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Roof seeks to waive right to jury trial

Suspect's attorney says government has rejected request in federal death penalty case

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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Dylan Roof wants to waive his right to a jury trial and put his fate into a federal judge's hands.

His defense attorneys on Thursday filed a notice in U.S. District Court indicating his intent to make the move. The death penalty case is set to be tried Nov. 7.

But prosecutors also have the same right, and it's unlikely that they would agree to forgo a jury trial.

In capital cases, 12 jurors are chosen in a question-and-answer process that can last weeks. If they unanimously decide that a defendant is guilty, the jurors also determine whether he should be executed. A judge must adopt any death verdict.

The 22-year-old Roof would face execu-

tion if convicted in the June 17 killings of nine black worshippers at Emanuel AME Church.

"The defendant hereby states that he is willing to waive jury, and to be tried and sentenced by the court," Roof's lead attorney, David Bruck, wrote in Thursday's filing. "However, counsel for the government has informed defense counsel that the government will not consent to waive jury

at either stage of this case."

The defense filing amounts to a procedural formality. After setting a trial date earlier this week, presiding Judge Richard Gergel issued orders laying out the dates when opposing attorneys must file certain motions.

Whether Roof planned to waive his jury

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Obama's on board

Touts Clinton's 'judgment,' 'toughness' in endorsement, meets with Sanders



PAUL JACOBSON/AP

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton greets supporters Tuesday as she arrives to speak during a primary night rally in New York. Clinton captured the number of delegates needed to become the party nominee.

BY KATHLEEN HENNESSY
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Testifying to Hillary Clinton's grit and experience, President Barack Obama endorsed his former secretary of state's bid to succeed him on Thursday and urged Democrats to line up behind her. It was all part of a carefully orchestrated pressure campaign aimed at easing Clinton rival Bernie Sanders toward the exit and turning fully to the fight against Republican Donald Trump.

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fired up much of the liberal wing of his party. Obama sought to reassure Democrats that Clinton shares their values and is ready for the job.

"Look, I know how hard this job can be. That's why I know Hillary will be so good at it," Obama said. "I have seen her judgment. I have seen her toughness. I've seen her commitment to our values."

Obama's testimonial came less than an hour after the president met privately with Sanders at the White House to discuss the future of Sanders' so-called political revolution — one that will not include him taking up residence at the White House. Sanders emerged from the meeting subdued and indicated he had gotten

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McMaster, Gov. Haley miles apart on politics

Latest conflict is governor's push to oust 3 senators

BY ANDY SHAIN
For The Post and Courier

COLUMBIA — A chief opponent of Gov. Nikki Haley's push to oust three long-serving state senators is one of her top Republican allies who happens to have the office across from hers in the Statehouse.

Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster continues to diverge — at least in elections — from Haley, whom he had backed since she first ran for governor in 2010. "It's odd since this lieutenant governor and governor have acted as a team for so many years," Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey, R-Edgefield, said. "It surprises me how they have taken different directions."

The split among the top South Carolina GOP leaders started with the 2016 presidential campaign when McMaster supported eventual and presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump, while Haley endorsed Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and then Texas Sen. Ted Cruz.

Their political differences now carry

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Concerns raised a year ago about SOA teacher

BY GLENN SMITH
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Charleston County School of the Arts officials were alerted a year ago to an inappropriate relationship between a math teacher and a student but failed to inform school district leaders of the allegations or take action against him, according to district documents.

Honors algebra teacher Patrick Rattigan resigned June 1 after an April investigation by district officials recommended that he be fired for misconduct. But the allegations that cost him his job surfaced long before district investigators got involved, according to documents released in response to a Freedom of Information Act request.

Students and teachers had concerns

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Four Berkeley leaders targeted in SLED probe

Candidate claims she was pressured to quit race

BY BRENDA RENDGE
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The State Law Enforcement Division has been asked to investigate four Berkeley County leaders in connection with ethics allegations.

Elaine Barnett, who is running for Berkeley County Council District 3,

said she was pressured to drop out of the race by state Rep. Samuel Rivers, a longtime friend, and offered a position with the county if she would do so. It was not clear if she was offered a paid position or a seat on a volunteer board or commission, which are appointed

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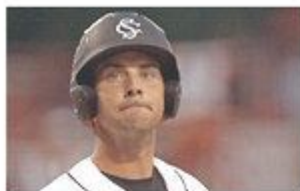


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Pro-Haley, GOP group spending on Senate races tops \$600,000

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— Winthrop University political scientist Scott Huffman

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At least three political groups — including one backing Gov. Nikki Haley's political agenda — are waging a six-figure campaign to topple state Senate Republican leaders in Tuesday's primary.

Spending the most — \$500,000 — is a political group, run by Haley's political adviser, that hopes to oust powerful state senators who have clashed with the governor on roads, ethics reform and other issues or fallen out of her favor.

Other groups are supporting the Senate incumbents, including the S.C. Senate Republican Caucus, which will spend \$100,000 to back two GOP state senators facing primary opponents.

The pro-Haley group's effort to sway the Senate races is unusual compared with previous elections, said Winthrop University political scientist Scott Huffman.

"It's a lot more money than you would ever normally see in this type of race," Huffman said. "It is definitely symbolic of how important each side feels that the fight for the soul of the Republican Party in South Carolina is."

A Great Day SC has spent or plans to spend at least \$500,000 to back Haley's agenda. That is more than the Senate challengers, endorsed by the

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CHARLESTON CHURCH SLAYINGS

Accused killer gambles, says he wants trial by a single judge, not jury

BY JOHN MONK
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Accused Charleston church hate crimes killer Dylann Roof has notified U.S. District Court Judge Richard Gergel that he does not want to be tried by a jury in his upcoming death penalty case.

In a filing Thursday in federal court, Roof's lawyers said they do not want a jury to decide either phase of his upcoming trial. Prosecutors opposing Roof's motion filed their response Monday.

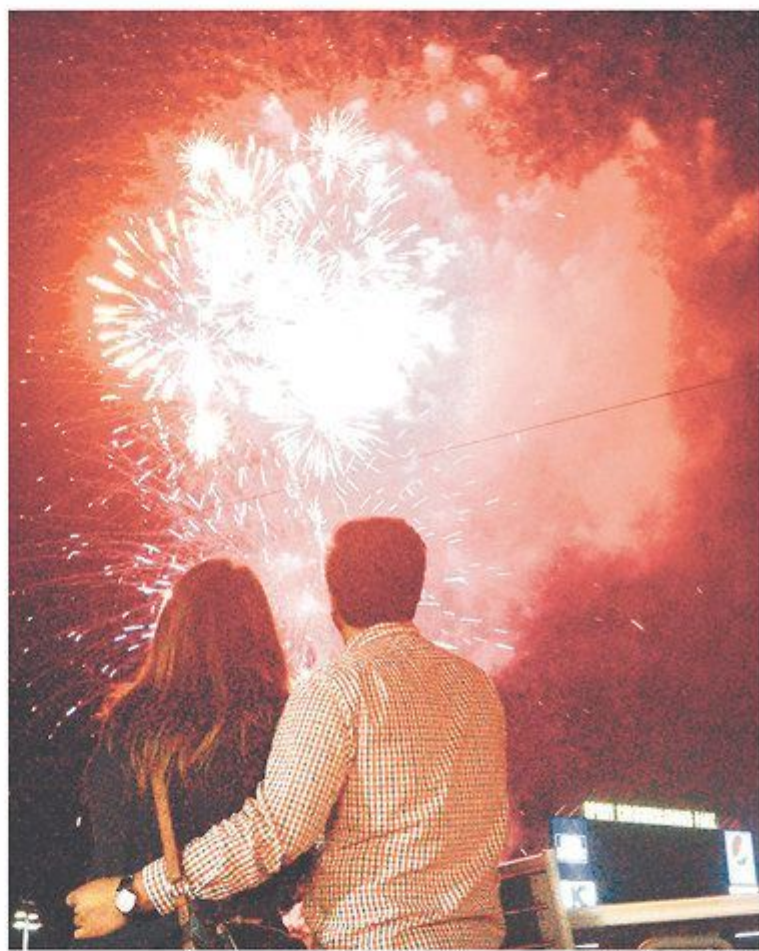


Roof

first preside over the guilt or innocence phase. If Roof were found guilty, Gergel would hear additional evidence then make the lone decision to sentence Roof to death or grant him a sentence of life without parole.

Also in Thursday's filing, Roof lawyer David Bruck notified Gergel that the U.S. Attorney's office, which is

Complaints fade as fireworks fly more quietly



The fireworks displays at Columbia Fireflies baseball games have become quieter.

Fireflies find a way to turn down the noise level at new stadium

BY CLIF LEBLANC
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Quieter fireworks shot after Columbia Fireflies baseball games also

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still have a good show," owner of the minor league team, Jason

which are composed of a variety of fireworks, each having its own special effect, Freier said. Some are for sound. Some are for colors. Some are for the spread or height of the display.

Elizabeth Marks, president of the Historic Robert Mills Neighborhood Association and one of the loudest critics of stadium noise, said the change is an improvement.

"It doesn't seem to be the



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Children's Museum funding vetoed

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THE GREENVILLE NEWS

Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed \$41 million from South Carolina's \$7.5 billion budget, including \$1 million intended for the Children's Museum of the Upstate.

The budget vetoes also included a Richland County swimming pool, an expansion of Coastal Carolina University's football stadium and funding for a Beaufort County retirement home.

The veto of the Children's Museum funding was part of a \$4.74 million package of vetoes for funds earmarked for museums and historical in South Carolina. Charleston's International African American Museum was not included in that group of vetoes and has been allocated \$4 million. Haley said in her veto message that the funds needed for these museums should not come from the state.

"In each of our communities, we have historic sites, museums and cultural cen-

ters that could benefit from renovations, refreshed exhibits or new artifacts. The right way to finance these undertakings is by selling memberships, collecting admissions fees and soliciting philanthropic support," Haley said. "The wrong way to do it is by earmarking state funds to choose one site over another to support."

Nancy Halverson, CEO of the museum, said that state funds are just one source of the many that keep it running; in a non-profit organization like the mu-

seum, more than 50 percent of the organization's operating funds come from large contributions, not memberships and admissions fees.

"When you have an organization as big as we are with as many expenses as it takes to keep the doors open, that's a lot of money if it's just from regular people in the community," Halverson said.

The \$1 million Haley vetoed would go

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A temporary bike lane is in place on E. Broad Street on Thursday.

Car wall may separate drivers from bicyclists

Comments sought on plan that may reinvent commuting

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A temporary protected bike lane marked by volunteers and city workers on E. Broad Street near Main is meant to represent the potential future of bike traffic in Greenville, but the city needs input from drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

Protected bike lanes use physical barriers to separate bicyclists from both vehicles and pedestrians. The temporary lane on E. Broad doesn't eliminate parking spaces. Instead, it moves them leaving space between the sidewalk and parked cars.

"The value of the separated bike lane is that it creates a far safer experience for bike riders by utilizing parked cars as a buffer against moving vehicular traffic," said Edward Kinney, Senior Landscape Architect for the city of Greenville and leader on the bike lane project.

That temporary lane has been in place since late May. It

was put in through a partnership between Bikeville (a city of Greenville bike initiative) and Bike Walk Greenville.

"We haven't been able to count every rider since its inception, but as of this past Monday we have had 253 people respond to an on-line survey about the bike lane," said Kinney.

According to Kinney, 93 percent of those survey respondents said they'd like to see the city develop a network of protected bike lanes downtown.

Frank Mansbach with Bike Walk Greenville said the effort to install protected bike lanes in Greenville is not about recreational bicycling, but a smarter and safer way for the city's growing population to get to and from work, restaurants and shops downtown.

"Providing a network of protected bike lanes in downtown Greenville is critical to the future transportation needs of our city," said Mansbach.

Mansbach believes the move would ultimately reduce ve-

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St. Francis sees growth

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Worry, says Bon Secours St. Francis Health System CEO Craig McCoy, is like trying to take a trip in a rocking chair.

You can work really hard at it and not get anywhere.

So although he allows that he frets just a little now and then, what his competitors do isn't one of the things he worries about.

"If I'm shooting completely straight," he told *The Greenville News*, "GHS (Greenville Health System) is going to do what GHS is going to do and we're going to do our strategic plan."

"If you try and do things purely because your competitor is doing it, you're being reactive and not proactive," he added. "So let's define what our mission is, define the vision of how we're going to get there, and stick to it. There will be headwinds, but you have to trust that it's going to work out."

McCoy is just wrapping up his first year at the helm of St. Francis, having spent seven years before that as CEO of Emory St. Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta, as CEO at Paradise Valley Hospital in Phoenix, and as vice president of professional services at Oconee Medical Center.

He hadn't been in the position long when St. Francis knocked heads with GHS over that hospital's possible take-over of Greenville County EMS. It was a contentious issue that had hundreds on both sides flooding Greenville County Council chambers and went on for months until GHS finally gave up on the idea.

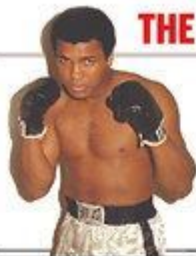
The first year in a new job always brings challenges, McCoy points out. But he's quick to add that he cut his teeth on some even more difficult situations at other places, earning him some "unwanted experience."

"They were maybe not competitive issues like EMS," he said. "I learned that you just work through it."

Learning the ropes

Taking the job at St. Francis was coming home for McCoy. He attended both Furman and Clemson universities, had a stint at Greenville County

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Darlington's shelter overflowing with unwanted pets



Jack is one of the many pets at the Darlington Animal Shelter awaiting a new home.

BY JOE PERRY
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DARLINGTON — Last month the animal shelter took in 200 kittens and 157 puppies.

"It's outrageous," said Holley Fambrough of the Darlington County Humane Society, which contracts with Darlington County to run the facility. "It's overwhelming and it can be extremely emotional — so many unwanted animals that have no place to go. It's why we're all here."

Intake numbers usually spike during the summer months, but right now the shelter, with its limited re-

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The Darlington County Animal Shelter is off S.C. 151 about a half mile past the Raceway. Turn by the water tower. Kirven urges all potential pet adoption families to first fill out an application on the shelter's website: www.darlingtonhumane.org and to also check out www.helpdarlingtonpets.com. For information, call 843-398-4402.

sources and extensive volunteer network, is feeling the strain.

"We are overloaded," said Jackie Kirven, a Humane Society board member and part of the management

team of the shelter. "This time of year is so difficult because the number of animals coming is overwhelming."

Fambrough, who manages the dozen or so full-time employees of the shelter, said every weekend a cargo van shuttles pets northward to rescue homes.

"I've driven almost every other weekend for the last three years or so," she said, "to Delaware."

It takes an army of volunteers to keep shelter going, to find new homes for the pets and to coordinate all the logistics but they have to take

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More state leaders choose sides in Senate District 31 race

BY JOSHUA LLOYD
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FLORENCE — The list of state leaders throwing support behind candidates in the Senate District 31 race continues to grow.

Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, House Speaker Jay Lucas and State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman were in Florence on Thursday evening to endorse South Carolina Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. — the 36-year incumbent in that district and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

One of Leatherman's primary opponents, former Florence County GOP Chairman Richard Skipper, gained the endorsement of State Treasurer Curtis Loftis on Thursday. That support follows Gov. Nikki Haley's endorsement of Skipper earlier this month.

At the center of this race is contention over Leatherman's stance on ethics reform and accusations of "pork-barrel" spending in his home county.

Lucas, a Darlington Republican, said the accusations being made against Leatherman by the governor and outsiders are untrue.

He said South Carolina has an excellent credit rating, a budget surplus and low debt service because Leatherman's Senate leadership has been unparalleled.

"When you a picture of Hugh Leatherman beside a Washington politician with the insinuation that he's the same, it's a lie and we ought to call those people out for it," Lucas said. "Sen. Leatherman has chaired the Finance Committee for a long time. The reason I can stand here and brag about our state, and tell you we're not Washington, and that we save money and spend it wisely is because of Hugh Leatherman."

Lucas rebutted Haley's assertion that he and others endorsed Leatherman because of political horse trading.

Spearman rebutted the assertions that Leatherman is a proponent of Common Core, while McMaster said South Carolina has seen more growth under Leatherman's leadership than ever before.

Florence Area Literacy Council

Lip sync battle a hit



Julian Young, right, and his partner dance to the Blues Brothers in the 2016 Novel Event fundraiser for the Florence Area Literacy Council.



Kristen Myers does the worm in Thursday's Novel Event fundraiser.

Laughter peals out at Novel Event fundraiser

BY DEBORAH SWEARINGEN
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FLORENCE — Capt. Jo Nell of the South Carolina Highway Patrol whips. And he nae-naes.

But he was not the only contestant in Thursday night's Novel Event fundraiser for the Florence Area

Literacy Council with a few tricks in his bag.

Florence County treasurer candidate Julian Young danced to the Blues Brothers. Ron Glancy of Raines Hospitality somersaulted across the stage.

And Kristen Myers, also of Raines, did the worm.

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Florence One gives green light on Beck Center

BY MELISSA ROLLINS
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understanding with the city of Florence and Francis Marion University in February.

an exciting meeting," Melver said. "If we are going to be one of the leaders in this nation in

building, Brown said the new facility will be a model. "This will be a template for



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Dana, Rogers face off in auditor's race

From staff reports

Two candidates are running in the race for Darlington County auditor, Brenton Dana and Margaret Ross Rogers. Both are running in the June 14 Democratic primary.

The office is currently held by longtime auditor Rosa Hudson who is not seeking re-election.



Dana



Rogers

Rogers has held the position as the county's deputy

auditor for 16 years, and has worked in the county auditor's office for 30 years. "It has been an honor and a joy to work with Mrs. Hudson for all these years," Rogers said.

Dana, an Eagle Scout, is the surviving triplet son of Paula (Fleming) Dana and longtime Darlington and Pee Dee area journalist, the

late J. Dwight Dana.

Dana is a former executive for the Boy Scouts of America — representing Darlington, Chesterfield, and Marlboro counties and has also worked as a media correspondent.

He is a 2008 graduate of the University of South Carolina where he earned his Bachelor of Arts from

the School of Journalism majoring in public relations and political science.

Rogers is the daughter of the late Charlie Ross Jr. and Annie Boston Ross. She has a sister, Almeta Ross-Lewis of High Point, N.C., and a brother, Charles James Ross of Darlington. She is the mother of Adrienne (fermain) Jackson and the

grandmother of Makayla, Aaron and Jaclyn, all of Darlington.

Rogers is a 1968 graduate of Mayo High School and graduated from Morris College in Sumter in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree in education.

"I'm new to politics, and

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Darlington County Summary of contested primary races

From staff reports

Here is a summary of candidates in contested races in Tuesday's primaries in Darlington County.

State candidates

South Carolina Senate District 31
Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. (R) — incumbent
Dean Fowler Jr. (R)
Richard E. Skipper (R)

Darlington County

Darlington County sheriff
Wayne Byrd (D) — incumbent
Tony Chavis (D)
Darlington County treasurer
Glenda B. Atkinson (D)
Robin Slater Edwards (D)
Darlington County auditor
Brenton Dana (D)
Margaret Ross Rogers (D)
Darlington County Council District 3
Wilhelmina P. Johnson (D) — incumbent
Joyce Wingate Thomas (D)
Darlington County Council District 7
Robbin Brock (R) — incumbent
Lewis Brown (R)



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Summer reading program begins

BY ARDIE ARVIDSON
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Get on Your Mark, Get Set ... READ! That is the theme of this year's summer reading program at the Hartsville Memorial Library, which kicked off in Hartsville on Wednesday with the Porkchop Productions' retelling of the story of the Tortoise and the Hare.

This year's summer programs are all about staying well, being fit and enjoying physical activities.

This week's "The Epic Race" helped children learn about staying the course, focusing on the end result, patience and winners shouldn't brag.

Next week's program will

be held at the track at the TB Thomas Sports Center at Byerly Park. The program is Fun Family Walk with Kelly Hoy, physical education teacher. If it rains, the event will take place inside the TB Thomas Center.

On June 22, the program is Young Yogis and will be presented by Jamie Martel, yoga instructor.

On June 29, the program will be Ninja School with Gary Carpenter, martial arts instructor.

On July 6, the program is Who's Talking Now with Steve Brogan, comedian/ventriloquist.

The program on July 13 is Furry Fitness with

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Savannah Pietrzak helps a member of Porkchop Productions as the chicken in a skit they performed on Wednesday at the Hartsville Memorial Library's summer reading kickoff.



Children attending the first day of the summer reading program event at the Hartsville Memorial Library wait for the program to begin.

Marcus Lattimore to host football camp in Hartsville

BY ARDIE ARVIDSON
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Former University of South Carolina running back Marcus Lattimore will host a football camp in Hartsville Saturday.

The camp is called "Change the Culture."

He's hosting it along with Liberty Tax Service and Darlington County Recreation and Tourism.

He says he wants to teach the



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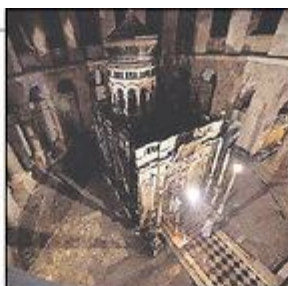
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Pondering whether America's still great

Americans agree on this much: They are disgusted with politics. Yet Americans say they still believe in America, the experiment in democracy. There's something at the core of America they long for, even if it's hard to define and seems distant in 2016. **A3**



Court: No right to carry concealed weapons in public

Dealing a blow to gun supporters, a federal appeals court in California ruled Thursday that Americans do not have a constitutional right to carry concealed weapons in public. **A5**

Two who supported swimmer apologize

With outcry growing against those who stood by a former Stanford University swimmer who sexually assaulted an unconscious woman, a childhood friend and a high school guidance counselor have apologized for writing letters of support urging leniency for Brock Turner. **A4**

STATE BUDGET

Haley vetoes \$41 million

Governor trims from Legislature's \$7.5B plan

By Seanna Adcox
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley struck \$41 million worth of spending from the Legislature's \$7.5 billion budget and thanked legislators Thursday

for not attempting to borrow money for college construction.

That's partly why the veto total isn't higher, she said: "They actually did what we said: 'Use the money that's there. Don't go and borrow.'"

Last year, Haley's opposition helped defeat proposals to borrow primarily for projects at universities and technical colleges. She publicly warned

legislators in January not to try again.

On Thursday, she applauded the more than \$100 million the budget sends to technical colleges for one-time spending and \$30 million added to four-year colleges for recurring expenses. She called the lack of a college bond bill her "No. 1 win" this year.

But House Ways and Means

Chairman Brian White said colleges, cut deeply amid the recession, needed far more to cover deferred maintenance and building needs. State borrowing is still needed unless lawmakers want colleges to continue passing on costs through increased tuition and fees, he said.

"At some point, we're going

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DRAYTON MILLS MARKETPLACE

New Erwin restaurant among anchor tenants



John Montgomery, CEO of Montgomery Development Group, said the commercial development is part of creating a live-work-play community at Drayton Mills. JOHN BYRUM/JOHN.BYRUM@SHJ.COM

Yoga studio, corporate HQ and coffee shop, development firm also coming

By Alyssa Mulliger
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Greenville restaurateur Rick Erwin will open a new restaurant concept this fall at Drayton Mills in Spartanburg.

"When I found out about the project that was happening (at Drayton Mills), I said, 'That's it, that's where I need to be.'"

— Lisa Muehlenbein, owner of Zen Studios

CAMPAIGN 2016

Obama gives backing to Clinton

By Kathleen Hennessey
and Ken Thomas
The Associated Press

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BEAUFORT COUNTY

Theft investigation in solicitor's office unresolved 3 years later

14th Circuit Solicitor Duffie Stone admits mistake, says alleged theft case now in hands of state attorney general

Sheriff P.J. Tanner claims solicitor intentionally sat on case to avoid bad press

Solicitor fires back, says sheriff just trying to get his wife elected

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Three years after an employee of the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office was suspected of theft and fired for it, no charges have been filed and there has been no public accounting of the missing money.

After repeated inquiries by The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette, Solicitor Duffie Stone admitted Monday to being part of the reason for the delay.



Stone

At issue is Stone's discovery in 2013 of inconsistency in a worker's book-keeping. Stone said he fired the worker then immediately called

the State Law Enforcement Division to investigate.

The employee worked in Stone's worthless-check unit, which handles cases involving bounced checks. The unit collects money owed to victims and prosecutes writers of bad checks



Tanner

in court. Fees collected from the offenders pay for the unit's work, according to the solicitor's website.

While SLED completed its investigative report and turned it over to the solicitor's office some time after Aug. 5, 2015, Stone said he waited until last month — about 10 months after receiving the report — to forward it onto the state Attorney General's Office to determine

Coming Sunday

Read more about the race for the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office in Sunday's newspaper. Voters go to the polls on Tuesday.

whether charges should be pressed against the employee.

"I should have taken it immediately and gotten it to the A.G. immediately. I should have done that and did not," Stone said Monday.

Beaufort County Sheriff P.J. Tanner, whose wife, Angela McCall-Tanner, is running for solicitor in Tuesday's Republican primary, is accusing Stone of sitting on the case in an effort to avoid negative news stories about his office.

"(Stone) doesn't like and

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A server with Sea Pines' Beach Club delivers a meal to vacationer Micah Abramson, sitting in a roped-off section of beach on Wednesday.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Can Sea Pines rope off a section of the beach?

orange chairs and 40 umbrellas fill the area.

Sea Pines officials said the beach patrol and the public will always be allowed to pass through the property.

The rope was needed to identify the border of the private property, said John Munro, Sea Pines' vice president of hospitality, allowing people ordering food and drinks to know the

HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Riley, town manager, candidate for Iowa job

Steve Riley, the longtime town manager of the Town of Hilton Head Island, was named a finalist Wednesday for a city administrator position in Davenport, Iowa.

Riley cited family, job opportunities for his wife as main concerns

Conflicts with Mayor David Bennett contributed to his search for a new job

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Longtime Hilton Head Island town manager Steve Riley is looking for a new job after tensions with Mayor David Bennett left him questioning his future on the island.

Riley said Thursday that personality conflicts during Bennett's first year in office spurred him to consider whether

he should remain in his post of 25 years or look for work closer to his family in the Midwest. On Wednesday, he was named one of three finalists for a city administrator position in Davenport, Iowa, about 15



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McLeod Health leases Clarendon hospital

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The days of Clarendon County having an independent provider of hospital and emergency care are effectively over.

Clarendon Health System Board of Directors approved a lease agreement for the 81-bed Clarendon Memorial

Hospital with Florence-based McLeod Health at a called meeting Wednesday, said Board Chairman Jim Darby.

"After a briefing from our legal counsel, the board voted for me to authorize and sign off on a lease agreement and affiliation with McLeod Health," Darby said.

A top administrator and a

local state senator say the state's refusal to expand Medicaid made the affiliation with McLeod a necessity for the hospital to survive.

In a memo sent to Clarendon Health System employees

March 22, which announced the hospital was in discussion with McLeod Health, Chief Operations Officer Paul Schumacher, then the interim CEO,

said Gov. Nikki Haley's decision to opt out of the expanded Medicaid portion of the Affordable Care Act has been detrimental to rural hospitals.

Expanded Medicaid is a provision of the Affordable Care Act which would expand Medicaid coverage to people making 138 percent of the poverty level, which varies according to family

size. Without Medicaid expansion, many people who earn too much to qualify for Medicaid under their state's eligibility rules also cannot qualify for insurance subsidies under the ACA. Because people in the Medicaid gap typically cannot afford insurance or pay medical bills,

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County reduces proposed millage

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Sumter County Council reviewed a revised 2017 fiscal year budget that includes a millage reduction and increased expenses during its workshop on Tuesday.

Sumter County Administrator Gary Mixon said the proposed budget is balanced at \$49.45 million after the recent changes.

He said the major adjustment made to the proposed budget is the reduction of the millage.

A 2.6 mill increase was originally proposed for the 2017 fiscal year, and 1.8 of mills of the increase would offset the local government funding provided from the state.

Mixon said the state senate proposed that approximately \$525,000 be provided to Sumter County, but that amount was later reduced to about \$205,000.

He said \$205,000 is equivalent to about .7 mills in the county so the proposed millage increase has been reduced to 1.9 mills to reflect the funding the county is likely to receive.

Mixon said the 1.9 mills will not affect homeowners because of the county credit factor; a portion of the sales tax collected in the county, will be increased to offset the millage increase.

Years ago, county council authorized that the credit factor be used to offset the general fund tax revenue in order to reduce the need for millage increases, he said.

Without the credit factor, those with residential property assessed at 4 percent would have to pay \$8 more per \$100,000 value of property.

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Bumps on the road to success



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Angel Welch, left, hugs Kelly Gowins before Welch's graduation from the Adult Education Program on Wednesday at Patriot Hall. Welch attributed all her success to Gowins.

Adult Ed grad overcomes obstacles, goes back to school

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Angel Welch, 25, overcame being expelled from school, the death of her adopted parents and, at one point, having no income before walking across the stage Wednesday night at Patriot Hall and receiving a General Educational Development diploma from Sumter County Adult Education.

To receive a GED, individuals have to take a group of four subject tests which, when passed, provide certification that the test taker has high school-level academic skills and core knowledge and skills for career and college readiness.

Welch dedicated her accomplishment to her late adopted mother, Janie Welch,

who passed away in December. Welch was adopted when she was 8 months old.

"I know she's proud of me and smiling down on me right now," Welch said as she got ready for the graduation ceremony.

Welch's mother had stage 5 kidney failure and was on dialysis at her home before her death. Welch was her caregiver for several months before her passing. In fact, that's what inspired her to go back to school to pursue a GED diploma and take college courses to become a patient care technician. Her goal is to work at a dialysis center and administer dialysis, a life-sustaining procedure that cleanses the blood of metabolic waste products. As a patient care tech, she would also check

blood pressure, draw blood and provide patient care.

"It's a job that you have to have compassion for in order to do it," she said.

Her road to success, she said, was not without bumps, however.

Welch was expelled from school for behavior issues at 16 as a freshman. Her adopted father, Roland Welch, passed away when she was 16.

"I was angry, bitter, I just wanted my dad, and I acted out to get attention," she said. "I got myself into a downward spiral after that."

After being expelled, she took on different jobs during a period of about eight years, including one that had her

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Haley vetoes \$41M from budget

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COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley struck \$41 million worth of spending from the Legislature's \$7.5 billion budget and thanked legislators Thursday for not attempting to borrow money for college construction.

That's partly why the veto total isn't higher, she said: "They actually did what we said: 'Use the money that's there. Don't go and borrow.'"

Last year, Haley's opposi-

tion helped defeat proposals to borrow primarily for projects at universities and technical colleges. She publicly warned legislators in January not to try again.

On Thursday, she applauded the more than \$100 million the budget sends to technical colleges for one-time spend-

ing and \$30 million added to four-year colleges for recurring expenses. She called the lack of a college bond bill her "No. 1 win" this year.

But House Ways and Means Chairman Brian White said colleges, cut deeply amid the recession, needed far more to cover deferred maintenance and building needs. State borrowing is still needed unless lawmakers want colleges to continue passing on costs through increased tuition and fees, he said.

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NIKKI HALEY

\$50K cut from Greenwood Promise initiative

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A scholarship initiative designed to give every Greenwood County student a chance to go to college is facing a \$50,000 cut in state aid, after Republican Gov. Nikki Haley included it in a package of 47 vetoes made public Wednesday.

Established in October, Greenwood Promise has so far

raised \$4.3 million from local donors with the idea of guaranteeing access to a two-year technical college education for students upon their graduation from a Greenwood high school.

The scholarship is set up as a 501(c)(3) foundation under the umbrella of the Greenwood Partnership Alliance.

In her veto, Haley credited Piedmont Technical College for becoming a "leader in dis-

tance learning and progressive matriculation," making the additional funds for the Greenwood program extraneous.

"I believe we should provide consistent and equitable support for students in the system," Haley wrote in her Wednesday veto message. "Piedmont Technical College has become a leader in distance learning and progressive

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TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE



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More than a dozen candidates for state and local office on the ballot for Tuesday's primary met with civic leaders Thursday morning at Greenwood's Inn on the Square.



Greenwood County sheriff candidates Phillip Anderson, left, and Dennis Kelly chat during a Thursday morning meet and greet at Inn on the Square in Greenwood.

Candidates meet with civic leaders before primary

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With just five days to go before voters thin out a crowded primary field for local and state offices, more than a dozen candidates spent part of their Thursday morning meeting with Greenwood business and civic leaders at Uptown's Inn on the Square.

"They're important positions and they have important roles in our community," Angelle LaBorde, director of the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, said at Thursday's meet and greet, which co-sponsored by The Index-Journal and Greenwood Realtor Association.

Among those in attendance included all five candidates for Greenwood County Sheriff — incumbent Tony Davis, his Republican challengers, Dale Kittles and Dennis Kelly, and Democrats Phillip Anderson and Arnie

Fisher — several Greenwood County Council hopefuls and incumbents and those vying for legislative terms.

That included State Sen. Mike Gambrell, R-Anderson, who was sworn into his District 4 seat on May 24 to to serve the unexpired term of Billy O'Dell, who died on Jan. 7. Gambrell is facing Williamston Town Council member Rocky Burgess to represent his party in November's general election.

"You don't get a lot of time to be able to campaign, but people have been very receptive to our message," Gambrell said. "We're still working like our hair is on fire."

Matt Howard, chairman-elect of the chamber of commerce's board of directors, said he was pleased by Thursday's turnout.

"It's good we've got that many folks in town that want to take an active role in our community," he said. "It shows their love for

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