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'Bent, but not broken'

With Emanuel survivors in audience, tearful Haley calls for unity while promoting domestic violence reform, education, roads agenda



Gov. Nikki Haley holds back tears at the Statehouse in Columbia on Wednesday while delivering the State of the State address. Haley asked legislators to be inspired by victims and survivors of last year's tragedies to make South Carolina stronger.

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COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley called on the state for the type of unity witnessed after the Emanuel AME Church shooting to move her legislative priorities forward as several members of victims' families were present Wednesday for her State of the State address.

Haley outlined a dedication to domestic violence reform, education improvements and a continued push for roads funding in her sixth annual speech before a joint session of the General Assembly.

Haley also highlighted the changes the state has under-

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gone, adding South Carolina is "bent, but not broken."

"We are a different South Carolina than we were one year ago," Haley said. "A place, a people, cannot go through what we have gone through and not come out changed on the other side."

The speech was by far her most emotional as she broke into tears as she spoke of the three survivors of the Emanuel attack.

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Ethics recognition riles some senators

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COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley broke from her script and made an impromptu call for senators who support ethics reform to stand up during the middle of her State of the State address on Wednesday.

At least 10 senators responded to the request, standing before the cameras of her live address.

The move was immediately met with opposition by sena-

tors who support reform but felt that singling them out, during a speech that called for Statehouse unity, was a bad call.

"I don't take away time from my family to stay in Columbia to go in there and play a game of 'Simon Says,'" said Sen. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter. "It's hard for me to understand how on one hand she can talk about how we can disagree but we don't need to be divisive. But then five minutes

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Move flag to Hunley site, urges lawmaker

Limehouse relic room plan spurs opposition

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COLUMBIA — Months after members of the General Assembly battled with each other to bring the Confederate battle flag down from the Statehouse grounds, a Charleston lawmaker is proposing displaying it in the Lowcountry.

Republican Rep. Chip Limehouse is suggesting moving the Confederate Relic Room to the Hunley Museum in North Charleston to boost its visitor numbers. Limehouse, chairman of the House's Transportation, Regulatory and Cultural Subcommittee, said the rest of the state's Military Museum could remain in the Midlands or elsewhere.

The Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum is housed at the South Carolina State Museum in Columbia. Officials say it suffers from low visitation rates because of its location away from the city's tourist spots. That's why Limehouse is pushing for its relocation.

"It would go with the Hunley beautifully," Limehouse said of the Confederate museum. "We could drive the attendance numbers through the roof if it was in a location where people can actually come to it."

But he already has opposition, including from one member of his panel, Rep. Joe Neal, D-Hopkins.

"Charleston already has an abundance of historical sites," Neal said. "All of South Carolina's history doesn't have to be in Charleston."

Neal admitted that the Relic Room needs more foot traffic. But he argued that can be achieved by moving the museum to The Vista or Main Street areas of Columbia.

Plus, the Relic Room is expected to see more traffic once they get the display of the Confederate battle flag that was removed from the Statehouse's grounds in July, up and running, Neal said.

Rep. Mike Pitts, R-Laurens, who was one of the House's chief opponents of the flag coming down from the Statehouse, said he would not support moving the museum to Charleston either. Once the flag is displayed properly and the expansion of the museum is completed, it will attract bigger crowds, he said.

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Hottest year on record: 2015 topples milestones

Scientists measure impact of fossil fuels

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Last year wasn't just the Earth's hottest year on record — it left a century of high temperature marks in the dust.

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and NASA announced Wednesday that 2015 was by far the hottest year in 136 years of record keeping. For the most part, scientists at the agencies and elsewhere blamed man-made global warming, with a boost from El Niño.

NOAA said 2015's temperature was 56.2 degrees Fahrenheit (14.7 degrees Celsius), passing 2014 by a record margin of 0.29 degrees. That's 1.62 degrees above the 20th-century

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average, NASA, which measures differently, said 2015 was 0.23 degrees warmer than the record set in 2014 and 1.6 degrees above 20th-century average.

Because of the wide margin over 2014, NASA calculated that 2015 was a record with 94 percent certainty, more than double the certainty it had last year when announcing 2014 as a record. NOAA put the number at above 99 percent — or "virtually certain," said Tom Karl, director of

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Politics no laughing matter as Sanders courts early states

Stern-talking senator gaining momentum

BY JULIE PACE
Associated Press

SIoux CITY, IOWA — Bernie Sanders was halfway through his opening statement — a stern, 45-minute lecture on domestic policy leavened with a dash of political pep talk — when he realized the crowd had missed one of his rare attempts at humor.

"That was a joke!" he belted. Laughter briefly rippled through the audience as the Vermont senator returned to his statistic-rich pitch for increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour and breaking up big Wall Street banks.

Sanders' down-to-business de-



Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks Tuesday at a town hall at Orpheum Theater in Sioux City, Iowa.

meanor on the campaign trail belies the youthful enthusiasm that's accompanied his unexpected rise in the Democratic race for president.

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HALEY URGES CIVILITY



South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley delivers the State of the State in the House chambers at the South Carolina Statehouse on Wednesday.

Lawmakers challenged in State of State

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COLUMBIA - Gov. Nikki Haley broke down in tears recalling the shooting of nine people at a Charleston church last year as she challenged a joint assembly of legislators Wednesday evening to act worthy of the greatness she said South Carolinians showed in 2015.

Haley asked lawmakers to dedicate bond money for poor schools, to agree to a roads plan, finally pass ethics reform and supply more prosecutors so law enforcement officers no longer have to handle cases of domestic violence in court.

In her sixth State of the State speech, Haley recalled last year's string of tragedies that drew national attention, including the murders of eight black parishioners and their pastor, Sen. Clementa Pinckney, the shooting death of an unarmed and fleeing black man by a North Charleston police officer and massive flooding that killed 17 people, as challenges that left South Carolina "bent but not broken."

"We are a different South Carolina than we were one year ago," she said. "Of that there can be no doubt. A place, a people, cannot go through what we have gone through and not come out changed on the other side. The questions we in this room must ask ourselves are: What does that mean? What do we do with it? My hope is that we follow the example

HALEY'S PRIORITIES FOR LAWMAKERS

- Pay for the replacement of law enforcement officers with prosecutors in court to handle domestic violence cases.
- Pass a roads bill that includes cutting taxes and reforming the state Department of Transportation board.
- Pass legislation to permanently dedicate 1 percent of the state's bond capacity for K-12 school facilities.
- Support incentives for teachers in poor and rural school districts that include paying for full cost of their college education if they teach in a challenged district for eight years.
- Pass ethics reform, including income disclosure and a system for independent investigation of lawmakers.

set by those around us."

Near the end of her speech, Haley's voice cracked as she asked lawmakers to recognize two survivors of the Emanuel 9 shooting who were in the balcony.

"Just as the nine we lost inform my belief that angels must exist in heaven, these two women, and the precious little one who was with them that night, are proof that we have angels living here on Earth," she said after pausing through tears.

The youngest governor in the nation who celebrated her 44th birthday Wednesday, Haley delivered the GOP address following President Barack Obama's State of the Union speech last week. She continued her plea for more civil political discourse Wednesday night.

"The building we sit in invites disagreement," Haley said. "That is a good thing, a healthy thing — we should not pretend to all believe the same things nor should we be silent about where and when we differ. But disagreement does not have to mean division. Honest policy differences do not need to morph into personal dislike, distrust, and disillusion."

On the issue of domestic violence, Haley said the state ranks at the top of the nation in the percentage of women killed by men.

"Domestic violence is an issue that has plagued us for far too long," she said. "Tonight, I say it will plague us to that extent no more."

Survivors, she said, "need to know we have their backs" by ending the practice of law enforcement officers prosecuting domestic violence cases in court, one of only three states that allow such a practice.

"No survivor deserves to show up in court and see a legally untrained police officer arguing his or her side, while a

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Freezing rain, snow possible in Upstate

Winter storm watch
tonight; cold weekend

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Wednesday's light snowfall was just a taste of what's to come tonight.

While temperatures should warm up to the mid-40s today, they'll drop to around freezing overnight and stay that way throughout the day Friday, according to meteorologist Scott Krentz of the National Weather Service, which has issued a winter storm watch for Greenville County starting late tonight.

A slightly stronger system moves in Friday that could bring half an inch of snow to the Greenville-Spartanburg area, he said. But there's still a potential for freezing rain, with the higher elevations possibly getting a tenth of an inch of ice, he said.

"For the Greenville metro area, it shouldn't be much of a problem," Krentz said. "But we'll be right on the line with temperatures around 33. So we'll be on the edge of freezing rain potential."

Meanwhile, we're in for a cold weekend.

Saturday will bring temperatures

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Court refuses to hear GHS restructuring dispute

Critics say change could
eliminate public oversight

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The state Supreme Court has refused to hear a case involving Greenville Health System's restructuring plans.

In its ruling, the court said that because GHS hasn't finalized its restructuring plans or even made a final decision whether to reorganize, it can't determine whether such a move would violate any statutory or constitutional provisions.

"Therefore, any decision by this court as to whether a proposal to reorganize GHS is authorized would be based on a contingent, hypothetical, or

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Pee Dee Regional Airport Authority names interim director

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FLORENCE — The Pee Dee Regional Airport Authority selected Connie Anderson on Wednesday to become interim airport director, and she will take over operations Feb. 1.

That's also the date the airport will likely see Precision Air take over as the new fixed-base operator and become contractually responsible for the general aviation component at Florence Regional Airport.

The Manning, S.C.-based FBO — an Alaskan native corporation and subsidiary of Kuskowim Corporation — could take over fueling, storage, ground handling and maintenance. After the meeting, though, authority board Chairman Glen Greene said the terms of the lease haven't been made final.

Anderson said she's going on her 13th year as finance director and is excited to begin her new role at the first of the month. Greene said Anderson will be considered as a candidate for the permanent position as executive director. If she is chosen for that job, a new finance director will be sought. If someone

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Upper Pee Dee could receive freezing rain

From staff reports

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Portions of Darlington, Marlboro and Dillon counties in South Carolina along with Columbus, Robeson, Bladen and Pender counties in North Carolina could see freezing rain tonight into early Friday morning before it changes into rain later Friday morning.

"The potential for freezing rain (and possibly a little sleet) will increase across portions of northeast S.C. and southeast N.C. as strong low pressure forms along the coast overspreading an abundance of moisture over a cold-air mass," according to a bulletin from the National Weather Service office in

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Strength in unity



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South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley holds back tears while delivering the State of the State in the House chambers at the South Carolina Statehouse on Wednesday in Columbia.

Governor Haley holds up survivors of tragedies as role models

The Associated Press



South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (center) greets Rep. Terry Alexander, D-Florence (right), at the conclusion of the State of the State in the House Chambers at the South Carolina Statehouse on Wednesday in Columbia.

COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley asked legislators Wednesday to follow the inspirational example of the victims and survivors of last year's tragedies to make South Carolina stronger.

In her State of the State address, Haley continued the theme of her State of the Union response last week in referencing the June shooting deaths of nine parishioners at a historic black church in Charleston.

"There is greatness in South Carolina, a greatness embodied by our people, a greatness unequalled in our country," the nation's youngest governor said on her 44th birthday. "It

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Visit scnw.com for the full text from Gov. Haley's State of the State address.

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Pee Dee legislators critique Haley's address

BY JOSHUA LLOYD
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tragedies that marred South Carolina in 2015, and made proposals to the General Assembly.

Haley also called out the Senate on its consistent inaction.

Here's how some Pee Dee lawmakers reacted:

Rep. Robert Williams,

'There is greatness in S.C.'

Shooting survivors hailed as role models in State of State



BY SEANNA ADOR
Aiken Local Press

COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley asked legislators Wednesday to pay tribute to the State of the State to honor the exceptional courage of the victims and survivors of last year's tragedy in South Carolina.

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Gov. Haley talks education, domestic violence plans for 2016 in speech

of these who came together and saved a nation, there's an honor to the state's future. There's a promise to South Carolina, a promise embodied in our people, a promise steeped in our country," Haley, the

state's youngest governor, said in her 44th birthday. "It is my fervent wish that, as this year, we, as the representatives of this people, act in a manner that is worthy of that promise. I'm often late, but it's no late to show we can take care of it."

The 42-minute address came a week after his Republican opponent to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address on Jan. 20. The GOP's moderate voice and limited speculation on the state's political future.

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Linda Colston, Heart Board member, pours hot tea for patrons showing their support Wednesday at this year's Heart Board Tea event.

'Thanks' pour out at Heart tea event

BY TRISHA A. BELL

Hundreds of volunteers poured tea and locally made sweets at downtown Aiken on Wednesday, showing support for heart health and research.

More than 500 women filled a historic Colston house for this year's Aiken Women's Heart Board Tea.

The Heart Board has been hosting this event since 2008. It's a place for women to get together for support, share ideas, and support the Heart Board.

The Heart Board is made up of 40 local women who give a percentage back to heart health and research.

There is no **CHILL** yet



Teressa Hays, president of Aiken Women's Heart Board, greets everyone who attended the Colston Avenue home Wednesday for the group's annual Heart Board Tea event.



More than 500 women, and a few men, gathered Wednesday at a Colston Avenue home for the 2015 Heart Board Tea, hosted by the Aiken Women's Heart Board.

There is no **CHILL** yet



Southern Palmetto Hospital, formerly the Barnwell County Hospital, will close its doors at noon today after a decline in hospital patient volume over the years, according to hospital officials.

Barnwell hospital to close today

BY TRISHA A. BELL

Southern Palmetto Hospital, formerly the Barnwell County Hospital, will close its doors at noon today after a decline in hospital patient volume over the years, according to hospital officials.

The hospital will end patient services and emergency care hospital operations, according to officials, during the day as it is not a 24-hour facility.

A spokeswoman said the hospital is not a 24-hour facility, and the hospital is not a 24-hour facility.

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USC: Move med school to \$200 million campus

Site would be near Palmetto Health Richland hospital

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The University of South Carolina plans to build a new \$200 million health-care campus for its School of Medicine, asking for \$50 million from state lawmakers to jump-start the project.

The 39-year-old school would move from its site next to the Dorn Veterans Affairs Medical Center to 14 acres that USC owns near Palmetto Health Richland hospital, USC chief operating officer Ed Walton said after a state House panel hearing over the university's budget request. Plans call for a four-building campus that would include a

new medical school, a life-science facility, a private medical-research office and a parking garage, said Russ Meekins, director of the USC Foundation, a funding arm of the university. Two more buildings could be added and shared by USC and the hospital, Meekins said.

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USC state budget requests

\$50 MILLION
to help pay for relocating and building a new School of Medicine

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for other projects on its Columbia campus



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Westwood boys basketball coach Terry Dozier is wearing a GoPro camera during games to help him

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In memory of slain state Sen. Clementa Pinckney, Gov. Nikki Haley asks lawmakers to work together for South Carolina.

Haley: Put funds into K-12 needs; 'bloated' colleges have enough

BY ANDREW SHAIN
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Gov. Nikki Haley asked S.C. lawmakers to put more attention on fixing K-12 schools, rather than spending more money on the state's colleges, during her State of the State address Wednesday. Haley advocated borrowing \$200 million to repair K-12

schools, a year after opposing borrowing for a number of other projects, including, she said, "hundreds of millions of dollars to fill a wish list for our already bloated higher education system." "No one can look at the tuition hikes parents and students have seen over the last decade and tell me that higher education doesn't have enough money," the Republican governor told the GOP-con-

trolled Legislature. "And no one can drive the campuses of Clemson, South Carolina and so many others, see the brand-new facilities and massive new construction projects, and tell me that they represent our greatest need." "That is not true of elementary, middle and high schools in Den-

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CHANGING THE CHANNEL

Dramatic shift in channel near Folly Field, Singleton beaches from natural causes



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A beachgoer strolls along the edge of The Folly as it runs south parallel to the shore at Hilton Head's Singleton Beach on Wednesday. The tidal creek that emanates from the oceanfront marsh between Singleton Beach Road and Burkes Beach Road has inexplicably changed course. It used to run more or less straight into the ocean from the rock groin at left, but now it takes a hard right and runs parallel to the shore for a couple of hundred yards before meeting the ocean.

"It's just part of the life of an inlet. It's as far south as I have seen it, but the channel historically wobbles around due to sand supply."

Scott Liggett, town director of public projects and facilities

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A dramatic shift in a channel near Folly Field and Singleton beaches on Hilton Head Island that recently caught the attention of neighbors isn't a cause for alarm, but it may require a new channel to be cut when the town's renourishment project reaches the area, a town official said Wednesday.

Singleton Beach resident John Hallquist said the channel's shift south since November is the most drastic he's seen in his 14 years on Hilton Head Island — as did town director of public projects and facilities Scott Liggett, who said the mouth of the in-

let is the farthest south he has seen it.

Liggett said sand moving across the face of the beach from north to south drove the inlet mouth to the south, giving the channel a seemingly unusual path, but it is not a cause for concern.

"It's just part of the life of an inlet," Liggett said. "It's as far south as I have seen it, but the channel historically wobbles around due to sand supply."

Hallquist said he and other Singleton Beach residents have been aware of the

Plan expands Wi-Fi access

New partnership allows 10 students in underprivileged areas to borrow free portable mobile hotspot devices.

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A partnership between Beaufort County's public schools and libraries is seeking to bring Internet access to underprivileged families living in rural, northern Beaufort County.

Through the SmartSpot Education Broadband Pilot Project, 10 students in the areas of Lobeck, Sheldon, St. Helena Island and Yemassee will be able to borrow free portable mobile hotspot devices for the remainder of the year. If the program is successful, the county plans to expand it.

"Some of our students who live in underprivileged areas don't have that technological access, so these hotspots will allow them to close that technology gap," school board member Bill Payne said Wednesday.

The program comes at no cost to the school district, as Beaufort County is paying about \$7,000 for Kajeet MiFi devices and Internet access through its library budget, according to library director Ray McBride.

The partnership also includes discussions with Verizon, McBride said.

He hopes people participating in the initiative will take note of the library's other digital resources to improve their exposure and confidence in using technology.

"Public libraries these days are about access more than we are about having physical buildings," he said. "So this is just another way to provide access."

The library received the devices Tuesday and hopes to have them in students' homes by mid-February, McBride says. The district will help identify the families that have the most to gain from their use through an application process, with

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The Beaufort County school district is piloting

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