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Foes' election wins likely to haunt Haley

'It's going to be very difficult for her to get things done,' political science professor says

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley may have some work to do mending fences after she failed to slay most of the incumbents she targeted this election season.

By most counts, Haley picked up three out of the eight Statehouse seats

she and her closest allies targeted this season as she worked to get rival Republicans out of her way.

College of Charleston political science professor Gibbs Knotts said that while Haley's record isn't a complete loss, it is something sitting lawmakers will remember.

"It seems pretty unprecedented to go after people in her own party in a state

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so legislatively dominated," Knotts said. "It's going to be very difficult for her to get things done since she

increased her number of enemies in the state Legislature."

Tuesday rounded out Haley's last attempt to alter the Legislature — specifically by going after Republicans in the Senate, where a single member can hold up legislation that could hamper her legacy with just two years left to preserve it.

Through her endorsement support

and with money raised by her affiliated political advocacy group A Great Day SC, only two Senate candidates that Haley backed — Scott Talley and Wes Climer — claimed victory this season, knocking out targeted Upstate Republican Sens. Lee Bright and Wes Hayes.

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Skyrocketing prices

Big displays for Fourth can cost over \$25K; rain may dampen festivities



Nick Kane opens a fireworks stand Wednesday on Folly Road. The James Island business has been in the same location for 10 years.

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Watching fireworks on the Fourth of July is as American as hot dogs and baseball games. But as cities purchase thousands of fireworks year after year, they have seen costs steadily increase.

This year, Sullivan's Island has rescheduled the July Fourth fireworks show to July 2 because of the rising costs of displays and the higher demand for shows on Independence Day, Mayor Pat O'Neil said.

But Sullivan's Island isn't the only city feeling the effects of rising fireworks costs.

Patriots Point has seen an increase somewhere between 5 and 10 percent.

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In Charleston Scene
Where to catch fireworks and fun this Fourth of July. **E14-16**

It's not every day you can have a blast in Hanahan

BY BRENDA RINDGE
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Prematurely celebrating Independence Day could be expensive in Hanahan.

City Council recently approved an ordinance allowing residents to discharge fireworks on the Fourth of July — but only from 10 a.m. until midnight.

Shooting them off on July 3 or July 5 — or almost any other day — could result in a

\$1,093 fine, according to the ordinance, which also allows pyrotechnics on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The new ordinance also allows individuals to apply for permits for fireworks displays on other days.

"In every city, you've got a group of people that want to shoot them all day, every day and a group of people that

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Who voted for that tax hike? It's on the bill

Berkeley offers school leaders' contact info

BY BRENDA RINDGE
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MONCK'S CORNER — Berkeley County's property tax bills this fall will include the names and phone numbers of school district leaders who voted Tuesday to raise taxes.

The bills will not include the names of Berkeley County Council members, who approved their \$72.4 million operating budget without a tax increase.

County Council's budget was passed Monday after 29 separate last-minute amendments, including one that requires information be given to taxpayers for "fiscal responsibility and transparency purposes."

The school district's \$258.8 million general fund budget, approved by a vote of 6-3 Tuesday, included a \$50 tax increase on a \$200,000 non-owner occupied home.

The county staff estimated it would cost as much as \$5,100 more to revise the bills to include contact information for Superintendent Brenda Blackburn, Chief Financial Officer Brantley Thomas and the six board members who voted for the increase — Chairman Jim Hayes and Shannon Lee, Kathy Schwabe, Kent Murray, Frank Wright and Julius Barnes.

County Councilman Josh Whitley, who worked with several other council members on the litany of Monday's amendments, said that added expense is worth it.

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Turkey says IS responsible as toll rises to 42 in attack

Assailants took advantage of fear, panic

BY DOMINIQUE SOGUEL
AND SUZAN FRASER
Associated Press

ISTANBUL — It was an attack that echoed the carnage earlier this year at the Brussels airport, down to the taxi that carried the men to their target: locking panic and then taking lethal advantage, three suicide attackers unleashed a deadly tide of bullets and bombs at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport, leaving 42 dead. Authorities blamed the Islamic

State for the bloodbath late Tuesday, a coordinated assault on one of the world's busiest airports and on a key NATO ally that plays a crucial role in the fight against the extremist group.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility by the militant group. Although the attack took a heavy toll, the assailants were initially thwarted by the extensive security on the airport's perimeter, Turkish officials said.

Family members of victims cry Wednesday outside the Forensic Medical Center in Istanbul. Suicide attackers killed at least 42 and injured more than 230 people at Istanbul's busy Ataturk Airport on Tuesday.

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THE PENNY TAX BATTLE

Judge to order funds released to Richland

'We probably have a few more hurdles to cross, but this was the big one,' councilwoman says

BY SARAH ELLES
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A judge plans to order the state Department of Revenue to release the next installment of transportation penny sales tax funds due to Richland County in July.

Judge Thomas Cooper's law clerk emailed both parties in the lawsuit Wednesday afternoon saying the judge plans to order the release of the estimated \$17 million in penny tax revenues the county is due in mid-July.

The judge's order has not been issued, and its possible details are not yet known. The order might contain other conditions to the release of the funds.

"No official order has been

issued, and therefore we do not yet know the court's complete ruling," DOR said in a statement Wednesday. "We look forward to a final resolution that ensures what this effort has always been about - protection of taxpayer dollars."

Ned Nicholson, a private attorney representing the county, and state Rep. James Smith, an attorney hired by DOR, argued before Cooper on Tuesday regarding the county's disputed penny tax.

The county sued DOR last month, accusing the agency of an "unprecedented" and illegal power grab in trying to control the spending of millions raised by the penny tax and in threatening to withhold the money

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COLLEGE WORLD SERIES FINALE

COASTAL CAROLINA, ARIZONA GAME POSTPONED



Fans gather under the grandstands during a rain delay Wednesday before the game between the Arizona Wildcats and Coastal Carolina Chanticleers in game three of the College World Series championship series at TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha. The decisive CWS game will be played Thursday. Start time is yet to be determined.

Runaways were trafficked for sex, Lott says

3 girls were offered for sex on backpage.com, Sheriff Leon Lott said

Girls said to be held against their will at St. Andrews area motel

BY GLEN LUKE FLANAGAN
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Richland deputies located three runaway girls at a motel off Broad River Road on Tuesday night and charged three suspects with human trafficking.

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, meanwhile, had a message for men who buy sex from young women held against their will: "Just stop it. We're going to go after you, too."

Lott said at a news conference Wednesday that the three victims were runaways ages 15 and 16 from three S.C. counties who were taken in by the men, held captive and offered for sex on backpage.com. Lott said the men used drugs "as one of the means to get control over these girls."

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How Lewis emerged in sheriff's race

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The incumbent label likely cost long-time Sheriff Steve Loftis the runoff race, a local political science expert said.

Unofficial results showed challenger Will Lewis unseated Loftis by about 1.5 percentage points, capturing 14,958 votes to Loftis' 14,476 in one of the most surprising upsets of the night.

Danielle Vinson, a political science

professor at Furman University, attributed Loftis' defeat to an anti-incumbent mood that also ousted incumbents at nearly every level of state and local office Tuesday night.

"What happened is you just had some folks who were largely motivated to come vote this time because they were frustrated with incumbents, because they were frustrated at the establishment," Vinson said.

Loftis had previously defeated four

challengers in the first Republican primary, earning 41.92 percent of the vote. Lewis won 18.96 percent of the vote, narrowly defeating third place finisher Hobart Lewis, who earned 18.09 percent.

But in the week leading to the runoff, Lewis seemed to be gaining ground.

Drawing support from a large volunteer base, Lewis said his campaign shook "thousands of hands" and knocked on countless doors to get his name out to voters.

In a statement, Lewis thanked "all of the volunteers and the voters who believed in our campaign and gave so much of their time and effort."

He also congratulated Loftis on running a strong and spirited campaign.

"I want to assure the people of Greenville County that while this campaign may have divided so many in the law enforcement family, we are all now united

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"My job is to report facts. That's what I've done. You can draw whatever conclusions you want to draw," Trey Gowdy said Tuesday.

Gowdy skips political analysis of Benghazi

MARY ORNDORFF TROYAN
USA TODAY NETWORK

WASHINGTON - Rep. Trey Gowdy warned long ago that his special committee's investigation into the 2012 terrorist attack in Benghazi would be filled with facts, not conclusions.

Tuesday, he made good on that promise and dropped an 800-page report on the American people that explores a litany of poor decisions made before, during and after the attacks. But he repeatedly refused to place blame on any one person or declare that four Americans would still be alive if not for political chicanery.

"My job is to report facts. That's what I've done. You can draw whatever conclusions you want to draw," Gowdy said Tuesday.

Two of his Republican colleagues on the committee immediately announced their conclusion that Hillary Clinton's

leadership at the time as secretary of state was "morally reprehensible." Gowdy, however, expressly declined to endorse their view.

"You will not see any of those quotes in the report," Gowdy said.

But neither did he say they were wrong.

In the 25 months since he was appointed chairman of the House Select Committee on Benghazi, Gowdy has battled Democratic allegations that the inquiry was a political hit on Clinton, not a fair-minded analysis of how to prevent a similar tragedy in the future. The investigation began with bipartisan cooperation, started to deteriorate in late 2014, and worsened with Clinton's grueling 11-hour testimony in October and a stray comment from House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy that the investigation was successfully damaging

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Martin's runoff loss may hurt Upstate's influence

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State Sen. Larry Martin's re-election bid got caught up in "a perfect storm" of circumstances that blew away much of the Upstate's political clout in one blast Tuesday, a Greenville political consultant said.

Former House member Rex Rice defeated Martin in a runoff for the Republican nomination for the state Senate District 2 seat. No Democrats filed to run in November.

Martin, the affable Pickens lawmaker who had risen to the chairmanship of the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee and was one of the most senior members of the upper chamber with 24 years, fell victim to a national anti-incumbent sentiment, a virulent attack from a "dark money" group and a local school issue that he didn't even have anything to do with, said Chip Felkel, founder of the Felkel Group in Greenville.

"People don't like Columbia, they don't like Washington, and so they don't care about committee assignments," Felkel said. "But the region is going to miss the seniority that Martin had achieved."

About 40 percent of legislation that goes through the Senate comes out of the Judiciary Committee, giving the chairman a powerful voice in setting the agenda.

Martin had the momentum in his favor, with backing from everyone from Gov. Nikki Haley, the Senate Republican Caucus and the South Carolina Jobs Coalition to the Friends of the Farm Bureau and Conservation Voters of SC.

But Rice, who disavows any connection to a political action group, was heavily pushed by an organization called Better Future for our Community.

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Coastal Carolina's Kevin Woodall Jr. (19) slides into second base Tuesday for a double ahead of the tag of Arizona second baseman Cody Ramer in the fifth inning in Game 2 of the NCAA Men's College World Series finals baseball game in Omaha, Neb.



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Game delayed until tonight

Coastal Carolina's bid to win the college baseball national championship had to be put on hold Wednesday night. Game 3 of the national championship series between the Chanticleers and Arizona was postponed because of rain and lightning. The teams will play the deciding game tonight. Check for updates on scnw.com.

CWS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

- » **GAME 1:** Arizona 3, Coastal Carolina 0
- » **GAME 2:** Coastal Carolina 5, Arizona 4, best-of-3 series tied 1-1
- » **GAME 3:** Delayed due to rain until today at 1:08 p.m. EST.
- » **TV:** ESPN

Central UMC Patriotic tribute draws 300

BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY
Morning News
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FLORENCE — Mix patriotism and doo-wop and there you have the annual Spirit of Central event. The popular community event held by Central United Methodist Church drew nearly 300 people Wednesday evening to the Davis Christian Life Center.

Guests were served a meal consisting of American favorites such as hamburger steak, potatoes and gravy, watermelon, apple pie and ice cream, before the annual program began.

Children, and even a few adults, got the program started with a flag parade. Participants paraded around the perimeter of the Davis Christian Life Center waving small American flags, before heading off to engage in other children's activities.

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Summer spark Lucy T. Davis holds reading program

BY MELISSA ROLLINS
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FLORENCE — Parents and students were in and out of the Lucy T. Davis Elementary School library Wednesday afternoon, attending the Summer Reading program hours held

THE INVISIBLE WAR

A series on veterans fighting PTSD

Tom Williams

Iraq, 2004, 2005-06



MEGAN WATSON/MORNING NEWS

Cpl. Tom Williams of Florence served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Iraq.



We're pretty good at hiding it as much as we can, but it still affects us daily; it's a constant thing on our mind ... Best advice is if you're not ready to talk to someone professionally either through the VA or through private (doctors), at least talk to another veteran, talk to someone. You need to talk, cuz if you don't talk you'll bottle all those



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New role for Marine veteran

Aaron Brusch has found a new role for himself. Brusch, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of 11 years, started work as a shift manager at the more than 1-million-square-foot Amazon Fulfillment Center in Spartanburg in October. He is one of nearly 10,000 veterans Amazon has hired since 2011 as part of a company-wide initiative to employ veterans. **C1**



Trying to keep canines cool

The Spartanburg Humane Society is trying to keep its canine residents cool while raising money to fix an air conditioner that broke down earlier this month. **C1**

NATION/WORLD

New abortion laws to take effect

New laws targeting abortion are set to take effect Friday in about one-fifth of the states, initiating another wave of restrictions just days after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Texas measure that led several clinics to close. **A3**

BUSINESS

TURKEY ATTACK

Death toll 42 at airport

By Zeynep Bilginsoy, Suzan Fraser and Dominique Soguel
The Associated Press

ISTANBUL — Suicide attackers armed with guns and bombs killed 42 people and wounded hundreds at Istanbul's busy Ataturk Airport, apparently targeting Turkey's crucial tourism industry. The government blamed the attack on Islamic State extremists but there was no immediate confirmation from the group.

Scenes of chaos and panic unfolded Tuesday night as gunfire and explosions sent crowds fleeing in all directions.

Airport surveillance video posted on social media appeared to show one explosion, a ball of

fire that sent terrified passengers racing for safety. Another appeared to show an attacker, felled by a gunshot from a security officer, blowing himself up seconds later. A growing stream of travelers, some rolling suitcases behind them, fled down a corridor, looking fearfully over their shoulders.

"Four people fell in front of me. They were torn into pieces," said airport worker Hacer Peksen.

The victims included at least 13 foreigners and several people remained unidentified Wednesday. The toll excluded the three bombers. The Istanbul governor's office said more than 230 people

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GSP reports no increase in security

By Bob Montgomery
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Security at Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport has not been stepped up in the wake of Tuesday's suicide attack in Turkey at Istanbul's busy airport, a GSP spokeswoman said.

"We have not been notified about a change in the threat level for GSP," said spokeswoman Rosylin Weston. "This

change would be facilitated by TSA (U.S. Transportation Security Administration)."

Turkish authorities said 41 people died and 270 were wounded in the triple suicide attack, excluding the attackers, who blew themselves up after coming under fire, the Associated Press reported. Islamic State extremists are believed to be responsible.

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FILLING A NEED



Joe Garrett loads his car with meals to deliver to Wright's Nursing Home. Ron and Gail Eanes have spent years volunteering in soup kitchens to help those in need. Now, they are working to open a soup kitchen in Wellford. A piece of land was donated for the future site of Breaking Bread with Jesus, but funds are still being raised to pay for the construction of a building. PHOTOS BY TIM KIMZEY/TIM.KIMZEY@SHJ.COM

Wellford couple plans soup kitchen to serve community

By Allison M. Roberts

BRITAIN EU REFERENDUM AFTERMATH

EU lays out conditions for British business

By Angela Charlton and Lorne Cook
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS — European Union leaders spelled out stark conditions for a new relationship with a departing Britain on Wednesday, warning that if British business wants to keep access to Europe's single market, the country must accept European workers, too.

The leaders produced no clear rehaul for their shaken union after an unusual and emotionally charged summit, but agreed they must make it more relevant to citizens and keep it from disintegrating after Britain's unprecedented vote to leave. The 27 remaining presidents, chancellors and prime ministers said they're "absolutely determined to remain united," EU Council President Donald Tusk said.

They met without British Prime Minister David Cameron, who left

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HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Lidl eyes former Pineland Station

German grocer submits a pre-application to join Sea Turtle Marketplace

Development ceased at the site on May 10 and will not continue until mid-July, according to contractor

Property is already home to Starbucks, Stein Mart and developing PetSmart, Kitchen and Company, and Another Broken Egg

BY MADISON HOGAN mhogan@islandpacket.com

German discount supermarket Lidl won't back down from opening a store in the Lowcountry.

After submitting preliminary plans to the town of Bluffton for a grocery store at Buckwalter Place on June 7, the European grocer moved swiftly to send the Town of Hilton Head Island's Community Development Department a pre-application and site plan for another store on June 24. Initial news of the potential store caused a stir for readers on social media.

The plan, submitted by Bohler Engineering NC PLLC on Lidl's behalf, proposes the construction of a 36,185-

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TURKEY

Death toll rises to 42 in airport bombings

Hundreds more wounded at busy Istanbul airport

Government blames bombings, shootings on Islamic State extremists

BY ZEYNEP BILGINSOY, SUZAN FRASER AND DOMINIQUE SOGUEL Associated Press

ISTANBUL

Outside attendees armed with



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Florida residents Tim and Celia Pace display a flier showing their missing 27-year-old son, Connor Stephens Pace, on Wednesday at Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park in Beaufort. The distraught parents say Connor was last seen June 21 on Hilton Head Island.

'WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO'

Parents searching; son remains missing



Beaufort County Sheriff's Office Connor Pace

Connor Pace was last seen June 21 at a Hilton Head Island hotel

His wallet and other belongings were found on a nearby beach the next day

Parents Tim and Celia Pace conduct desperate search for their son

BY CAITLIN TURNER cturner@islandpacket.com

When Tim Pace couldn't reach his son, Connor, two weeks ago, he knew something was wrong.

"My wife had called and texted him the previous day and gotten no response," Pace said Wednesday. "I called his employer in Gainesville, Fla., and he had not been there since the previous Friday. At that point, I started driving to Gainesville and called the police."

Twenty-seven-year-old Connor Pace was last seen June

other personal belongings were found near a lifeguard stand on the beach.

His cellphone and other belongings were inside his hotel room.

Law enforcement was able to track him to the hotel by looking at his credit card records.

After the hotel, though, the trail went cold.

'I AM JESUS CHRIST'

Connor Pace's car had been found four days earlier in a Savannah parking garage.

Inside the car was Connor's pet dog, cockatiel and hedgehog. The animals did not seem

Connor's iPad and the medication he is supposed to take to control his schizoaffective disorder, a bipolar type of disorder, were also in the car.

In Gainesville, police told Tim and Celia Pace their son was not in town.

Then came the call from the Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Department saying Connor's car had been found.

The Paces left their Orlando home and drove north.

But a third call came before they could reach Savannah. Connor's credit card records put him in the Hilton Head hotel. His parents headed there.

The Paces learned that Connor had been taken to Coastal Carolina Medical Center on June 19 after he was found swimming naked in a pond on Red Dam Road in Hardeeville.

He told deputies he did not need clothes since he had the ability to be both hot and cold

How to help

Connor Pace is described as a white male, approximately 5-foot-8 and 250 pounds. He was last seen wearing a yellow shirt and blue shorts.

Capt. Bob Bromage of the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office said Wednesday that the office has contacted area hospitals, asking them to be on the lookout.

Bromage said Connor's location remains unknown.

Anyone with information on his whereabouts may call 911.

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SLED probes release of Chastain's texts

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A State Law Enforcement Division probe is looking into the release of text messages shared between Laurens County Sheriff Ricky Chastain and a woman who is not his wife.

Thom Berry, SLED spokesman, said the agency is investigating the release of the text messages at the request of the Greenwood Police Department. James Hayes, a candidate for Laurens County coroner,

said Wednesday he is the person who anonymously released the messages.

From October 2015 to April of this year, Chastain and the woman exchanged more than 6,000 messages, many containing sexually explicit language, which were released to local media.



RICKY CHASTAIN

Hayes, who faces a legal challenge in his bid for Laurens County Coroner from the incumbent, said he released the texts because of a growing concern about what he sees as rampant corruption in the Laurens County Sheriff's Office. He was put in touch with the woman who was



JAMES HAYES

texting Chastain through a mutual acquaintance, he said.

"We met her at the slushie stand beside Lander College," he said. "I said, 'How true is this? That's all I want to know, how true?' and she said, 'Very true, look right here.'"

While scrolling through her text messages, he said he saw multiple nude pictures, but none of Chastain. With her help, he said he cleared his phone of all data and she made a backup of the files from her phone onto his. He also said

she told him what program to use to export the text messages onto a computer.

He corresponded on April 26 with a reporter using a Gmail account that has since been deactivated and a phone with a blocked number. Professing outrage about the sheriff, who is married, having an explicit text exchange with someone other than his wife, the man said he wanted Chastain to lose his bid for a fifth term.

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BREXIT HITS HOME



Supporters hold signs during a pro-EU rally on Tuesday in Trafalgar Square in London, after some of the pro-EU events organized in the aftermath of last week's historic referendum have been cancelled at short notice over safety concerns.

UK's decision to exit impacts Lakelands

By ARIEL GILREATH
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As Europe continues to muddle through the outcome of the Brexit vote taken last week, which resulted in the majority of England voting to leave the European Union, Greenwood residents, along with the rest of the United States, have probably seen an impact in their investments and 401(k) statements.

The Brexit vote allowed citizens of England, Scotland and Wales to express in the polls whether they believe Britain should leave the European Union, which is comprised of 28 nations.

Walter Todd, chief investment officer with

their 401(k)s are global companies, and they do business in Europe and they do business in the United Kingdom, and this has the potential to negatively impact their business and therefore their stock price, and so that's what you're seeing reflected in the market over the past several days," Todd said.

Todd said the reason a country possibly leaving the European Union can have such a large impact on the stock market is because stocks rely on predictability and being able to adjust to an outcome.

"For the stock market, and for financial markets in general, if they understand an outcome, whether it's good or bad, they can adjust to that new reality if they knew with certainty what it is, but what is very difficult for financial markets and stock markets to digest is an unknown, and that's really what we're dealing with right now and were we to



Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban speaks during a media conference at the end of an EU summit Wednesday in Brussels.

EU spells out conditions for single market access

By RAF CASERT and GEIR MOULSON
Associated Press

SC SCHOOL LAWSUIT

Court-ordered response to education efforts includes 4 laws

By SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — The Legislature's court-ordered report on fixing South Carolina's education system totals roughly \$400 million in budget increases and four new laws passed this year, including one asking college students what would entice them to teach in poor districts.

The state Supreme Court gave legislators an end-of-session deadline for developing a plan to improve South Carolina schools, after ruling in November 2014 that poor, rural students lack educational opportunities.

"The effort of the Senate and the House to improve public education in S.C. is ongoing," concludes the report filed Wednesday. While the session's over, that's "not the end of the effort."

The 18-page report lists eight bills introduced in the House — four of which passed — and 18 items in the 2016-17 budget, including \$9 million going to dozens of high-poverty districts for salary boosts. The report also details meetings held this year by legislative panels created to study the issue.

New laws listed in the report include those defining the expectations of a high school graduate and creating an "Office of Transformation" in the Department of Administration.

State schools Superintendent Molly Spearman said she's in the process of hiring 30 "transformation coaches" to help struggling districts, which will rebuild a support system originally set up in the state's 1998 Education Accountability Act.

"Improving access to quality education for every child in South Carolina is a process that requires careful consideration and cannot be remedied overnight," said House Speaker Jay Lucas, R-Hartsville.

The districts' attorney, Carl Epps, said legislators gave no timetable for a remedy.

"The report confirms what we already knew," he said. Legislators "received a lot of valuable information from highly qualified and knowledgeable people explicitly describing these children's plight ... but as is customary, they've only tinkered around the edges."

He noted a generation already has passed since rural districts initially sued in 1993.

"A 7-year-old second grader when we brought this suit is now 30," he said. "It seems members of the General Assembly would acknowledge enough time has passed to address these children's needs."

The justices will issue another order

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Disaster relief town hall rescheduled

Date changed to reach vulnerable population

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The South Carolina Disaster Recovery Office has rescheduled a town hall meeting originally set for Tuesday at Patriot Hall, 135 Haynsworth Street to 6 p.m. Monday, July 11, at the same location, according to City of

Sumter Communications Director Shelly Kile. State officials scheduled the meeting after being notified of \$96 million in federal disaster grants which will be available to qualifying residents in parts of South Carolina affected by the October 2015 floods.

Beth Parks, public information director for SCDRO, said the meeting was postponed because officials are concerned they are not reaching the most vulnerable residents.

"After briefing legislators, county administrators and other state agencies, it was brought to our attention that we may not reach the target audience we want to reach," she said.

It is important to have substantial public participation, Park said.

"What we are doing is giving some extra time to the counties and their contacts and stakeholders so we can get the word spread a little further and reach the right population," she said.

Parks said there are several areas in Sumter County that have FEMA-verified cases where home damage exceeded \$5,000. Among the top-20 most-vulnerable areas in the state are several in Sumter County including East Calhoun Street Extension, Shannontown, South Sumter and Olanta, she said.

"Sumter does have a vested interest in this," Parks said.

Parks said the action plan for distributing the grants was only recently finalized and many citizens have not had a chance to look at it.

The plan may be viewed at www.south-carolina-disaster-recovery-assistance.com.

Kile said residents are encouraged to attend and discuss with state officials how the funding should be disbursed.

"Disaster recovery is encouraging people who fell through the cracks' or did

Runoff turnout under 7 percent

Shaw Air Force Base precinct had no voters

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Once again, Sumter County had a low voter turnout for a local election, with 6.68 percent of 71,575 registered voters casting their ballots on Tuesday during primary runoff voting.

Runoff elections were held for Sumter County Coroner, Sumter County Council District 1 and State House of Representatives District 50, and resulted in the three Democratic newcomers grabbing spots on the Nov. 8 ballot.

There are no Republican candidates for either of the three positions, meaning the three winners of the runoff elections will likely have uncontested races in November.

Incumbent county coroner Harvin Bullock lost his runoff election to

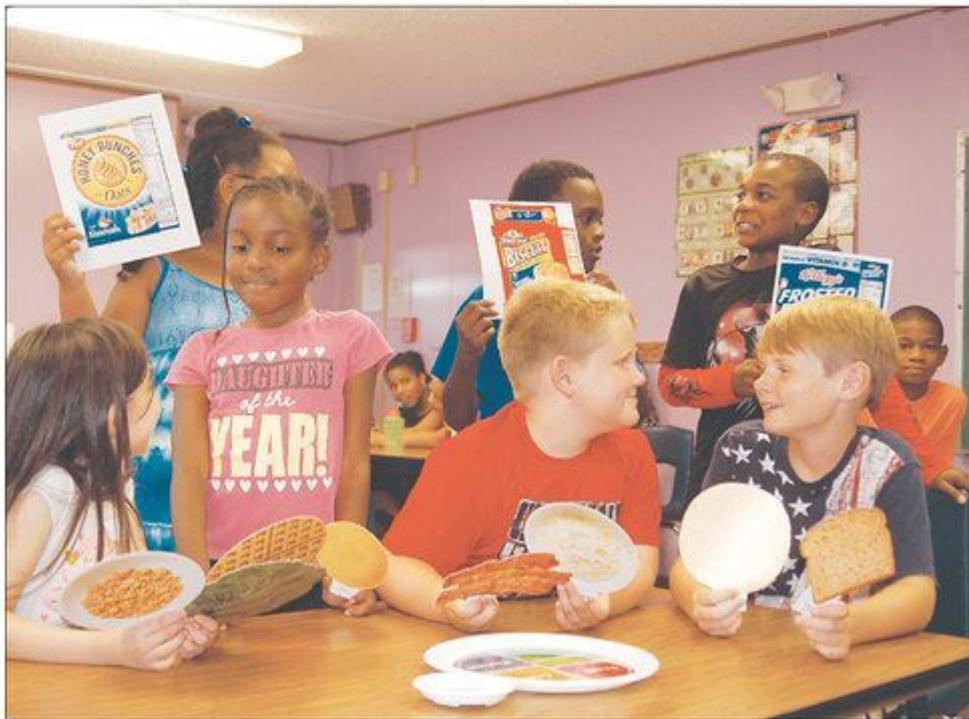
Robbie Baker, a veteran law enforcement officer with the county, by 224 votes.

Although Bullock ultimately lost the race, he held the lead in several precincts including Wilder, Salem, Green Swamp and St. John, where he garnered 82 percent of votes.

Baker and Bullock had a close race in Wilson Hall precinct where Baker secured a win by 5 percent with a total of 52 percent of votes.

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Fun way to learn healthy eating, exercise



Children learn about food groups at the Sumter County Recreation & Parks Department Summer Enrichment Program on Monday.

Summer Enrichment Program serves 700 children in Sumter County

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About 700 children are participating in Sumter County Recreation & Parks Department Summer Enrichment Program in June and July.

The program is open for any participants ages 5 to 17 at 16 locations throughout the county. The department partners with Sumter School District to provide free meals and snacks to the children and other organiza-

tions to host the program, said Holly DuBose, director of the enrichment program.

For the younger children, the program is focused on teaching them nutrition and healthy eating habits, while participating in physical activities, she said.

Participants learn such things as recognizing which food groups meals go into, portion size and reading nutritional guidelines.

Weekly educational programs are provided by SAFE KIDS Sumter County and the Clemson Extension

4-H program. SAFE Kids Sumter County is one of more than 300 state and local coalitions across the nation dedicated to the prevention of unintentional childhood injury — the number-one killer of children age 14 and younger.

Students also conduct pyramid workouts in which they start doing a workout at the number 100, and count their way down to zero. DuBose said, Workouts could also incorporate activities such as dance and music. Children also play

board games and create arts and crafts.

The program for participants ages 13 to 17 focuses on math and reading intervention, said instructor and Alice Drive Middle School teacher John Burgess.

Burgess works with students on math problems they may have struggled with in the classroom and to also prepare them for what they will be learning in the next school year, he said.

Burgess also has students

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Fire chief, assistant named heroes of the month

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