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## Scott: America's hurting, so let's talk

U.S. senator from S.C. addressing ways to overcome anger, distrust, achieve unity

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WASHINGTON — Last Friday, U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., went home reeling from the events of the previous days. Two black men, Alton Sterling and Philando Castile, were shot and killed by

policemen in Baton Rouge and St. Paul. Hours later, a lone sniper killed five law enforcement officers during a peaceful "Black Lives Matter" demonstration in Dallas.

"Pain and agony" were words that Scott, the only black Republican in South Carolina's congressional delega-

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tion, used to describe his own emotional state.

In an interview with The Post and Courier on Monday, Scott said he was "surprised" his GOP colleagues didn't release statements or comment publicly on the deaths of Sterling or Castile, yet

held moments of silence to commemorate the police officer victims of the Dallas shooting.

All these emotions were ultimately what compelled Scott over the weekend to call his staff and declare: "Listen, we've got to do something."

On Monday, Scott returned to Washington, D.C., to deliver the first in a three-part series of speeches on the Senate floor. For each address he plans to draw on his personal experiences and offer perspectives on how to achieve unity in a moment of rampant anger

and distrust.

"I believe our nation is in desperate need of a family conversation," Scott said in his first speech Monday evening. "The American family as a whole needs to sit down, come to the table, and talk with our relatives — perhaps, have not thought about in a while. We stand here today at a crossroads. Our nation is experiencing turmoil we haven't seen in generations. My heart breaks for all of us."

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## IOP turtle worries to topple seawall

State orders erosion-control devices down because they may impact nesting



People walk on Monday around wave-dissipation devices in front of Ocean Club Villas and Seascape Villas in Wild Dunes on the Isle of Palms. The experimental devices must be taken down by July 28 because of potential impact on sea turtle nesting.

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ISLE OF PALMS — Experimental removable seawalls have been ordered to be taken down in front of erosion-imperiled condos and houses in the Wild Dunes resort. Protecting the properties from severe beach erosion will be up to the

messy piles of sandbags the walls were designed to replace.

State regulators told the walls' design group Friday to dismantle the wave-dissipation device walls by July 28, the end date of the current study period for them. The decision comes after two environmental groups filed a notice of intent to sue over the devices' impact on nesting by en-

dangered and threatened species of sea turtles, mostly the Kemp's logghead.

The notice said the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control made the decision because of potential impact on the turtle nesting, and will continue to assess the concerns.

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## Rev. Goff drops bid for AME bishop

Brailsford elected; Goff to continue to oversee S.C. churches

BY JENNIFER BERRY HAWES  
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The Rev. Norvel Goff, former interim pastor of Emanuel AME Church, withdrew his bid Monday to become a bishop in the AME Church after garnering fewer votes than two other candidates from South Carolina in early voting.

Sources confirmed that Goff threw his support behind the Rev. Ronnie Brailsford, pastor of Bethel AME in Columbia, who was elected bishop in a later round of voting.

The withdrawal means Goff remains presiding elder overseeing more than 30 churches in South Carolina, including Emanuel AME in Charleston. He served as interim pastor of the grief-stricken church after its pastor and eight other worshippers were gunned down in its fellowship hall last summer.

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## Solicitors to assign treatment to abusers

Court order relieves DSS from having to approve programs

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COLUMBIA — The S.C. Supreme Court gave solicitors the sole authority to assign batterers convicted of domestic violence to a treatment program instead of getting approval from the state Department of Social Services.

The order, issued Monday by Chief Justice Costa Fliccones, reinforces steps taken when the state passed its landmark domestic violence reform last year.

A key change is that it relieves DSS from having to approve batterer treatment programs.

Solicitors will provide a list of programs available to magistrates and municipal court judges to use when sentencing anyone convicted of domestic violence.

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Florida, Auburn players 'still have lot of love' for USC's head football coach. **C1**

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Boeing expects Dreamliner orders to surge. **B1**

## S.C. weighs task force on police shootings

Prosecutors wonder how state compares to best U.S. practices

BY GLENN SMITH  
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A commission of state prosecutors plans to consider forming a task force to study how officer-involved shootings and criminal allegations against law enforcement are investigated in South Carolina.

The S.C. Commission on Prosecution Coordination plans to take up the issue at its July 27 meeting in Columbia, said 14th Circuit Solicitor Dufile Stone, who chairs the panel.

Stone said the time is right to review how South Carolina handles these cases and how the local ap-

proach compares to the best practices around the country.

The discussion would include the role prosecutors play in determining whether charges against law enforcement officers are justified and worthy of taking to trial.

"All of that is on the table," he said. Ninth Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson, who oversees prosecutions in Charleston and Berkeley counties, said she has been concerned for some time about the role South Carolina prosecutors play in the investigations of law enforcement officers and public officials — not just in shootings, but in other matters, as well.

"I've discussed my concerns with my colleagues and several of us believe we need uniformity in the way these matters are handled," she said.

Wilson said The Post and Courier's "Shots Fired" series last year

raised additional questions in her mind about how these investigations are carried out around the state.

The series revealed that Palmetto State officers shoot someone on average every 10 days, and that state investigators often failed to answer key questions about what happened.

It also reported that police failed to study the shooting incidents for lessons that could be learned.

The series also revealed that while the State Law Enforcement Division is seen as an independent arbiter in the cases, the agency, in reality, turns over its findings to local solicitors who in the majority of cases decide whether officers are cleared — the same prosecutors who work hand-in-glove with police.

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# The State



**STEVE SPURRIER**  
**HBC STILL PART OF CONVERSATION**

Spurrier gets shout-out at SEC Media Days and makes some news of his own. 3B



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Protester Anaya Bastian sits in the road where Huger Street turns into Interstate 126 during a march Sunday night in Columbia. PHOTOS BY SEAN RAYFORD [sean@thestate.com](mailto:sean@thestate.com)

**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

## March proves Columbia can rally peacefully

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Coming on the heels of a racially-tinged shooting in Columbia and the still intense emotions about the removal of the Confederate flag from the State House grounds, the capital city proved once again on Sunday night that it can have a heated protest in a peaceful manner.

A Black Lives Matter march at the S.C. State House came together rapidly, with law enforcement having a short time to prepare. The S.C. Department of Public Safety learned about the gathering Saturday evening, Lt. Kelley Hughes said. "We just had a small amount of information," Hughes said Monday. "During that short time of 24 hours, we weren't sure what



People hold a moment of silence at the State House before Sday's march.

size crowd we were going to have." The rally started around 7 p.m. or 8 p.m., and the crowd swelled to 800 protesters, Columbia Police Chief Skip Holbrook said. They marched through the city center, end-

ing up at the Interstate 126 corridor into Columbia, where law enforcement refused to let them go farther. "We ultimately kind of drew a line in the sand and

### Officers, minority leaders struggle to educate black motorists

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South Carolina's political leaders are struggling to find a way to defuse worry among the state's minority communities in the wake of the national killings of two civilians by law enforcement officers and the massacre of Dallas policemen.

House Minority Leader Todd Rutherford and Rep. Joe Neal, D-Richland, said Monday there is no one answer for how motorists can have a safer interaction with police during traffic stops.

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EXCLUSIVE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

**New call for cameras in group homes**

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Two years after a state investigative agency recommended placing security cameras in common areas of group homes serving vulnerable adults, state officials have yet to implement the proposal designed to protect the safety of individuals.

State Rep. Chandra Dillard, D-Greenville, said Monday she plans to introduce or co-sponsor legislation requiring cameras in common areas of group homes after reading an investigative series in *The Greenville News* detailing the deaths of three young men in group homes in Mauldin and Charleston County during a

recent three-year span.

Dillard said she spoke with Michelle McCarroll of Berea, the sister of Jamie Rosemond, a resident of a South Carolina Mentor group home in Mauldin who died in 2012.

"I'm not opposed to having cameras where they need to be with vulnerable populations," Dillard told *The News*. "Given the great loss she (McCarroll) and her family has experienced, this is the least we could do."

Dillard, the community relations director at Furman University first elected to the House in 2008, said she plans to ask legislative staff this week to begin researching regulations for group homes serving individuals with intellec-

tual or other developmental disabilities. The legislative session opens in January.

During its seven-month investigation, *The News* disclosed a troubling history of recent deaths and allegations of abuse and neglect involving residents with intellectual or developmental disabilities living in group homes operated by South Carolina Mentor, a company under oversight of the S.C. Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.

The *News* reported its findings online

and in a three-part series that began publishing on Sunday.

McCarroll told *The News* she believes state law needs to be changed to require cameras in common areas of group homes, and to ensure there are working alarms on doors and windows at those homes.

Her 25-year-old brother, diagnosed with autism and schizophrenia, was

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PART THREE OF A THREE-PART SERIES

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Derrick Quarles leads a chant of "Black Lives Matter" as a group of about 50 protesters marches up Main Street in Greenville on Monday. PHOTOS BY BART BOATWRIGHT/STAFF

**Solutions sought  
as protests continue**

NATHANIEL CARY, MICHAEL BURNS  
AND ELIZABETH LAFLEUR  
THE GREENVILLE NEWS

Groups across Greenville County sought to bring solutions and attention Monday to the unrest that's gripped the region following the deaths of two men at the hands of police officers last week and the ensuing ambush that killed five officers in Dallas, allegedly at the hands of a black man who targeted police.

Some who have protested publicly in downtown Greenville announced intentions to sit down with lawmakers to seek

Police officers watched along the route but didn't escort the protesters as they chanted and stopped at various points along the route.

The march was peaceful, and the group stayed on the sidewalk, and no arrests were made.

Derrick Quarles, Upstate leader of Black Lives Matter, announced plans to march again Wednesday and into the future to continue their protest. Quarles spoke about his arrest Saturday night when a group tried to breach a line of police officers after he'd announced intentions to shut down Interstate 385



**What is the  
future of  
NewSpring  
Church?**

NIKIE MAYO  
INDEPENDENT MAIL

What happened at NewSpring Church this month is not unique among megachurches.

What happens next, after the departure of founding pastor Perry Noble, depends on several factors, experts said Monday. The most important factor, they said, is the congregation's resilience.

"The congregation is no doubt experiencing shock and sorrow in response to the news of Perry Noble's departure, but I do not predict defections on a massive scale," said Warren Bird, research director for Leadership Network. The nonprofit helps fast-growing churches.

In the hours after Noble's removal as senior pastor was announced Sunday, hundreds of NewSpring members took to social media to express support for him as he struggles to overcome what he described as an increased reliance on alcohol.

"We will get through this at NewSpring, because if Perry has taught us anything, it is that if God brought us to it, he will bring us through it," Lynda Pimentel wrote on the church's Facebook page. "Perry and his family will be in my prayers."

Bridgett Collier Hargroves wrote that she felt she was in a bad dream.

"I just want this nightmare to end," she said. "I want to wake up and go to church all over again and everything be OK."

"Perry is my people," she said, making reference to a "These Are My People" sermon series Noble started in June before his troubles were made public.

Other churches with thousands of members have experienced losses similar to NewSpring's. After those losses, results have been mixed.

Less than five years ago, Seattle-based Mars Hill Church had one of the fastest-growing congregations in the United States, with more than a dozen





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## UPSTATE



### Bridge repair means detour

The Highway 9 bridge crossing the Broad River in the town of Lockhart will be closed for nearly a month starting next week — and the detour will have travelers going an extra 35 miles. The S.C. Department of Transportation will close the bridge starting July 18, and work to repair some damage to the bridge is expected to be complete by Aug. 14. **C1**

### Town home development in the works

Plans are progressing for a 72-unit town home development on the west side of Spartanburg. The development, Camelot Townes, is slated for an 8.64-acre vacant piece of property at the intersection of Camelot Drive and Camelot Court. **C1**

## NATION/WORLD

### GOP ground game faces challenge

Presidential battleground states were supposed to be swarming with Republican Party workers by now. That hasn't exactly happened, a state-by-state review conducted by The Associated Press has found. **A3**



## DALLAS POLICE SHOOTINGS

# Family: Military changed son

## Robot use defended

By Nomaan Merchant  
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Military service changed the Dallas gunman from an extrovert into a hermit, his parents said in an interview excerpt published Monday.

Micah Johnson's mother, Delphine Johnson, told TheBlaze website in an interview that her

son wanted to be a police officer as a child. His six years in the Army Reserve, including a tour in Afghanistan, were "not what Micah thought it would be ... what he thought the military represented, it just didn't live up to his expectations." According to the military lawyer who represented him, Johnson was accused of sexually harassing a female soldier while deployed.

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Dallas Police Chief David Brown answers questions during a news conference Monday in Dallas. Five police officers were killed and several injured during a shooting in downtown Dallas last week. ERIC GAY/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN WAKE OF VIOLENCE, PROTESTS NATIONWIDE



From left, Spartanburg County Councilman Justin Bradley, Solicitor Barry Barnette, Spartanburg County School District 6 School Board Chairman the Rev. Kevin Harrison, State Rep. Harold Mitchell (D-Spartanburg), Spartanburg County Councilman Michael Brown, State Rep. Derham Cole Jr. (R-Spartanburg), and Spartanburg City Councilwoman Erika Brown stand together during a gathering outside the courthouse Monday morning to promote unity. PHOTOS BY ALEX HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHJ.COM

# Binding together

## Spartanburg, Greer events seek to promote unity

By Daniel J. Gross and Zach Fox  
Staff writers

Hand-in-hand they prayed.  
"Heal the brokenness of



## FINGERPRINTING FAIRNESS

# Fingerprints don't lie but they could be flawed

By David Porter  
The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Raquel Vanderpool found out the hard way that while fingerprints don't lie, they don't always tell the whole truth.

Vanderpool had been working as a nurse's aide for nearly a decade when a change in state law required her Michigan employer to conduct FBI fingerprint background checks on employees. It turned up a conviction for falsifying a prescription for painkillers years earlier, when she was 19.

Except the charge actually had been dismissed and the record sealed after Vanderpool went through a diversionary program for youthful offenders. That didn't prevent the mother of two from losing her job and, eventually, her house.

"I completed my end, and unfortunately the state failed to remove that from my record," said Vanderpool, now 34. "Because somebody didn't do their job, I lost mine and a whole lot more."

Her story is far from unique. According to studies by the fed-





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## Florence City Council

### Signage a big subject of discussion

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FLORENCE — Size and height parameters of signage at a pending mixed-use development — and the long-term effects of sign clutter — took up a majority of the Florence City Council's meeting Monday.

The catalyst for the lengthy discussion was a request from The Grove at Ebenezer, a 240-acre development between I-95 and Ebenezer Road and bounded to the north by Pine Needles Road, that would amend language of development standards removing the requirement of consent from the Home Owners Association and also allow for bigger signs.

Also under consideration as part of the first reading of that ordinance was for the developer to add a 10.44-acre parcel owned by Dilmar Investments LLC to the development after it is rezoned as a planned development district.

In seeking to remove consent for changes from the Home Owners Association, Florence planning director Phillip Lookadoo told council members that the planning commission "saw no reason not to do that, as did staff."

If approved, the first 100 feet south of Pine Needles Road all the way to I-95 could have a sign that's 160 square

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## OTHER FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Receiving approval for second reading were ordinances to:

- » Convey surplus city property to Sisters 4 the Future.
- » Amend city zoning ordinance sections regarding donation receptacles that would require written permission from a property owner and allow the city to remove the bin if found to be noncompliant with attendant penalties.
- » Amend the TIF district downtown to extend the maximum term of maturity of obligations to be issued under the plan and extend the duration of the plan.
- » Adoption of two sections of city ordinances to establish on-street parking regulations.
- » Annexation of property owned by Ray Kelsey.
- » Annexation of 40.5 acres of The Grove at Ebenezer.
- » Approval of a lease of 314 W. Pine St. to Pee Dee Healthy Start Inc.
- » Authorization of transfer of land to C.V. Flowers.

## 'COMMUNITY CONVERSATION'

# Searching for answers



PHOTO BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY/MORNING NEWS

Florence pastor and businessman Tony McElveen told panelists and community members who attended Monday's race relations talk that he feels racist people should be identified and dismissed from the police force.

## Leaders, citizens gather to discuss race relations

BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY  
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Rev. Lethonia Barnes of Savannah Grove Baptist Church was the coordinator for Monday's community talk on race relations.

FLORENCE — The Rev. Lethonia Barnes said Florence community leaders and citizens met a year ago after the Charleston Nine shooting and did nothing. Monday evening they met again, this time following shootings in Louisiana, Minnesota and Texas.

It's apparent that there is a race problem, Barnes said. But it's deeper than that.

"I've listened and I've heard us talking to the panelists, but we've got some heart problems. Big heart problems, and rules and

regulations can't fix those heart problems," Barnes told a crowded sanctuary at Savannah Grove Baptist Church. "When I know that I've got a problem with jealousy, if I know that I've got a problem with hatred, I'm responsible for me."

If people were to put aside the heart issues she mentioned, the issues plaguing homes and even the black church could end, she said. The community has a job to do, according to Barnes, who was a coordinator of the meeting billed as a "community conversation."

People who attended

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## Freedom Fest

# New event to provide positivity for Florence youth

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event includes arts and crafts, sports, group activities, music, inspirational speakers and more for

### IF YOU GO

- » **WHAT:** Freedom Fest
- » **WHEN:** 4-8 p.m. Monday

"I was just really concerned about the state of young people," he said. Children in the Florence

alternative and serve as a means for letting the youth in Florence know that, "you do have folks

A large portion of the evening event will be set aside for activities and fun. Local churches and other



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# THE ISLAND PACKET

DALLAS SHOOTINGS

## Family speaks out, says military changed suspect

**Micah Johnson's mother says the military 'didn't live up to his expectations'**

BY NOMAAN MERCHANT Associated Press

**Dallas Police Chief David Brown defends use of robot-delivered bomb to kill suspect**

DALLAS Military service changed the Dallas gunman from an extrovert into a hermit, his parents said in an interview excerpt published Monday.

**One surgeon who treated some of the victims says shootings rocked some doctors 'to their core'**

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police officer as a child. His six years in the Army Reserve, including a tour in Afghanistan, were "not what Micah thought it would be ... what he thought the military represented, it just didn't live up to his expectations." According to the military lawyer who represented him, Johnson was accused of sexually harassing a female soldier while deployed.

His father, James Johnson, said haltingly and through tears:

"I don't know what to say to anybody to make anything better. I didn't see it coming."

The black 25-year-old fatally shot five officers in Thursday's attack while hundreds of people were gathered in downtown Dallas to protest recent fatal police shootings, and wounded at least nine officers and two civilians.

Dallas Police Chief David Brown clarified Monday where Johnson was killed with a bomb

delivered by a remote-controlled robot, saying that it happened on the second floor of El Centro College, not a parking garage as authorities previously described. Brown did not provide more details, including the locations of the negotiations that came before the bomb.

The police chief again defended the decision to use the robot, saying he had "already killed us in a grave way, and officers were in surgery that didn't make it."

"This wasn't an ethical dilemma for me," Brown said. "I'd do it again ... to save our officers' lives."

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For more on the shootings in Louisiana and Minnesota, go to 7A.

SLED INQUIRY

## Injury allegations involve Sanford

**U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford's niece allegedly injured in incident with Sanford at Coosaw Plantation**

BY REBECCA LURVE rlurve@islandpacket.com

A niece of U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford was reportedly injured during an incident at Coosaw Plantation, the Sanford family's farm, prompting a report to the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office.

The report includes scant details and is redacted, including the name of who filed it. It does state that on June 18, an incident occurred on a dock involving Sanford and the girl that result in unspecified injuries.

The niece was taken several days later to Sea Island Pediatrics in Beaufort. On June 21, the incident was reported to deputies, who interviewed the girl, took photos of her injuries and received her medical records.

The sheriff's office forwarded the report to the S.C. Law Enforcement Division to "avoid any appearance of impropriety," because Sheriff P.J. Tanner and Sanford both have ties to the Beaufort County Republican



Sanford



Workers with R. R. Dawson Bridge Co. help to guide crane mats, big pieces of wood that allow cranes and vehicles to drive on a marsh, onto a truck on Monday on the westbound ramp of the Bluffton Parkway flyover. The workers are cleaning up their equipment in preparation for the flyover to open.

BLUFFTON

## Will new homes, businesses soar in shadow of flyover?

**Bluffton Parkway flyover set to open Friday**

**Beaufort County planning board recently OK'd initial request to redevelop defunct Executive Golf Club near flyover**

**Owners of much larger Hilton Head National Golf Club expected to request permission to redevelop property soon**

about 20,000 square feet, and a 120-room hotel.

Michael Kronimus, a Bluffton architect representing property owner Silver Rock BP, L.L.C., recently told the county's Planning Commission that "the flyover ... provides for significant activity on the parkway," making the site particularly

County planner Rob Merchant said the owners of Hilton Head National Golf Club soon plan to ask the county for zoning changes to allow for development there.

That site is more than 10 times the size of the Executive Golf Club.

Development of Hilton Head National "would be of a much greater magnitude" and result in "a lot more commercial activity in the area," Merchant said.

"One of the main arguments (in favor of the increased development near the flyover) is there has been a change of conditions," including rising costs

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