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Q&A: YEAR ONE FOR MUSCHAMP

'We took a step forward'

BY JOAH KESIDALL
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On the verge of the one-year anniversary of his hiring, South Carolina head football coach Will Muschamp sat down with *The State* to reflect on his first season and the future of the program.

The Gamecocks were 6-6 in the regular season and Sunday learned they would play in the Birmingham Bowl against South Florida (10-2) on Dec. 29. "Six-and-six is not acceptable," Muschamp told *The State*. "That's not what we want. That's not our goal, but considering the circumstances, I'm proud these guys to continue to push forward (when we were) at 3-4 and continue to play." Muschamp also addressed his team's

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offensive youth, the decision to pull quarterback Jake Bentley's redshirt midway through the season and the improvement of his defense.

Q: Did the regular season go about like you thought?

A: When you come into a new situation, it's hard to really set your expectation and especially in our situation because of the unknowns. The unknowns offensively with the amount of inexperience and

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Tigers QB Watson among Heisman Trophy finalists, 1B

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SC SENATE

Bill-killing rules on chopping block

■ The S.C. Senate is poised to change some of its rules Tuesday, rules that in recent years have been used to stall important proposals.

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The S.C. Senate is set to change some of its rules Tuesday in an effort to make it more difficult for a single senator to block legislation.

The move is important because the Senate's rules have been used to stall passage of important proposals in recent years — delaying ethics reform for years and, more recently, blocking passage of a gas-tax hike to pay to repair the state's crumbling roads and bridges.

The Senate's GOP majority is likely to:

- Eliminate "minority reports" — a mechanism that senators use to block bills even though they have won approval in committee, said Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey, R-Edgefield.
- Change its rules so that high-priority proposals — so-called "special order" bills — will be debated earlier in the legislative day.
- Make it easier to end filibusters, where senators opposed to a proposal take the podium and try to talk to death bills.

"What we're trying to do is make the Senate more efficient," said Massey.

In recent years, the Senate has become a graveyard for

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Rock Hill Republicans set to become S.C. House majority leader, also, a look at

MISTRIAL IN NORTH CHARLESTON SLAYING



Michael Slager

'I know justice will be served'



Judy Scott, center, Walter Scott's mother, is comforted by her son Rodney Scott, as the family attorneys, Chris Stowers, left, and Justin Bamberg, right, hold a news conference Monday after the mistrial was declared for the Michael Slager trial in Charleston.

Jurors unable to reach verdict in the murder trial of ex-officer

Former patrolman Michael Slager was charged with the slaying of Walter Scott, a Black man, in 2015.



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Mistrial in man's shooting by officer

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charged with murder. Scott's family called for justice in the North Charleston community. Their calls for calm are believed to have helped prevent the kind of violence that erupted elsewhere when black men were killed in encounters with law enforcement.

It's the second time in recent weeks a jury has deadlocked in an officer-involved shooting. A mistrial was declared Nov. 12 when a jury in Cincinnati couldn't reach a verdict in the case of a former campus police officer who was also charged with shooting a black motorist.

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Clemson's house disc jockey DJ Sha performs during the game against Syracuse on Nov. 5 at Clemson's Memorial Stadium.

Carver's estate sues Kohlhepp, his mother
Suit seeks to tie up assets

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Charles David Carver was held against his will by Todd Kohlhepp before he was killed, according to a wrongful-death lawsuit filed Monday by Carver's estate.

The suit, which names Kohlhepp and his mother Regina Tague as defendants, was filed in Spartanburg County by Greenville attorney R. Mills Arriol Jr.

The suit claims Tague is seeking to dispose of her son's property in anticipation of litigation. Tague could not be reached Monday.

Joanne Shiflet, Carver's mother, said Monday afternoon she decided to file the suit to hold Kohlhepp accountable for what happened to her son.

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Carver's body was discovered on Kohlhepp's property near Woodruff one day after authorities found Kaha Brown chained inside a metal storage container there on Nov. 3. Carver and Brown were in a relationship and shared an apartment in Anderson before they disappeared in late August.

Shiflet said she was not aware of the claim that her son was held against his will before he was killed, but said the family's attorney has been most connected with the details of the case. She previously said that she learned at a Nov. 4 court hearing Kohlhepp shot her son immediately after Brown knocked on the door of a two-story garage on Kohlhepp's property.

Arriol said there are indications Carver was physically assaulted by Kohlhepp before being killed. It would not be more specific, he said

CLEMSON'S STADIUM DJ UPS DEATH VALLEY VIBE

Latest game-day tradition aims to enhance energy

MANIE ROBINSON
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Gamedays at Clemson University's Memorial Stadium are spectacles of fanfare underscored by tradition.

Fans in deep philosophical conversation will halt mid-sentence to join the cadence count chair. The band blares its lively fight song with the final notes accompanied by a choir of 82,000.

There is cannon fire. A sky full of balloons. Reverence to a rock. A run down a hill. An array of smartphone flashlights that give those grey stands a

With attendance figures declining and the television viewing experience improving, Clemson sought to entice fans with features a camera cannot capture. So, it put the needle to the groove.

Densha Butler has served as Clemson's house disc jockey for the last two seasons. Under the stage name D.J. Sha, he steers the stadium sounds during warmups, breaks in action and half-time.

He plays popular music, from legends like Run D.M.C. and Outkast to current chart-toppers like Kendrick Lamar, Justin Timberlake and Drake. He

After working a few shows in downtown Clemson two years ago, Butler earned an invitation from coach Dabo Swinney to spin at a recruiting event.

"He loved it. He said he was going to get me out at some of the practices," Butler recalled. "At that time, I thought it was just him caught up in the moment, enjoying himself. But a few weeks later, he kept his word."

Butler began appearing at Clemson's practice fields and a few months later he was in Memorial Stadium for the 2015 season opener.

Clemson cleared space for Butler in

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The \$2.6 million Bleckley Station in downtown Anderson (above and below) plans to host its first event on Jan. 3. PHOTOS BY KEN RUIMARD, INDEPENDENT MAIL

BLECKLEY EVENT CENTER TO DEBUT

Ball to be first event of 2017 at venue

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The Bleckley Station in downtown Anderson is getting ready to host its first events early next year. About 300 people are expected to attend a debutante ball Jan. 3, which will be the first event at the new \$2.6 million facility on the 300 block of South Main Street. Another ball is scheduled there in February. Construction of the event center is essentially complete, and workers are add-

ing the finishing touches, developer Steve Kay said last week. "It is all good," said Kay, who also owns The Bleckley Inn in downtown Anderson. Four college sophomores will be introduced at the Anderson Debutante Club ball, said Kathryn Yon, the ball's chairwoman. The club's ball has been held at the Boinsett Club in Greenville for at least the past several years.

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ONLINE To see more photos of the Bleckley Station, go to Independentmail.com

Carver estate files lawsuit

Alleges wrongful death against Kohlhepp, mother

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McBride: Threats made against officers

Facebook message after fatal shooting worries sheriff-elect



ing a deputy. Sheriff John Skipper and the Anderson County Sheriff's Office have not responded to questions about the threat and Skipper has refused to release

cause of the post, he would not release the name of the deputy until the investigation had progressed.

McBride said he had not seen the post, but several people have read it to him. The Independent Mail was not able to find the post.

Online For more coverage of the Kohlhepp case, visit Independentmail.com



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Town Hall tonight

The Herald-Journal will host a town hall panel discussion on affordable housing in the city of Spartanburg at 7 tonight at the newspaper's downtown office on West Main Street.

The panelists: Terrill Bates, Spartanburg Housing Authority executive director; Martin Livingston, neighborhood services director for the city of Spartanburg; Tammie Hoy Hawkins, project manager with the Northside Development Group; Hannah Jarrett, community impact associate with United Way of the Piedmont; and the Rev. Keith McDaniel, pastor of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

The event is free and open to everyone. It should last about 90 minutes.

STATE

Roof allowed to hire lawyers back, for now

CHARLESTON — A federal judge agreed Monday to let a white man accused of fatally shooting nine black parishioners rehire his attorneys until a verdict is reached, but to remain his own lawyer if he is found guilty and the trial moves into a penalty phase.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel ended a week of Roof acting as his own lawyer in his death penalty trial. Roof wrote the judge a handwritten note with his request over the weekend.

It is unclear why Roof is so determined to keep the lawyers out of the penalty part of his case. In their own motion Friday asking Gergel to order Roof to hire them back, they suggested there is something embarrassing Roof is afraid they might use to try to spare his life. They did not elaborate.

Trump, former SC labor chief meet

NORTH CHARLESTON POLICE SHOOTING

Judge declares mistrial

By Bruce Smith and Seanna Adcox
The Associated Press



Slager

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Judy Scott, center, Walter Scott's mother, is comforted by her son Rodney Scott as the family attorneys, Chris Stewart, left, and Justin Bamberg, right, hold a news conference after a mistrial was declared in the case of former police officer Michael Slager Monday in Charleston. Slager was charged with murder in the shooting death of Walter Scott last year. MIC SMITH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'A WORK OF ART'

Leaders celebrate AC Hotel topping out



A topping-out ceremony at the 10-story AC Hotel by Marriott in downtown Spartanburg was held Monday.

PHOTOS BY ALEX HICKS JR./SPARTANBURG HERALD-JOURNAL

Downtown hotel reaches construction



George "Geordy" Dean Johnson

PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

Trump taps Carson for HUD secretary

By Jonathan Lemire
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump chose retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson on Monday to be secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, raising fresh concerns about the lack of experience some of Trump's Cabinet picks have with agencies they're now being chosen to lead.

Carson, who opposed Trump in the Republican primaries, has no background in government or running a large bureaucracy.

In addition, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, Trump's choice to be ambassador to the United Nations, has no foreign policy experience. Steve Mnuchin, a former Goldman Sachs partner and Hollywood executive, is Trump's man to lead the Treasury Department but has never worked in government. And retired Gen. James Mattis, a widely praised battlefield commander, spent decades in the Marines but now is

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WALTER SCOTT SHOOTING

Deadlocked jury forces mistrial in ex-officer's case



Michael Slager, right, walks from the Charleston County Courthouse with a SWAT officer after a mistrial was declared for his trial Monday.

BY BRUCE SMITH AND SHELBA ADOCK Associated Press

CHALLENGE

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State Rep. Gary Simrill, a Rock Hill Republican, is poised to be elected majority leader of the S.C. House when lawmakers return Tuesday.

S.C. LEGISLATURE

Rock Hill's Simrill set to lead S.C. House GOP

BY CARRIE DANK c.dank@heraldonline.com

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S.C. Rep. Gary Simrill did not tell his own mother or wife that

spending to repair the state's crumbling roads and bridges, and building consensus among fellow representatives.

Simrill, 50, who has been in the House for 25 years, will be elected majority leader Tues-

WINNING AS A PROVEN LOSER

Simrill was in awe of the Statehouse after an eighth-grade field trip to Columbia for a social studies class. He said he was inspired by

Gary Simrill

Incoming S.C. House majority leader

Age: 50

Hometown: Rock Hill

Family: Married to Mary Beth Simrill, five children

Business: Owner of Carolina Motorworks

Education: Bachelor's degree

YORK COUNTY SHERIFF

No new trial in case over malicious prosecution

BY ANTHONY DYN a.dyn@heraldonline.com

YORK

The judge who handled the trial where a York County jury awarded a man \$150,000 for malicious prosecution has upheld the verdict and refused a request by deputies for a new trial.

Russell Shane Carter won his civil suit in November after he had been charged with assault in a case where he said another man attacked him at his home. York County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Carter. The assault charges against Carter were dropped by prosecutors weeks later, but Carter and his lawyers successfully argued that Carter was the victim of malicious prosecution.

The jury's \$150,000 verdict pushed lawyers for the sheriff's office to ask for a new trial, claiming in court documents that the amount was "grossly excessive" for what was only "emotional" injuries to Carter. The request for a new trial claimed the jury decided the damages based on "passion, prejudice, partiality, or other improper motives."

The trial judge, John C. Hayes III, issued an order Monday supporting the jury's decision and the amount awarded.

"The verdict is not grossly excessive and does not shock the conscience," Hayes wrote in the order.

Carter hit the other man with



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Mistrial declared in shooting by officer

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Area deaths

Arthur Williams, Sr., Aiken
Glenn Baldridge, Ft. Augusta
Clio McCarty, Aiken
Rudie Bush, Aiken
Catherine Harrison, Aiken
Jimmy Simmons, Greenwood
Nancy Wells, Aiken
Rev. Everett Chandler, Valley
Marie Kurtz, Aiken
Virginia Dunkelberger, Aiken
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Weather

Mostly Cloudy
High 51, Low 45

Is winter weather headed to Aiken?

Prepare during Winter Weather week



STAFF PHOTO BY DEDE BILES

Tiffany Dixon dressed to keep warm Monday as she rode her bicycle on Gayle Avenue.

BY DEDE BILES
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Winter weather is on its way to Aiken County. The first arctic blast of the season is scheduled to arrive later this week. Alaska and northern Canada are the sources of the large mass of frigid air that will be causing the temperatures to plunge throughout much of the Lower 48.

"The temperatures will be the coldest of the season so far," said Jeff Linton, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Columbia. Residents will start experiencing the chilly conditions on Thursday night, when the low will be near 30 degrees.

The highs Friday and Saturday will be only in the mid-40s.

On Friday evening, the low will be close to 22, and on Saturday night, it will be around 29.

"It's going to be breezy on Friday, so that's going to make it feel colder," Linton said.

"There will be northwest winds of 15 to 25 miles per hour. During the middle of the day, the wind chill values are going to be in the middle 30s. On Sunday, some moderation in temperatures will begin to occur, and the high will be in the mid-50s."

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New gas station will use right-in, right-out entrance



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Mistrial declared in Slager trial

Michael Slager (center) walks from the Charleston County Courthouse on Monday under the protection from the Charleston County Sheriff's Department in Charleston.



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Jury deadlocked in shooting of motorist by former officer

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Darlington County Council hears more about solar power

Two departing members lauded

BY BRYAN TALLE
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DARLINGTON — Darlington County Council Chairman Bobby Fludson opened a regular monthly meeting Monday by recognizing two council members who are departing at the end of their terms.

Williamina P. Johnson has represented Darlington on the council for 28 years.

"It has been a wonderful experience," Johnson said. "I have truly enjoyed it, every minute of it."

Johnson said the county has made good progress during her seven terms in office, and she urged her colleagues and staff to "keep it up."

Robbin Brock of Hartsville is wrapping up his four-year term. Brock was the emergency services director for the county for a number of years before he retired and ran for a council seat.

They both lost their bids for reelection in their respective primaries in June.

During a short break in the meeting, Johnson and Brock were treated to a brief reception. They both received special presentations, and fellow council members heaped accolades on them and thanked them for their years of service.

In other business, members heard more about solar energy systems.

Two solar energy industry representatives appeared before the council to voice concerns over some proposed changes to the provision of the county's Development Standards Ordinance that deals with renewable energy systems such as solar facilities.

An out-of-state company that develops solar energy systems, also known as solar farms, wants to locate on 180 acres of land in the Byrdtown community. The facility would include approximately 100,000 solar panels for generating electricity.

A number of residents of the com-

Cory Fowler, pictured with daughter Adelyn, started her business Convent Creations in September, and it has taken off, thanks to word-of-mouth and social media.



A crockin' good time



CECILIA PHILLIPS/ARMANDO NEWS

Courtney Driggers (left) and Katy Stroman empty cans of cream of chicken soup into each freezer bag that participants in the Convent Creations party took home at the end of the night.

Florence woman starts business to help other busy moms

BY MELISSA ROLLINS
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FLORENCE — Cory Fowler knows that moms

stay busy. A former teacher turned stay-at-home mom to Adelyn, now 20 months old, Fowler is on the come all day long. Come dinner time, she said, she didn't always have

time to put a home-cooked meal on the table.

Now through her part-time business, Convent Creations, she is helping other moms see it, forget it

and go about their day.

The business started unexpectedly, Fowler said.

"This all fell into my lap.

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Girls University hosts ribbon-cutting after joining chamber

Ashli Smart, national program director and co-owner of Girls University, talks about the after-school



BY JOE PERRY
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FLORENCE — Motivate

end workshops.

Located on Celebration Boulevard, the business opened its doors in August and hosted a Monday

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