tried to kill their father, Suzanna Brown Simpson's defense attorney told a Pickens County jury Monday.

She did it, Public Defender John Mauldin said.

But the jury will have to discern, based on the evidence presented at her trial this week, whether she was able to

understand right from wrong at the time.

Mauldin argued that she didn't. "It was an insane and senseless act," he said during his opening argument. "That's what it was."

She has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity.

The children, who were age 7 and 5 at the time of the May 14, 2013 shooting at their home in Hecusville, died on the day after Mother's Day that year, Mauldin noted.

Ironically, Mauldin pointed out, their mother's trial was beginning on the day after Father's Day.

The children's father, Michael,

witnessed the start of the trial from a wheelchair.

Suzanna Simpson, called Anna by her family, showed little emotion as she sat at the defense table to hear the first witnesses describe the events of that tragic day.

Pickens County Sheriff's Deputy Jimmy Camp was nearly in tears as he described finding the children's bodies in their rooms.

"Sawyer had Spiderman stuff all over his room," he said. He had a bullet wound in his head.

Down the hall where he found Carly, "Hello Kitty was all about her room. Then I saw a bullet hole on the wall."

Meanwhile, he could hear "an awful sound" elsewhere in the house. It was their father, in the master bedroom struggling to breathe.

John Conway, an emergency room nurse at Greenville Memorial Hospital who treated Anna Simpson for injuries she sustained after crashing her truck near her house moments after the shootings, said she told him that she shot her children because, "I didn't want them to live in this awful world."

He asked her why she didn't kill herself instead, and she replied that she tried to — first with a gun that wouldn't

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HEALTH CARE



Dr. William Logan is the Vice President of Medical Operations for Partners in Primary Care, a senior-focused medical care facility.

HEIDI HEILBRUN/STAFF

New medical centers cater to seniors

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While primary care doctors may be finding the number of Medicare patients they see, a new practice is opening in the Upstate that will focus on people 65 and older.

Called Partners in Primary Care, the practice is owned by insurance giant Humana and boasts that it will offer in-depth doctor visits instead of the 7-minute visits that have become the norm.

New patient visits will run an hour

he said. "The whole world of geriatrics is underserved nationally."

And the population of older Americans is only growing.

The number of people 65 and older ballooned 32 percent between 2000 and 2010, according to the South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health.

That population grew more than 2 percent between 2010 and 2014 alone, from 13.7 percent to 15.8 percent, according to the U.S. Census, or about

ON THE WEB

Hear Dr. William Logan talk about the practice in a video at GreenvilleOnline.com

Filling a need

While a 2014 Medicare Payment Advisory Commission report found that most doctors participate in the Medicare program, about 17 percent of beneficiaries had trouble finding a new provider.

Children's Museum getting \$1M in SC funds

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Legislators overrode Gov. Nikki Haley's veto of \$1 million in state funds for the Children's Museum of the Upstate last week, allowing the money to go to the museum for marketing and updates to disability accommodations.

State Rep. Phyllis Henderson, a Greer Republican, said that the funding for the museum showed equity in funding from the state budget, which often gives funds to other museums. Haley vetoed multiple budget lines for museums, but did not strike \$4 million in funding for the International African-American Museum in Charleston.

"Every year we see millions of dollars going to Charleston and the Lowcountry. I'm glad to finally see the Upstate getting some money from the budget," said Henderson, who is also a member of the Children's Museum of the Upstate board of directors.

With the \$1 million in state funding, the museum will change its front doors to a sliding model to be more accessible to people with physical disabilities. A lift will be added to the Hilly's World outdoor exhibit, allowing children in wheelchairs to access the second level play area. The museum will also advertise in magazines and use outdoor advertising to attract out-of-state visitors.

Nancy Halverson, the museum's president and CEO, said the state funds would allow the museum to continue making an economic impact on South Carolina and the Upstate.

"Being able to demonstrate that we are a driver of tourism and have had an economic impact of over \$75 million to South Carolina since opening our doors just six years ago, meant that from a business and economic development perspective, a continued investment in the future of the Children's Museum makes sense," Halverson said. "It's not often you can find that kind of return on the dollar and have a lasting impact on the lives of children. I'm humbled to say that these funds will



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Coastal Carolina baseball finds Pee Dee support in Omaha

Coastal Carolina pitcher Andrew Beckwith (rear) hugs catcher Matt Beard (16) after the final out of a 2-1 victory Sunday over No. 3 Florida in a first-round College World Series game in Omaha, Neb.



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FLORENCE — Next door to the Pee Dee, in Horry County, an underdog story is being written in college baseball.

After overcoming a two-run deficit to defeat North Carolina State in the Raleigh Regional Championship and winning in walkoff fashion to overpower LSU in the NCAA Super Regionals, the

Coastal Carolina Chanticleers for their first trip to the College World Series.

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Pitcher Andrew Beckwith further cements place in Coastal Carolina history. Sports, Page 1B

Omaha with a 2-1 upset of the top-ranked Florida Gators. Now the Pee Dee — usually out-

fired with Gamecock games and Tiger orange — is seeing shades of Chanticleer teal popping up, at least when people can get their hands on it.

Local stores such as Lids and Pro Image at Magnolia Mall say they have gotten more interest in Coastal Carolina gear than usual this week, but they are currently unable to sell much merchandise. If any, because of branding

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City of Florence

District 2 runoff is today

Voters to decide between Moore, NeSmith as new councilwoman

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FLORENCE — The special election runoff race for Florence City Council's 2nd District between Florence School District One board member Pat Gillison-Lyle Moore and Florence County Board of County Commissioners Chairwoman LaShonda NeSmith will be decided by the end of today.

In a June 7 special election, neither candidate was able to get a majority of votes in the district represented by the late Ed Robinson for more than 25 years. Moore took the top spot in that election by receiving 37.4 percent of the votes. NeSmith finished second in a field of five candidates with 24.3 percent of the vote.

Any voter registered in Florence District 2 can vote in this runoff.

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HARTSVILLE

All-America City, again



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Relaxing by the water at Preshwood Lake, playing on the newly renovated playground, watching the wildlife or enjoying a game of tennis are all part of the Landon Park experience in the All-America City of Hartsville.

Honor comes 20 years after city first earned it

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HARTSVILLE — Exactly 20 years ago this month, the city

of Hartsville was designated an All-America City. The honor was awarded on Sunday in Denver, Colorado, when it was one of 10 cities chosen for the distinction.

This award is an honor given each year to towns, cities, counties, tribes, neighborhoods and metropolitan regions for outstanding civic accomplishments, according

to a release from the city of Hartsville.

The National Civic League criteria for winning "include

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THE LONGEST DAY

FLORENCE

The Pee Dee Picklers held an Alzheimer's awareness event called The Longest Day on Monday at the Bismarck Street Artistic

Stephanie Benjamin returns a shot Monday



Florence church opens child development center

BY MELISSA ROLLINS
Morning News

kins said the center was part of the church's vision

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A new hotel may be in the works for Bluffton's Old Town area 3A



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The glass door on the right of the entrance to the Dollar General on Whyte Hardee Boulevard was broken as a result of the armed robbery that turned into a hostage situation on Monday at the store in Hardeeville. One of the Jasper County Sheriff's officers was shot in the foot during an exchange of fire, and the suspect was killed.

DOLLAR GENERAL IN HARDEEVILLE

Gunman dead, deputy injured in shootout

An attempted armed robbery at a Hardeeville Dollar General turned into a hostage situation Monday

Masked gunman took clerk hostage but was later killed by police; Jasper County deputy shot in foot

Hostage escaped to neighboring NAPA Auto Parts store managed by Gail Fogle, who comforted her

BY WADE LIVINGSTON
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Gail Fogle stood outside her store about 8 a.m. Monday and watched the police officers, their guns drawn, yell at someone inside the neighboring Dollar General.

Fogle, manager of the NAPA Auto Parts store on Whyte Har-



An investigator with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division photographs the scene of the attempted armed robbery.

dee Boulevard in Hardeeville, couldn't make out what the officers were saying. But she heard the gunshots clearly enough.

"Four or five," her coworker,

Luis Rosas, said Monday, a few hours after a masked gunman attempted to rob the Dollar General and took a clerk hostage.

"POP-POP-POP-POP-POP,"

Rosas said. "Then nothing else." A brief lull he felt, as Fogle said, "it all went chaotic."

The suspect has been identified as Raulf M. Bostick, 28, of Savannah, according to Jasper County Coroner Martin Souls III. Bostick was killed in the shootout.

Jasper County Sheriff's Office Deputy Dan Morgan, one of the first officers on the scene of the attempted armed robbery, was shot in the foot. He was "in good spirits" Monday afternoon, according to Jasper County Sheriff Gregory B. Jenkins. And Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah — where Morgan was treated, according to officials — said "a Daniel Morgan" had been discharged Monday.

The clerk, who sprang over to the NAPA store shortly after the gunfire, was "all to pieces," Fogle said.

She described a woman wearing the all-black uniform of a Dollar General employee running to her and collapsing in her arms.

"My main thing was to get her in a chair," Fogle said, "because

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VIDEO

Hardeeville Police Department chief and a witness talk about the incident.
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MAY WE SEE YOUR ID, PLEASE?

Six Bluffton restaurants are cited following a joint Bluffton Police-SLED sting on selling alcohol to under-aged patrons. 3A



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BODY FOUND; DOGS RESCUED

Fourteen pitbulls are found in a Yemassee home along with the body of a man who had been dead at least a week. 3A



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City Council approves vehicle fee

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Aiken City Council approved Monday the implementation of a vehicle maintenance fee to fund the repair of existing city roads.

In a 4-1 vote, Council approved the \$20 tax on every titled vehicle in the Aiken City limits.

Council member Philip Merry voted

against the fee.

"I am opposed with the funding source, but I'm not opposed to stepping up and making a plan to handle something we are undeniably responsible for," Merry said. "This is not something we can sweep under the rug and avoid. We are taking responsibility for what we're responsible for, and this is the right thing to do."

The fee is a tax levied against the

more than 23,000 vehicles titled in the city limits.

Officials said the purpose of the fee is to fund the City's existing roads program, allowing the City to maintain and repair its nearly 90 miles of roads.

The fee also will be in addition to the \$30 fee levied by Aiken County against titled cars, a tax collected by the county since 1992.

"The county has been taxing city vehicles since 1992," City Manager John Klimm said. "There are just two county roads running through the Aiken City limits that city drivers are paying almost \$500,000 annually for. What we're already doing is subsidizing Aiken County to the tune of a half a million dollars a year."

The \$20 annual fee on 23,918 city titled cars would generate \$478,960 in

funding for Aiken's roads program, officials said.

The vehicle maintenance fee is expected to go into effect in January 2017, allowing a sufficient amount of time to work with the County to assist the City in collecting this fee as part of the annual vehicle tax notice sent to City residents, according to Klimm.

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A divided Senate rejects gun curbs

BY ALAN FRAM AND MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A divided Senate blocked rival election gun plans to curb guns Monday, eight days after the horror of Orlando's mass shooting intensified pressure on lawmakers to act but knotted them in gridlock anyway — even over restricting licenses for terrorists.

In largely party-line votes, senators rejected one proposal from each side to keep extremists from acquiring guns and a second strengthening the government's system of required background checks for many firearms purchases.

With the chamber's visitors' galleries unusually crowded for a Monday evening — including relatives of victims of past mass shootings and people wearing orange T-shirts saying **THAT'S ENOUGH** gun violence — each measure fell short of the 60 votes needed to progress. Democrats called the GOP proposals unacceptably weak while Republicans said the Democratic plans were too restrictive.

The stalemate underscored the pressure on each party to stand firm on the emotional gun issue going into November's presidential and congressional elections. It also highlighted the potency of the National Rifle Association, which urged its huge and fiercely loyal membership to lobby senators to oppose the Democratic bills.

"Republicans say, 'Hey look, we tried,'" said Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "And all the time, their cheerleaders, the bosses at the NRA, are cheering them."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said the Orlando shootings — in which the FBI says the American-born gunman swore allegiance to Islamic State group leader — show the best way to prevent extremists' attacks here is to defeat them overseas.

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AREA DEATHS

Judson Clark Harrington, MD, Aiken

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Scuttle's Island outlines proposed water slides



STAFF PHOTO BY MIKE SMITH (SMITH)

The proposed Scuttle's Island Water Park in North Augusta is being managed by Innovative Attraction Management, a Florida company that also manages Myrtle Waves in Myrtle Beach (above). Similar slides are planned for Scuttle's Island.

Water park on hold pending DHEC, site plan approval

BY MICHAEL SMITH
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NORTH AUGUSTA — Scuttle's Island is stalling along, with water park developers releasing new renderings, as well as photos of disassembled ride components.

New details about proposed slides, parking plans and a revised map are among the documents released by the *Aiken Standard*.

In addition to adult and children's slides, Scuttle's Island also will include a nearly 2,000-foot lazy river and a wave pool, park plans show.



ONLINE
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aikenstandard.com

As of Monday, revised documents had not been submitted to North Augusta Planning and Zoning

require a zoning change, the park does need to go through a two-step review process, which could take months.

Those steps include receiving preliminary approval from the North Augusta Planning Commission, followed by a final staff review. Final approval could take between one and six months, depending on how quickly water park officials proceed, Sterling said.



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Senate blocks plans on gun control

A divided Senate blocked rival election-year plans to curb guns Monday, eight days after the horror of Orlando's mass shooting intensified pressure on lawmakers to act but knotted them in gridlock anyway — even over restricting firearms for terrorists. **A3**

IN BRIEF

Roof prosecutor cites trial schedule conflicts

CHARLESTON — The state prosecutor trying accused Charleston church shooter Dylann Roof says trying Roof in federal court in November for hate crimes and other charges interferes with both his scheduled January state trial and the victims' and jurors' holidays.

Roof's federal trial in the Emanuel AME shootings is set for Nov. 7 and attorneys say it could last six weeks. The 22-year-old also faces nine counts of murder in state court in January.

Scarlett Wilson, who said she raised the concerns during a brief court hearing Monday, said in an email to The Associated Press that November is "a horrible time for a trial for anyone."

Officers kill robbery suspect

COLUMBIA — A man who took a store clerk hostage during a robbery in South Carolina was shot to death by officers, authorities said. Jasper County Deputy Dan

ORLANDO NIGHTCLUB MASSACRE

Gunman claimed IS relations

By Eric Tucker
and Mike Schneider
The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando gunman Omar Mateen identified himself as an Islamic soldier in calls with authorities during his rampage and demanded to a crisis negotiator that the U.S. "stop bombing Syria and Iraq," according to transcripts released by the FBI on Monday.

The partial transcripts were of a 911 call made by Mateen and three conversations he had with the police crisis negotiators during the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history,

in which 49 people died and dozens were wounded.

Those communications, along with Facebook posts and searches Mateen made around the time of the shootings, add to the public understanding of the final hours of Mateen's life and to the possible motivations behind the rampage.

The first call came more than a half-hour after shots rang out, when Mateen told a 911 operator, "Praise be to God, and prayers as well as peace be upon the prophet of God," he told the dispatcher, referring to God in

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A couple spend a quiet moment at a makeshift memorial honoring the victims of the Pulse nightclub mass shooting Monday in Orlando, Fla. JOHN RAORIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPARTANBURG DOWNTOWN MEMORIAL AIRPORT

\$25M runway expansion slated



Project to improve safety,
assist larger aircraft

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A \$25 million runway expansion project is set to begin next week at Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport.

Airport director Darwin Simpson said 1.7 million cubic yards of dirt will be moved to extend the existing runway by about 1,700 feet, bringing the total length to nearly 6,000 feet. The project should be underway Monday, he said.

Lengthening the runway will help meet Federal Aviation Administration requirements by extending the safety zones by around 1,000 feet and 600 feet on either end of the runway, Simpson said. The safety zones will consist of dirt that is piled and then made level with the existing runway.

"Our runway safety zone is out of compliance with FAA safety stan-



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Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., talks with reporters Monday on Capitol Hill in Washington.
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Gridlock on guns

Divided Senate answers Orlando massacre

By ALAN FRAM
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WASHINGTON — A divided Senate blocked rival election-year plans to curb guns Monday, eight days after the horror of Orlando's mass shooting intensified pres-

sure on lawmakers to act but knotted them in gridlock anyway — even over restricting firearms for terrorists.

In largely party-line votes, senators rejected one proposal from each side to keep extremists from acquiring guns and a second shoring up the government's system of

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CITY COUNCIL

New homes for gyms?

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In a move to aid economic development and rejuvenate some of Greenwood's worn down industrial facilities, city leaders are considering a zone change to allow for gymnasiums and health clubs in warehouses and other similar buildings.

On Monday, City Council had a public hearing on the issue ahead of an expected vote on the amendment later this summer.

Language calls for altering Chapter 3, Section 3.4.2.1 of the city's zoning ordinance. "Adding gymnasiums and health clubs as permitted uses in light industrial/warehousing/heavy commercial zoning districts."

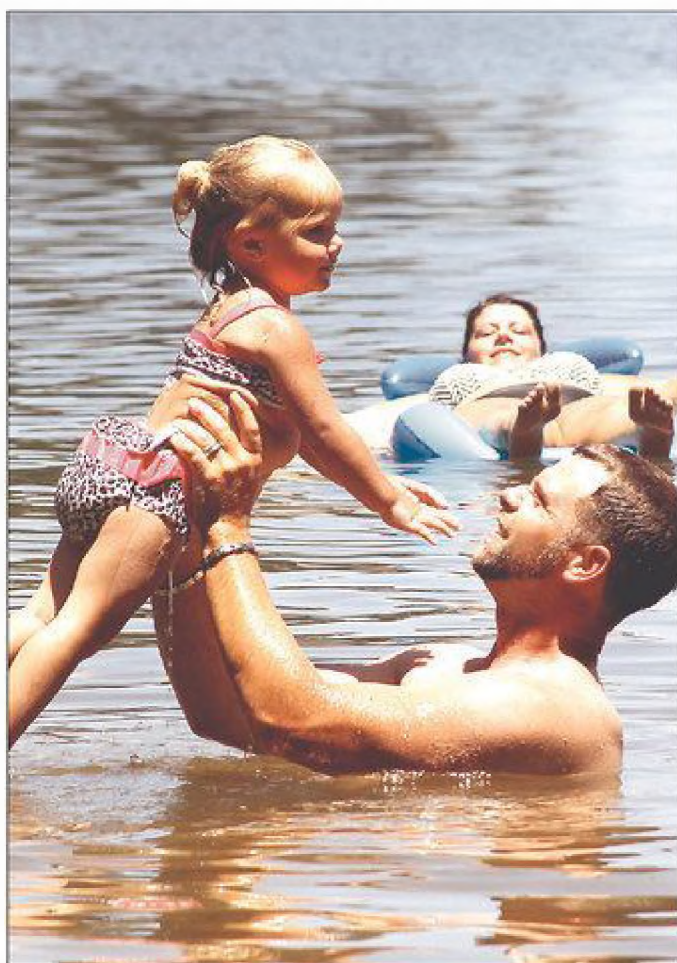
The proposal is supported by the Greenwood County Joint Planning Commission, which endorsed the plan at its May 24 meeting.

City Council gave preliminary approval to the change Monday. A second vote is slated for July 18.

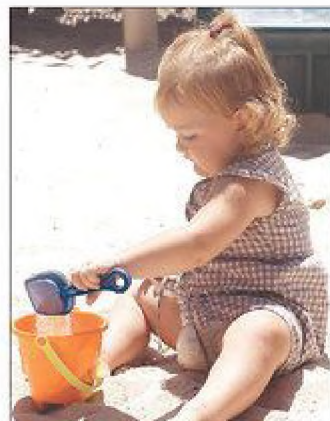
"Health clubs and gymnasiums are allowed uses in the (general commercial) zoning district. Many of the uses allowed in GC are carried over as allowed uses in LIW. The addition of health clubs and gymnasiums to the LIW will allow for the adaptive reuse of warehousing and other similar industrial big box square footage currently vacant in many areas of the city," the commission wrote.

Greenwood Planning Director Phil Lindler said uses of gyms and life centers connected to religious institutions would

CELEBRATING SUMMER



James Edmunds, right, lifts Riley Edmunds out of the water Monday at Lake Greenwood — the first official day of summer.



Makyleigh Harrison plays in the sand at West Cambridge Park on Monday.



Andres Brown walks her dog, Dancy, by the pond Monday evening at Grace Street Park.

Summer officially arrived at 6:34 p.m. Monday, and people in Greenwood made a point to mark its arrival. Staff writer Ariel Gilreath captured images of people soaking up the sun and enjoying the beginning of summer.

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NATION

Death of coral reefs could have 'dire' consequences

School reform waits for funding plans

Some say legislators did well this session on issue, but survey holds up initiatives

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Improving public education in the state has become a hot issue since the South Carolina Supreme Court ruled

in favor of the plaintiffs in *Alexville School District v. The State of South Carolina*, declaring the state was not providing a sufficient education as provided for in the South Carolina Constitution.

In that November 2014 ruling, the court said state institutions had "failed in their constitutional duty to ensure that students in the plaintiff districts receive the requisite educa-

tional opportunity."

In a highly controversial move, the court ordered the state and the plaintiff districts to "present a plan to address the constitutional violation ... with special emphasis on the statutory and administrative pieces necessary to aid the myriad troubles facing these districts at both state and local levels."

In response to the ruling, House Speaker Jay Lucas, R-Darlington, es-

tablished the House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force, which included legislators, education professionals, representatives of the plaintiffs and a broad range of education and policy experts to hold hearings on how to proceed.

The task force's report was released on Dec. 17, 2015, and was widely lauded

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Fit Fest's goal is to spread awareness of deformity

Tetralogy of Fallot is a deadly heart condition

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Fitness leaders from Sumter and surrounding areas held free classes at the U.S. National Guard Armory on Saturday during Fit Fest 2016, a charity event for The Queen Victoria Miller Heart Foundation, a nonprofit raising awareness about a rare and deadly heart deformity.

Sumter native Regina Miller started the foundation in 2015 to raise awareness about Tetralogy of Fallot, a rare heart deformity that allows oxygen-poor blood to flow throughout the body, causing infants and children to have blue-tinted skin because of the lack of oxygen in the body.

Miller's first child, Victoria, for whom the foundation is named, died of complications of Tetralogy of Fallot at the age of 2 on Feb. 19, 1990.

"She would have been 27 today," she said.

Doctors predict that children with Tetralogy of Fallot will not live past the age of 2, she said.



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Donale Miller teaches her niece Victoria Perez how to stretch correctly during Fit Fest on Saturday at the National Guard Armory. The Queen Victoria Miller Heart Foundation hosted the event to raise awareness of a rare heart condition called Tetralogy of Fallot.

Miller has heard of children living with the deformity until the age of 14, but they had at least two surgeries within that time.

Since losing her daughter, Miller has made it her mission to support other parents of children living with the deformity by funding transpor-

tation and lodging for families that need to take their children to the hospital for treatment.

She said the purpose of Fit Fest was to encourage people to live healthy lifestyles to protect their hearts by offering free yoga, Zumba, kickboxing and Pilates classes.

Maybe if people lead healthier lifestyles, they can have children who are also healthy, Miller said.

She does not know why her daughter was born with Tetralogy of Fallot, but she hopes that parents who stay active will not have to experience that pain.

Coral "Bocaybo" Scott, Sumter native and founder of Bocaybo Fitness in Greenville, said living a healthy lifestyle does not have to be difficult.

Scott said he eats what he likes but makes sure to balance what he eats with the

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Ministry happens on both sides of the counter

BY JIM HILLEY
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A woman walked in the door and up to the counter at Sumter United Ministries. She said she needed help with an electric deposit. Maria (not her real name) was a victim of domestic violence, having fled to Sumter from another state with her two teenage children for safe refuge.

Her situation was so dire, she was

as possible. So she fled, leaving everything she owned behind.

Maria had been able to come up with enough money to rent a place but needed help with her electric deposit. She said none of the agencies she went to for help was able to assist her because she didn't have the victim's



At that time, a volunteer who handles client intake walked in. As a victim of domestic violence herself, she was the right person to help Maria. The volunteer was introduced to Maria, and it was explained why she would be interviewing Maria.

The tears began to fall

encountered trying to get help. United Ministries was her lifeline. Minutes later, a glimmer of hope shone in her eyes behind the tears.

After the information was gathered for Maria's file, the volunteer called her back for her interview. When the first part of the interview was over, Maria came back out into the waiting room — looking much more relaxed — while her case was being reviewed by the crisis relief director. She was

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