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Soon you can drive golf carts at night

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley signs bill allowing properly equipped golf carts to be driven after dark

Bluffton town leaders have long supported measure, arguing it could help ease Old Town parking woes

Beaufort County and municipalities must now develop rules where carts can be driven at night

BY LUCAS HIGH
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With summer right around the corner, it's the perfect time to cruise around town in a golf cart.

Now, thanks to the passage of a bill co-sponsored by S.C. Rep. Bill Herbkersman of Bluffton, the fun doesn't have to stop when the sun goes down.

Last week Gov. Nikki Haley signed into law a measure that allows golf cart drivers to use local roads at night so long as local municipalities are on-board and the cart is equipped with front and rear lights.

A similar proposal failed in the Senate last legislative session.

Herbkersman said during a recent meeting of Beaufort County's Legislative Delegation that the measure, which allows cart driving on secondary roads with speed limits 35 mph or less, was devel-

oped request of local municipalities.

Bluffton town leaders have long supported giving more leeway to golf cart drivers, arguing that more cart usage will help reduce traffic and parking problems in areas such as Old Town.

"In general, (expanded opportunities for golf cart drivers) is something that we have always wanted," Bluffton mayor Lisa Sulka said last week. "I'm just thrilled."

In Old Town, visitors "come by golf cart during the day, then by car at night," she said. "Giving people the opportunity to get around town at night on golf carts should definitely help with some of the parking issues."

Before cart drivers can start legally cruising at night, Beaufort County officials must "begin the process of communicating

with the municipalities about designating by ordinance which areas would be allowed for driving golf carts at night," S.C. Rep. Weston Newton, a co-sponsor of the bill, said last week.

While no date has been set for the county and municipalities to set specific parameters for cart driving, Herbkersman said he trusts that "no one is going to be dragging their feet on this."

Beaufort County attorney Tom Keaveny said that he expects the County Council to take up the issue in the next month or two.

Local golf cart retailers aren't waiting around — they're preparing for a rush of customers who want their carts tricked out with lights and other features.

"We have already ordered a lot of light kits just

to keep in stock," said Damian Gourlay, owner of Three D Golf Car in Bluffton.

He said he's heard other cart sellers are following suit.

Gourlay echoed Sulka's sentiment regarding cart usage as a potential solution for Old Town parking woes.

"Our parking situation

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IT'S HARD TO FIND PLACES TO HUNT.

Michael Perry, Palmetto Bluff Shooting Club director

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is crazy. If you have a golf cart you can get in and out (of the historic district) easily, and you're not taking up as much space

when you park," he said.

"I really feel like (state lawmakers) heard us and helped us out," he said.

"People have always been

driving (carts) at night. Its going to be good to be able to do it without worrying about breaking the

law."

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Bob Sutter of Lowcountry Golf Cars shows off an E-Z-GO golf cart equipped with headlights at his Okatie dealership.

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A golf cart sits parked along Calhoun Street on June 8 in Old Town Bluffton.

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Legislators uphold less than \$200K of Haley's budget vetoes

BY SEANNA ADCOX

Associated Press

COLUMBIA

South Carolina lawmakers on Wednesday restored most of the money struck by Gov. Nikki Haley's budget vetoes, though they agreed with her on nixing a study about moving the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum to Charleston.

The Republican governor vetoed \$41 million worth of spending last week from the \$7.5 billion state spending plan that takes effect July 1. The Legislature sustained a dozen of her line-item vetoes during Wednesday's special, one-day session. But most of those struck mandates, not money.

For example, legislators agreed to eliminate a clause directing how grass should be mowed at welcome centers.

They upheld vetoes striking \$100,000 for a swimming pool in Richland County and \$75,000 to the Human Affairs Commission for community relations councils. They restored funding for various museums, parks and historical sites.

Legislators put the Relic Room study in the budget instead of spending any money to display the Confederate flag that was removed from Statehouse grounds and sent to the Columbia museum last summer following the massacre at Emanuel AME Church.

House budget writers, who balked at a proposed \$3.6 million price tag for the flag display and museum expansion, argued the Confederate Relic Room's current, "hidden" location doesn't attract enough visitors.

The budget clause had required an analysis of available museum space in Charleston and, if sufficient space exists, a cost estimate for moving the Relic Room's collections there. A report was due by January, when the next legislative session begins.

In her veto message, Haley argued the study was a "veiled attempt to justify" combining the Relic Room and the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley. Haley called it nothing more than a legislative pet project.

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Legislature sending 2 ethics bills to Haley

Measures involve reporting income and independent investigations into complaints

Lawmakers say bills are not perfect, but they are a step forward

BY SEANNA ADCOX

Associated Press

COLUMBIA

Legislators gave final approval late Wednesday to bills on officerholder income disclosure and legislative investigations, sending Gov. Nikki Haley the two ethics bills she wanted.

The measures require all officeholders to report their private sources of income and mandate that complaints against South Carolina's legislators be independently investigated.

The measures had ap-

peared dead — yet again. But legislators didn't want to go home a fourth consecutive year without passing changes they've repeatedly called a top priority.

Legislators in both chambers said the bills are far from perfect, but they're progress.

"It's really as much reform as we can get out of this Legislature, out of four years of trying and trying again," said Sen. Chip Campsen, R-Isle of Palms.

Haley has insisted that independent investigations and income disclosure be part of ethics reform since the House Ethics Committee cleared her of allegations in 2012 that she lobbied for employers while in the House. Agreeing with her former colleagues that the state's ethics laws are too vague, she has pushed ever since to strengthen and clarify them.

Legislation has repeatedly stalled in the Senate.

But the Senate passed both unanimously Wednesday after the one senator ousted by Haley's campaigns to unseat several long-time Republican incumbents asked his colleagues to disregard the politics and pass the bills. Senators gave GOP Wes Hayes of Rock Hill two standing ovations in his farewell speech.

"You do what you think is right and let the chips

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SC justices to decide prosecutor dispute in corruption case

South Carolina's highest court is now considering whether a prosecutor other than the attorney general can open a state grand jury investigation.

For an hour Thursday, the state Supreme Court heard arguments from Solicitor David Pascoe and an attorney representing Attorney General Alan Wilson. Pascoe is suing Wilson, saying Pascoe had the authority to open a state grand jury probe into legislative corruption because Wilson had turned the case over to him because of a possible conflict.

Wilson says state law allows only him to start a grand jury investigation and Pascoe overstepped his authority and tainted the case by leaking information to reporters. Wilson picked Pascoe to handle the investigation into former House Speaker Bobby Harrell, but their working relationship has become a public feud.

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fall," said Hayes, first elected to the House in 1984 and the Senate in 1991. "We need to do what's right. Pass ethics reform."

Hayes, who has long supported the ethics changes Haley's pushed, lost his primary Tuesday to a challenger she backed. Other incumbents survived Haley's opposition.

"Your example has been good for all of us," Sen. Gerald Malloy, D-Hartsville, said of Hayes, who asked his colleagues to welcome his opponent.

Currently, House and Senate ethics committees oversee campaign finance filings and handle complaints against their colleagues, while the State Ethics Commission oversees all other public officials. Critics, including Haley, equate the arrangement to "the fox guarding the henhouse."

The legislation would

revamp the State Ethics Commission — whose members will be appointed by the governor and legislators — and expand its duties to legislators. The commission would decide whether a legislator likely violated the law. However, House and Senate ethics panels would still get the final say over their members.

"This will begin to restore the public's trust," said House Speaker Pro Tem Tommy Pope, the initial bill's sponsor. "I think when citizens see

the system work, it will restore confidence."

The other bill requires all elected and appointed officials to report the sources of income filed on their income tax returns — but not how much they are paid. They must also report income sources of their spouses and dependent children.

Currently, officeholders must report only public income sources, such as legislative pay, on their annual "statement of economic interest." That requirement will continue.

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Sanford easily wins re-election bid

Incumbent Republican holds off primary challenge from Horne

Mulvaney nominated for 4th term in 5th Congressional District

Leatherman survives challenge from Haley-backed Skipper

Associated Press

Incumbent Republican Mark Sanford was easily nominated again in the 1st Congressional District, turning back a primary challenge from state Rep. Jenny Horne of Summer-

ville. With about 90 percent of precincts reporting Tuesday, Sanford had more than 55 percent of the vote.

Sanford regained the seat in the district on the state's south coast which

he held in the 1990s in a special election three years ago.

Horne drew national attention a year ago when she gave an impassioned

speech calling for the removal of the Confederate flag on the Statehouse grounds in Columbia.

Lawmakers lowered the flag after the slayings at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston. Friday is the anniversary of the killings.

Sanford will be heavily favored in the strongly Republican district against a Democrat and two third-party candidates in November.

In other South Carolina election news:

- Incumbent Republican U.S. Rep. Mick Mul-

vaney was nominated for a fourth term in South Carolina's 5th Congressional District.

In Tuesday's voting, Mulvaney easily turned back a primary challenge from Ray Craig of Lake Wylie in the district that runs along the North Carolina state line in the middle of the state.

With just over 40 per-

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cent of precincts reporting, Mulvaney had almost 80 percent of the vote in his race against Craig, who does ministerial and

nonprofit work.

Mulvaney faces Democrat Fran Person and a third party candidate in November.

- South Carolina's most powerful lawmaker has

survived Gov. Nikki Haley's attempt to unseat him.

Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman defeated two challengers in Tuesday's Republican

primary. He received more than 54 percent of vote in the three-way race.

Haley's candidate, Florence County GOP Chairman Richard Skipper, received about 41 percent.



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CHURCH SHOOTING ANNIVERSARY

1 year later, much same in Charleston

Confederate flag no longer flies outside the Statehouse, but many other symbols remain

Changing other monuments requires a two-thirds vote of legislature

Confederate fervor may be fading decade by decade

BY JEFFREY COLLINS
AND JONATHAN DREW

Associated Press

CHARLESTON

The names of Confederate generals still adorn street signs in Charleston's public housing projects, and a heroic waterfront statue dedicated to the Confederate Defenders of Charleston still faces Fort Sumter, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired.

Just down from the Emanuel AME church — where nine black parishioners studying their Bibles were gunned down one year ago — a statue of Vice President John C. Calhoun, a staunch defender of slavery, towers above a park.

After the June 17, 2015, massacre, South Carolina lawmakers did what many people thought was impossible and removed the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds in Columbia. Across the country, as far away as Alaska, officials moved to strip streets, college dormitories and even lakes of the names of Confederates, secessionists and public figures who championed segregation.

But a year later, little has changed in Charleston, the city where tens of thousands of

enslaved Africans first set foot in North America. It was here that the work of plantation slaves made the city one of the wealthiest in the nation before the Civil War. It was here where the bombardment of Fort Sumter threw the nation into that war in 1861.

A section of a street in front of the white stucco Emanuel AME church may have been renamed "Mother Emanuel Way Memorial District," but all of Charleston's Confederate commemorations remain intact — and longstanding racial issues endure.

"I think a lot of things happened out of the immediate emotions of how horrific the killings were. That's the human side of folks and the politeness, particularly of Charleston, that we just had to do something. But then when reality checks us — the question is what is that going to cost us in terms of changing the way we think and do things?" said Dot Scott, president of the Charleston branch of the NAACP.

A white man who police said

hated blacks and posted photos of himself with the Confederate flag has been charged with killing the nine parishioners.

"It was truly an attack on a race of people," Malcolm Graham, the brother of victim Cynthia Hurd, said of the shootings. "After 400 years, the African-

American community still is suffering and dealing with these types of issues relating to race."

So why was there not a push to remove Confederate symbols in Charleston following the church attack?

Bernard Powers, a black College of Charleston history professor, noted that it took a 15-year struggle to get the flag removed from the Statehouse grounds and that it happened only after the slayings.

"People see what it took, and ultimately that flag was removed because nine people were murdered," said Powers, who co-authored a book about the massacre called "We are Charleston." "I think people appreciate how deeply entrenched the reverence is for the Confederacy. For a lot of folks, it is a civil religion."



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As soon as South Carolina lawmakers voted to pull down the flag, they shut the door on any other changes.

Gov. Nikki Haley had pushed for the flag to come down but feared that going further would

incite fights across the state, so she asked lawmakers to protect all the other flags and monuments while removing the

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Bakari Sellers among speakers at Emanuel AME memorial service

A memorial service will be held in Beaufort this week for the nine victims of the Emanuel AME Church shooting last year in Charleston.

Grace Chapel AME Church, at 502 Charles St., will host the service at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. It is being sponsored by the Beaufort Unified Interfaith Community Coalition.

Former state representative Bakari Sellers is expected to be among the speakers, according to a news release. Sellers is a Columbia attorney who was a state representative from 2006 until 2014 and has contributed as a CNN commentator.

Emanuel AME pastor Clementa Pinckney, a state senator who was killed in the shootings, had also preached at Jericho AME in Beaufort and Porter's Chapel AME in Port Royal.

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Statehouse flag.

"Our goal was to hold everything together. Let's do what we can, let's be kind and accepting and understand history is just that — it's history," she said.

So a statue of former Gov. and U.S. Sen. "Pitchfork" Ben Tillman still stands on the Statehouse grounds. Tillman once famously praised a lynch mob that killed seven black Republicans in 1876 to intimidate others from voting. The statue calls him a "friend and leader of the common people" but makes no mention of the violence he bragged about for decades, something black lawmakers would like to see added.

Changing a monument requires a two-thirds vote, and House Speaker Jay Lucas has vowed to block changes of any kind.

That means the Citadel, South Carolina's Charleston-based military college, has to keep the Con-

federate flag up in the campus chapel among the flags of the 50 states and other territories.

University of North Carolina history professor W. Fitzhugh Brundage, who is white, said he understands blacks who feel alienated seeing statues honoring those who fought a war in large part to keep them enslaved.

"That is a reminder that this state's history includes an organized effort to keep people like you, African-Americans, enslaved at the cost of hundreds of thousands of lives and hundreds of millions of dollars of destruction," he said.

Though the monuments remain, the Confederate fervor may be fading decade by decade in Charleston. The area commemorated the 150th anniversary of the Civil War earlier this decade with subdued events at Fort Sumter and elsewhere, compared to the celebratory mood surrounding the 100th anni-

versary. And there was a new emphasis on slavery as a cause of the war and the roles that blacks played in the conflict.

Daniel Turner, a 57-year-old wastewater treatment plant operator from Charlotte, N.C., visiting Charleston's Confederate Museum, said he realizes why the Confederate flag is offensive to many.

"I understand the flag," Turner said. "There are bad people who used it. But the monuments are different. They are a part of history. We can't change that."

Brundage said he expects skirmishes over Confederate monuments to continue to pop up across the South, but that a full-scale removal of Confederate symbols still seems a long way off.

"The flag may be down in front of the Statehouse of South Carolina, but the landscape of South Carolina is still full — bursting — with symbols honoring the Confederacy," the

professor said. "And they're going to be there."

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STEPHEN B. MORTON AP

In this June 19, 2015, file photo, police tape surrounds the parking lot behind the AME Emanuel Church in Charleston as FBI forensic experts work the crime scene two days after nine people were shot by Dylann Roof during a Bible study.

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People join hands in a show of unity during a march across the Charleston bridge last June.



JEFFREY COLLINS AP

Outside the Confederate Museum in Charleston, Daniel Turner shows off a penny his great-great-grandfather was carrying when he was wounded in an 1863 Civil War battle. Turner carries the penny to honor his ancestor.

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BY SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — The probationary cloud over South Carolina State University was lifted Thursday, ending worries that its accreditation could be revoked and the school could be forced to close.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges decided to fully restore SC State's membership, two years after putting South Carolina's only public historically black university on probation for leadership and financial woes.

"We were very, very pleased," said board Chairman Charles Way, who traveled to Memphis, Tennessee, with school officials Wednesday to make their case. The accreditation issue "was just hanging over our heads. A lot of parents don't want to send their children to a school if it's on probation."

SC State's status was put on warning in 2013. Continuing probation a third year wasn't an option. The commission's only other choice, revoking

accreditation, would have meant students could no longer qualify for federal financial aid.

Thursday's decision follows drastic actions by legislators to keep the school open.

Last year, they fired the entire governing board and tasked temporary members with making the school solvent. As of December, the board had cut \$19 million from the budget and eliminated about 200 jobs.

"We're getting this ox out of the ditch, but we've got a long way to go," Way told The Associated Press on Thursday. "We're taking it step by step. We're trying to not only have SC State survive. We'd like to take it back to its glory days of many years ago."

Earlier this month, Gov. Nikki Haley signed a bill forgiving SC State of \$12 million in state loans over three years and approving a 16-year repayment schedule for a separate, \$6 million loan.

Lawmakers hoped erasing the debt would boost the college's chances before the commission.

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COLUMBIA — Republican Gov. Nikki Haley is weighing into the GOP primary runoffs by working to unseat Sen. Lee Bright.

Haley is endorsing former GOP Rep. Scott Talley on Thursday, four years after she endorsed Bright for the Upstate seat.

In April, Haley criticized Bright's transgender bathroom bill, dismissing him by saying, "I don't sit there and focus on a lot of things Sen.

Bright says."

Bright becomes the fourth incumbent Republican senator targeted by Haley this year. Only one has lost so far.

Bright is seeking a third term. He led a four-way primary Tuesday with 38 percent of the vote over Talley's 27 percent.

Haley is joining the state Chamber of Commerce's campaign against Bright. The chamber's political committee released a third, anti-Bright radio ad Thursday.

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Associated Press

COLUMBIA — The Legislature has killed a proposed coyote bounty program and nixed a study on moving the Confederate Relic Room to Charleston.

Those were among Gov. Nikki Haley's budget vetoes upheld Wednesday.

Legislators had approved the study instead of spending anything to display the Confederate flag removed from Statehouse grounds last summer.

Republican Rep. Chip Limehouse of Charleston said it was about saving

money, since the museum loses money at its Columbia location. Nevertheless, he asked his colleagues to sustain the veto.

Supporters of the coyote program wanted to encourage hunters to kill the predators. It would have awarded lifetime hunting licenses to hunters who kill a coyote tagged by the Department of Natural Resources. But Haley argued if DNR employees are near a coyote, they should just kill it.

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Two Senate leaders survive Haley opposition; one ousted

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Haley's candidate, Florence County GOP



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Meanwhile, state Rep. Stephen Goldfinch advanced to a June 28 primary runoff with Reese Boyd. Haley endorsed Boyd in the race to replace retiring Sen. Ray Cleary. Goldfinch led the four-way race in the Grand Strand district with 44 percent of the vote over Boyd's 37 percent.

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Haley's candidate in an open House seat also lost.

Katie Arrington won 62 percent of the vote in the race to replace state Rep. Jenny Horne, who lost her bid to unseat U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford. Haley had endorsed Dorchester County Council member Carroll Dun-

can, who's also the mother-in-law of Board of Economic Advisors Chairman Chad Walldorf.

On social media Tuesday night, Haley did not mention anyone directly.

"We congratulate the winners of the primary elections, and also congratulate those who put themselves forward for public office but did not win tonight," she posted on her Facebook page.

Incumbent senators advancing to a runoff include Senate Judiciary Chairman Larry Martin, who's been a reliable ally for Haley. He will face off against former state Rep. Rex Rice in two weeks.

With 98 percent of precincts reporting, Martin had 45 percent of the total votes in the four-way race, while Rice had 33 percent.

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