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'We made history today'



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U.S. Rep. Tim Scott speaks Monday to reporters at the State House after being introduced by Gov. Nikki Haley as her choice to fill the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Jim DeMint, right. South Carolina's GOP members of the House joined U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, second from left, at the event.

Scott will be 1st black U.S. senator from South since Reconstruction

By ANDREW SHAIN
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Republican U.S. Rep. Tim Scott will become South Carolina's first-ever African-American U.S. senator after he was chosen Monday by Gov. Nikki Haley to fill Jim DeMint's soon-to-be-vacated seat.

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Scott, 47, said, while "there is no way to have another Jim De-

Mint in America," he would try to uphold the Greenville senator's conservative ideals when he takes office Jan. 3. DeMint is leaving with four years to go in his second six-year Senate term to become the head of the Heritage Foundation think tank.

Scott's voting record ranks slightly below DeMint's in scorecards kept by a pair of conservative groups, the Club for Growth

and Heritage Action. Among the issues the two Republicans have differed on was keeping open a federally subsidized bank that provides government loans to exporters. Despite that difference, Scott said, "Philosophically we're on same page."

S.C. House Speaker Bobby Harrell, R-Charleston, said he ex-

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and HELEN O'NEILL
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Elections chairwoman: McBride should resign

Then Crum resigns after the board takes no action against McBride

By CLIF LeBLANC
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Haley picks Scott to replace DeMint

He will be first black senator in South's modern era

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Tim Scott's elevation to U.S. senator caps a meteoric rise in South Carolina politics, showcasing how the son of a single mother went from tending high school Spanish in North Charleston, to being rewarded with one of the most prized jobs in American politics.

Scott, a Republican, becomes the

first black senator in the South's modern era at a time when the GOP is struggling nationally to win support among minorities.

For the Lowcountry, Scott gives the Charleston region its first resident senator since influential Democrat Fritz Hollings retired in 2004.

Gov. Nikki Haley formally announced her pick Monday, confirming early speculation that Scott was the favorite to succeed resigning GOP incumbent Jim DeMint.

Scott, 47, thanked Haley, his family,

mentors and well-wishers at a state-house press conference, flanked by members of the state's congressional delegation.

"When you start out in a single-parent household with a mom that works 16 hours a day, and you're looking at a future that doesn't look as bright as you're living in North Charleston, South Carolina, you build the strength that comes from having appreciation and

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Gov. Nikki Haley announced Monday that Rep. Tim Scott will assume Jim DeMint's Senate seat.

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Area schools vigilant, aware

Parents, teachers mindful of Sandy Hook



Charleston police officer Kate Lenihan checks on Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary School in West Ashley on Monday. She also checked on other elementary schools in the area.

BY BRENDA RINDGE
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Like most parents, Goose Creek father of three Chris Sweetie has been thinking a lot about the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy.

But Sweetie, principal of Howe Hall Arts Infused Magnet School, which two of his sons attend, also knows schools are doing all they can to protect children from situations like the one in Connecticut, where 20-year-old Adam Lanza forced his way into the school and killed 26 people in a barrage of gunfire.

"If I wasn't 100 percent confident that my sons would be safe and I would be safe, then I would be worried, but I know that we have done everything that's humanly possible to protect our children," he said.

Howe Hall held an intruder drill and simulated lockdown that included local law enforcement agencies on Oct. 31.

"I heard from a number of parents that were very grateful that we did the drill and that we were being proactive," he said Monday.

"We do a fire drill every month. I hope and pray that we never have a fire at our school but we need to make

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A funeral procession follows the hearse carrying the casket of Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting victim Jack Pinto, 6, in Newtown, Conn., on Monday.



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Slain son lives on in gift of heart

Transplant bonds two families

BY DAVE MUNDAY
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The mother of a young man who was shot to death while delivering pizza pressed her head against the chest of the man who now has his heart.

She stayed there a while, quietly crying and listening.

"I reached right up and felt his heart beating," Teresa Gardner said at the emotional meeting Monday. "I felt very blessed that my son is still here with us, just in another dimension."

Her son, 20-year-old Maraleus Gardner Birdsong, was shot to death in March while delivering a pizza in a North Charleston apartment complex. Two teens have been charged in his death.

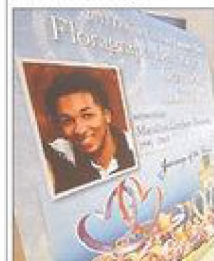
His organs saved the lives of four people, according to LifePoint, which coordinated the donations.

Timothy Jordan, 42, of Darlington received his heart. He and his family drove to LifePoint's North Charleston office to meet his donor's mother for the first time.

"I was happy that I was going to receive a heart to prolong my life, but it was sad that someone had to pass away for me to live on," Jordan said through tears. "That was the hardest thing for me."

Gardner-Birdsong was a straight-A student at Trident Technical College with plans to get an engineering degree at The Citadel. He chose to designate himself as an organ donor on his driver's license.

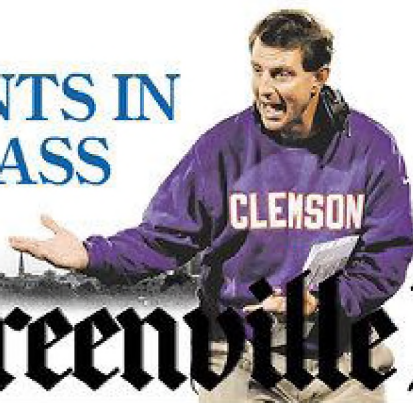
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Gov. Nikki Haley announces during a State House press conference Monday that Rep. Tim Scott would serve as the replacement for Sen. Jim DeMint. HEIDI HEILBRUNN/STAFF

DeMint replacement Tim Scott: Voters not judging him on race

By Tim Smith

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COLUMBIA — The first African-American from the South to be selected for the U.S. Senate since the days of Reconstruction says he doesn't want to dwell on the historic nature of his appointment.

U.S. Rep. Tim Scott, a North Charleston Republican who will remain the only black Republican in Congress when he is sworn in as senator on Jan. 3, said he is aware of the history his appointment is making.

But he said the state's voters are not judging him based on his race.

"What I've not ever really heard on the campaign trail was, 'Beside the fact that you're black,' or 'Because you are black, here is what we want to do,'" Scott said. "They've

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"We have our challenges and we have things to overcome, but boy, does the future look bright in South Carolina."
U.S. REP. TIM SCOTT

GreenvilleOnline.com

Watch video of Rep. Tim Scott and outgoing Sen. Jim DeMint discussing the future of politics in South Carolina and see photos from Gov. Nikki Haley's announcement at GreenvilleOnline.com.

Campaign trail beckons Scott, who's not well-known in Upstate

By Mary Orndorff Troyan

Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — Republican Rep. Tim Scott of South Carolina, whose appointment to the Senate on Monday made history, has a lot of hands to shake if he wants to keep his job longer than two years.

Only 25 percent of people living in South Carolina's 4th Congressional District, which includes most of Greenville County and far from the district Scott represents now, know who he is, according to a poll conducted by Clemson University political science professor Dave Woodward a few months ago.

Scott, 47, who will be the first black senator from the Deep South since Reconstruction when he replaces Republican Sen. Jim DeMint in January, will face voters statewide in 2014 if he wants to keep his Senate seat.

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A long procession begins

NEWTOWN BURIES ITS FIRST VICTIMS



JASON DECROW (left), DAVID GOLDMAN (right) • The Associated Press

At right, a funeral procession follows the hearse carrying the casket of Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting victim Jack Pinto, 6, on Monday in Newtown, Conn. At left, a mourner weeps at Pinto's funeral earlier.

By ALLEN G. BREED and HELEN O'NEILL • The Associated Press

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"If Noah had not been taken from us, he would have become a great man. He would

been a wonderful husband and a loving father," Noah's uncle, Alexis Haller, told mourners. Both services were closed to the news media.

Noah's twin, Arielle, who was assigned to a different classroom, survived the killing frenzy by 20-year-old Adam Lanza, an attack so horrifying that authorities could not say three days later whether the school would ever reopen.

Newtown, a community of 27,000 people 60 miles northeast of New York City, will face many more funerals over the next few days, just as other towns are getting ready for the holidays.

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Supporters of gun-control legislation are being joined by some unlikely faces on Capitol Hill. 5A



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Sen. Tim Scott and Gov. Nikki Haley

Haley sends Scott to Senate

Conservative leaders praise pick to replace DeMint

By ANDREW SHAIN
The (Columbia) State

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Patrick, Lotz mull run at seat

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A freshman legislator and 2008 congressional candidate are among those considering running for the 1st Congressional District seat after Gov. Nikki Haley appointed U.S. Rep. Tim Scott to replace Sen. Jim DeMint.

State Rep. Andy Patrick, R-Hilton Head Island, and Beaufort County Democratic Party chairman Blaine Lotz expressed interest Monday, as did a handful



Patrick R-Hilton Head

Floating-hotel ordinance gets nod from commission

The Metropolitan Planning Commission voted in favor of the "hotel" despite its location in a "conservation

Royal, city of Beaufort and Beaufort County, voted 4 to 1 in favor of allowing "hotels." The recommendation will go to City Council.

of what the zoning district is all about," said James Crowder, the commission's lone dissenter. He quoted a section of the or-





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Win affirmed

Tradition trumped suspense Monday as members of the Electoral College cast the official, final votes in the 2012 presidential election, a constitutional formality on President Barack Obama's march to a second term. **PAGE A7**

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The public is invited to a prayer vigil today for the victims of last week's mass shooting in Connecticut and the emergency workers who responded. **PAGE C1**

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Truck deals

General Motors is offering generous deals on Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra pickup trucks after they piled up on dealer lots. GM is matching or beating discounts from rivals Ford and Chrysler this month. **PAGE D1**

President narrows 'fiscal cliff' gap

Obama offers more cuts, raising tax hike threshold to \$400,000

By JIM KUHNHEIM
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama has agreed to curtail future cost-of-living increases for recipients of Social Security and softened his demand for higher taxes at upper income levels as part of accelerating negotiations with House Speaker John Boehner

to avoid a "fiscal cliff," people familiar with the talks said Monday.

Speaking a few hours after Obama and Boehner met at the White House, these people said the president was now seeking a higher tax rate beginning at incomes over \$400,000, up from the levels of \$200,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for couples that were cornerstones of his successful campaign for re-election.

Obama's willingness to reduce future cost-of-living

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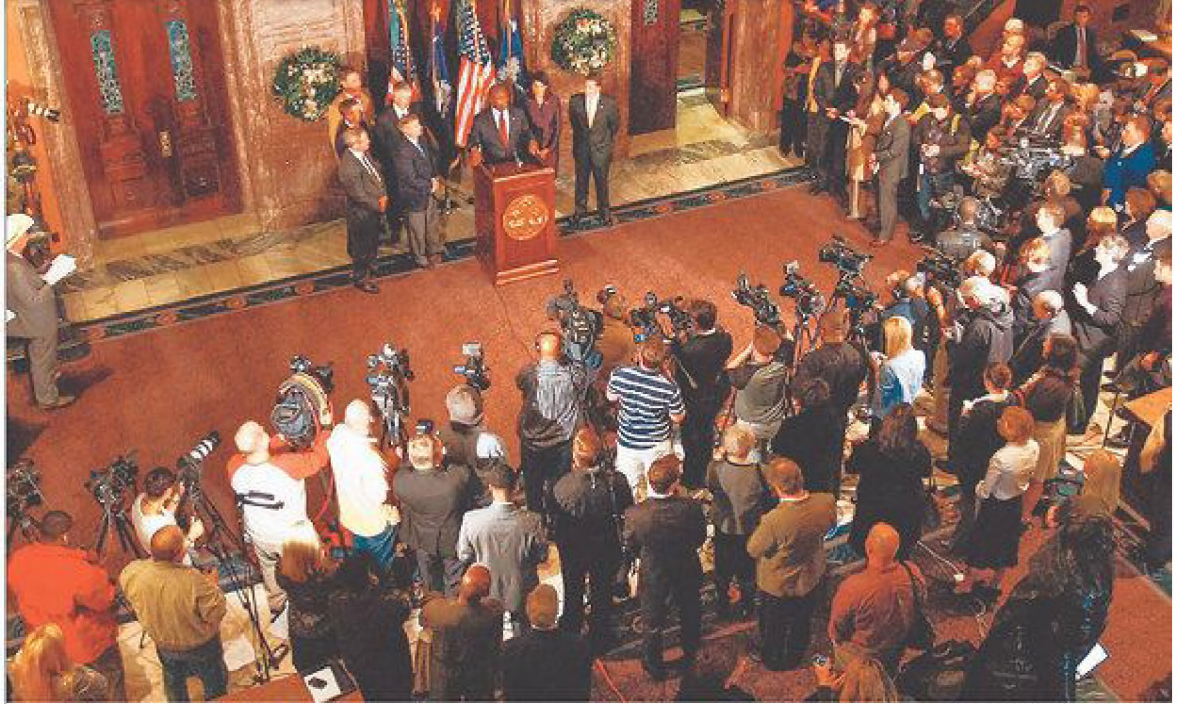


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'Historic moment for the Palmetto State'



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Haley chooses Scott to fill Senate seat left by DeMint

By SEANNA ADCOX
The Associated Press

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"It speaks to the evolution of South Carolina and our



SC congressional contingent embraces appointee as a friend

By LYNNE P. SHACKLEFORD
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Before he became Senator-elect Tim Scott, he was one-fourth of the four horsemen.

Rep. Mick Mulvaney

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Man gets 25 years in shooting death

Thomas Tyrone Jackson sentenced in killing of Talmadge Crawford

By CHRIS TRAINOR
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A man has been sent to prison in connection with a 2011 incident in which he shot and killed another man.

On Monday, Thomas Tyrone Jackson, 24, of Greenwood, pleaded guilty to a charge of voluntary manslaughter. In doing so, Jackson admitted he shot and killed victim Talmadge K. Crawford, 20, on

April 30, 2011, during an incident on Watson Street.

Judge Frank Addy sentenced Jackson to 25 years in prison for the offense. Crawford will get credit for the 602 days he already has been in jail.

Deputy Solicitor Andrew Hodges handled the case for the state, while public defender Janna Nelson represented Jackson.

According to Hodges, the shooting incident happened in the front

yard of a home on Watson Street. Hodges said Jackson and Crawford were at a nightclub earlier in the evening and, at some point, went to the Watson Street location.

"There was a verbal altercation that turned physical in the front yard," Hodges said. "At that time, Mr. Jackson produced a pistol and fired one round and struck the victim in the head. Law enforcement

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Thomas Tyrone Jackson, center, pleaded guilty Monday to voluntary manslaughter in the 2011 death of Talmadge Crawford.

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GREENWOOD

City passes 2013 budget

Document balanced at \$12.9 million, does not call for tax or fee increases

By CHRIS TRAINOR
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The City of Greenwood's 2013 calendar year budget was approved during Monday night's meeting of Greenwood City Council.

Council approved the budget by a count of 5-2, with Councilmen Johnny Williams and Ronnie Ables dissenting.

The 2013 budget is balanced at \$12,922,090 and it does not call for tax or fee increases. The budget does not contain a cost-of-living adjustment for city staff and it includes an anticipated employer state health contribution increase of 6.37 percent.

The budget allows for the hiring of a new officer for the Greenwood Police Department, one who would work as a gang investigator.

The budget also includes just more than \$120,000 from the capital improvement fund. Three major initiatives will be paid for with those funds.

Those include the second phase of computer server upgrades in the city; an inkless fingerprinting system that would be used to put fingerprints into the FBI and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database and a used SUV for the new police gang investigator.

The city budgeted \$20,000 for the used SUV to be bought for the police department. Williams and Ables indicated that is why they voted against the budget.

"I'm very much against (purchasing the used SUV)," Williams said. "We don't need it. We've got an SUV at the fire station they could use, no problem. Paid for. It's got (36,543) miles on it, it would be perfect."

The city vehicle Williams is proposing the gang investigator use the fire department SUV and the fire department employee could return to driving a city Ford F-150 that isn't being used as often.

Ables also noted his displeasure with the purchase of the used SUV.

"The city's got plenty of police cars and

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Consumer Cindy Whittle visits with Santa Claus during the annual Burton Center Christmas Parade on Monday. The Christmas Parade was forced indoors because of rain.

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A BURTON CENTER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CHEER

Rain doesn't dampen spirits of those attending annual event

By JOSEPH SITARZ
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Rain didn't dampen the spirits of the consumers at the Burton Center Monday afternoon.

What was supposed to be an outdoor holiday celebration was moved indoors and altered a little, but spirits still soared during the center's annual Christmas Parade.

The parade was moved inside the Burton Center workshop to bring a little Christmas cheer to the consumers. The parade kicked off a week of holiday celebrations for the Burton Center.

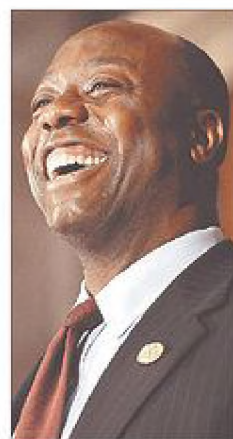
gram director. "We buy Christmas presents for everyone in our day program."

Today, there's a group going to sing. Ken Ketles will perform Wednesday at a holiday dance, Thursday there's caroling and Friday is Christmas karaoke.

Robinson said the weather didn't cooperate Monday, adding it was only the second year the parade had to be moved indoors. By moving inside, cars and a train had to be dropped from the parade.

"The people from the community have been real supportive of the parade," Robinson said. "We had 17 participants in our parade this year. We had to cut it back."

A more than 100 people in the parade were



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Rep. Tim Scott laughs during a press conference Monday announcing him as U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint's replacement in the Senate at the South Carolina Statehouse in Columbia.

COLUMBIA

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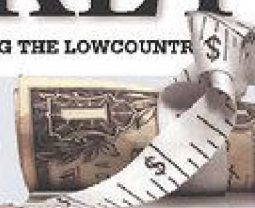
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HEARTBROKEN TOWN BEGINS BURIALS



Barbara Wells of Shelton, Conn., holds her 3-year-old daughter, Olivia, as she pays her respects at one of the memorials for the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting victims Monday in Newtown, Conn.

MARY ALTAFFER • The Associated Press

Newtown, Conn., holds first of many funerals

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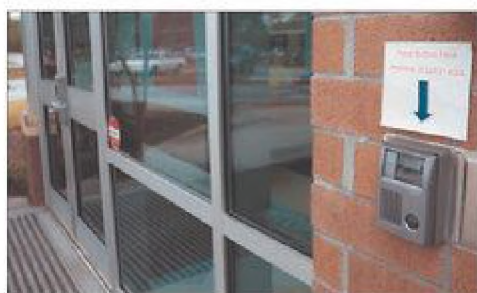
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DeMINT'S SUCCESSOR

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Lotz

Tragedy tugs at heartstrings in Pee Dee

Safety, support first priority for Florence schools

BY JOHN SWEENEY
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FLORENCE — In their first day back at school since the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., that killed 20 children and six adults on Friday, faculty and staff at Florence County schools honored the victims and revisited safety protocols and procedures.

At Lucy T. Davis Elementary School, the victims of Friday's shooting were honored with a moment of silence, while at Royall Elementary, the marquee read "Royall prays for Sandy Hook."

Delmae Elementary is offering aid to Newtown families affected by the slayings. Jill Russell, a first-grade teacher at the school, started

a collection Monday called "Hands of HOPE for Sandy Hook," which will pass donations to a victim relief fund set up through the United Way of Western Connecticut.

Russell is from Newtown, Conn., attended Sandy Hook Elementary as a child and has friends and family still in the area.

Florence County School District 1 Superintendent Allie E. Brooks, Jr., said across the district teachers were encouraged to offer counseling services to any student who requested it in the wake of Friday's shootings.

"We have asked our principals to make full use of behavior health counselors and guidance counselors and psychologists if needed to deal with the anxiety that arises among

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Newtown, Conn., native says town was the 'safest place in the world'

BY JOHN SWEENEY
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FLORENCE — Friday's shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., struck close to home for one Florence woman, who is now trying to come to the aid of those touched by last week's tragedy.

Jill Russell, wife of Morning News photographer John Russell, teaches first grade at Delmae Elementary School and is a native of Newtown, Conn. She attended Sandy Hook Elementary and still has friends and family in the small,

northeastern community that Russell describes as "the safest place in the world."

"It sounds ignorant to say, but things like this just don't happen in Newtown," she said.

Russell spoke with several of her friends who still call Newtown home over the weekend. All were

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More help from FSD1

West Florence teacher Jeremy Saunders is organizing a letter writing campaign. See story, **Page 10A**

GOOD CHOICE TO M8K



PHOTOS BY REBECCA J. QUICKER/MORNING NEWS

Twelfth Circuit Solicitor Ed Clements and April Watson, director of Juvenile Diversion Programs, unpack boxes filled with baby supplies on Monday at A Choice to M8K. The supplies were purchased with funds raised by children in the Juvenile Arbitration program as part of their required list of sanctions.



Diapers, blankets, and baby clothes are seen on display at A Choice to M8K.

Scott is headed to US Senate

Congressman will replace DeMint, become state's first black senator

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — The man who will become the South's first black Republican senator since Reconstruction said Monday his ascension in politics showed the evolution of his state and the nation.

Congressman Tim Scott was picked by fellow Republican Gov. Nikki Haley to take over the seat being vacated by Jim DeMint. Haley, a daughter of Indian immigrants who became South Carolina's first female and minority governor in 2010, acknowledged making history with her appointment, but she stressed that she picked Scott for his conservative values.

"It is very important to me as a minority female, that Congressman Scott earned this seat, he earned this seat for the person he is, for the results he's shown," she said. "He earned this seat for what I know he's going to do in making South Carolina and our country proud."

Scott, 47, will be sworn in Jan. 3 to replace DeMint, who announced earlier this month he would forgo the remaining four years of his term to lead The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank.

Scott's selection culminates a fast rise through South Carolina politics. Just four years ago, he was chairman of the Charleston County Council. The 2008 election



U.S. Rep. **Tim Scott** will be only the fourth black Republican in Senate history.

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Testimony begins in lawsuit against Boone

Former FCSO employee Philip Hanna contends sheriff



BY CHRISTOPHER MCKAGEN
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FLORENCE — Christmas is looking a

Army tops \$30,000, surpasses goal

not including the Foundation. That means the Army will be able to help more people like "Tabatha" (see below) this Christmas.





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AP
U.S. Rep. Tim Scott speaks during a news conference at the South Carolina Statehouse on Monday in Columbia. Scott was named to succeed Sen. Jim DeMint in the U.S. Senate. At rear are South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, left, and DeMint.

SCOTT NAMED
U.S. SENATOR

Haley appointment
of African-American
puts stamp on history

By SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley appointed Rep. Tim Scott to the U.S. Senate on Monday, making him the South's first black Republican senator since Reconstruction in a state whose politics is steeped in the history of slavery and Civil War.

"It speaks to the evolution of South Carolina and our nation," Scott, 47, said of his appointment to fill the seat vacated by Sen. Jim DeMint, a conservative who resigned his post with four years left in his second term to head a right-leaning think tank.

Haley, a daughter of Indian immigrants who became South Carolina's first female and minority governor in 2010, acknowledged making history with her appointment, but she stressed that she picked Scott for his conservative values.

"He earned this seat for what I know he's going to do in making South Carolina and our country proud," she said.

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Locals wonder
if Scott will be
second DeMint

By LEE HENDREN
T&D Government Writer

Orangeburg County Republican Party Chairman Jim Ulmer has known Congressman Tim Scott for decades — as his parents' insurance agent.

Ulmer said he has been impressed as Scott, a fellow Republican, climbed the political ladder, starting with a seat on the Charleston County Council, then a term in the state House of Representatives and more recently as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

On Monday, Gov. Nikki Haley appointed Scott to succeed U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint, who is resigning to become president of the conservative Heritage Foundation.

"It's a wonderful choice," Ulmer said. "He is a personable guy. He has been in public service for some 20 years. He is a good conservative and will articulate that position well. Sen. DeMint gave the governor good advice in recommending that she pick him. He can hit the ground running."

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CHRISTOPHER HURS/160

Albemarle Vice President of Polymer Solutions Matt Junesu announces a \$65 million, five-year expansion of the company's local operations Monday afternoon at the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce building. The expansion is expected to add 20 jobs.

County celebrates \$65M expansion at Albemarle

By GENE ZALESKI
T&D Staff Writer

Heavy rain did not dampen spirits inside the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce building Monday as officials celebrated the multimillion-dollar expansion of Albemarle Corp.'s local operations.

"It is really not just one project. It is four projects," Albemarle Vice President of Polymer Solutions Matt Junesu said during Monday's official unveiling ceremony.

"The reality of this is four expansions supporting each of our global business units. In essence, this site will be adding to what it does for every part of our

company," he said.

The company has announced it will invest \$65 million in its Orangeburg plant over five years. Twenty jobs will be added during the expansion.

Albemarle presently employs about 322 at its 300-acre site on Cannon Bridge Road.

Junesu said the largest expansion will be in the company's fire-safety solutions line. The plant will make Green-Crest flame retardants for use in insulation. Albemarle plans to commercialize the new technology in 2014.

"This really represents ... the next wave of innovation in what we are trying to do with our portfolio with flame retardants or the fire safety business,"

Junesu said.

He said, "It is one that we are proud of because it really makes a difference in people's lives."

In addition, Albemarle will also add two new and "confidential" products in the company's Fine Chemistry Services business. It will also expand equipment in its organometallic production unit to support the growing polymer catalysts business.

Bob Marriott, S.C. Department of Commerce deputy director of global business development, said Albemarle's announcement is a testament to the great business climate in the state and

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Pet food maker to invest \$12.5M in Orangeburg

By LEE HENDREN
T&D Government Writer

A \$12.5 million investment over the next three years will allow Mars Petcare US to produce more Pedigree and Whiskas pet food at its Orangeburg facility.

"We have been a corporate citizen since 1995 ... and we're excited to continue to be rooted in Orangeburg County," site Manager Eadream Curry told Orangeburg County Council on Monday.

Mars Petcare US operates a facility in the Orangeburg County Industrial Park off Rowesville Road, near the airport. When it opened as a Doane Pet Care facility in 1995, it employed 30. Today,



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