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USC BASEBALL

NCAA REGIONAL RETURNS TO COLUMBIA

Planning to host tournament began long before Gamecocks selected

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The morning sun beat down Thursday on Founders Park. The air had that thick, hot, South Carolina-summer quality, and the garnet seats gleamed bright in the light.

A year ago, this field was silent. Not so Thursday morning.

The dull thud of a fungo bat propelled balls toward Gamecocks baseball players taking infield. Coaches shouted jokes at players, giving them some lip as everyone seemed loose, free and easy. One year ago, Columbia experienced a spring without NCAA Tour-

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name baseball for the first time in 16 years, and everyone seemed happy to have it back.

"It's fun when you get to play at home," South Carolina ace Clarke Schmidt said. "Especially when you have an atmosphere when



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South Carolina's Jonah Bride and Matt Vogel watch batting practice Thursday morning at Founders Park. The Gamecocks open NCAA tourney play Friday against Rhode Island.

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Haley supports furling flag in Citadel chapel

Anniversary of shooting is time to remember families, the good and bad of massacre's aftermath, S.C. governor says

Republican says expanding waiting periods for background checks on gun purchases would not solve problem

Divisive rhetoric leads to violence, Haley says

BY JAMIE SELF
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A look at what SC legislators did — or didn't — do for you this year. **3A**

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SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Autism fails to halt student's journey to graduation

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Florene Hanley-Fulks couldn't stay in her seat Thursday.

As her son neared the stage at Spring Valley High School's graduation, she giggled and bounced in her chair, then stood up and walked down toward the end of the stage.

She stood there watching, eyes watering and hands clasped over her face, as Ethan



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Mom Florene Hanley-Fulks: 'I'm excited about his future.'

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Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. (from left), Florence County Sheriff Kenney Boone and Florence attorney Hood Temple share a laugh Thursday at a Leatherman campaign event.

Leatherman: Gov. Haley should use 'good common sense' on roads bill

BY JOSHUA LLOYD
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FLORENCE — South Carolina Senate President Pro-Tempore Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. told a crowd of more than 150 at a campaign event Thursday evening that Gov. Nikki Haley should "use good common sense one time" and sign the roads bill approved by the House- and Senate into law.

The plan puts more than \$4 bil-

lion toward road and bridge repairs over the next 10 years and includes comprehensive Department of Transportation reform.

The bill had little opposition in both chambers.

Leatherman took a jab at Haley — who heavily criticized the 36-year incumbent in Florence on Wednesday during an endorsement of one of his primary election opponents — and said the governor should

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Veterans' tax cut passes; ethics bills on hold again

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Bills that give military retirees a tax cut, shorten South Carolina's legislative session by three weeks and ban ticket quotas in law enforcement are among the

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Bill requires colleges to post misconduct by Greek groups

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COLUMBIA — South Carolina's public colleges soon could be required to post online misconduct violations by fraternities and sororities.

Under the "Tucker Hipps Transparency Act," approved by state lawmakers Thursday, colleges must update a website with violations related to alcohol, drugs, sexual or physical assault, or hazing by members of Greek organizations.

The bill, headed to Gov. Nikki Haley for her signature or veto, was named after a Clemson University student whose body was found in Lake Hartwell after a pre-dawn run with other fraternity members in 2014.

"This is actually going to help fraternities," said state Rep. Josh Putnam, R-Anderson, who spent much of Thursday watching the state Senate debate the bill. "It's going to help improve their image within communities because they're going to do a better job of policing themselves. They're going to have a better standing within communities ..."

"You're going to see college campuses become safer because of this bill. ... Hopefully, we'll see these horrible instances be avoided."

If Haley signs the bill into law, colleges would be required to post

DANIELS IN CONCERT



JOSHUA LLOYD/MORNING NEWS

Charlie Daniels (right) plays in Florence.

The Charlie Daniels Band played at the FMU Performing Arts Center on Thursday. The Grammy Award-winning group is well established in the country music world with hits like "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" and "Long Haired Country Boy" that span multiple generations of music lovers.

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Tucker Hipps bill passes Legislature

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COLUMBIA — A bill that would require South Carolina colleges and universities to post online student conduct violations by fraternities and sororities passed the Legislature Thursday after it was changed to clarify what violations should be included.

The Senate by unanimous request gave the bill, known as the Tucker Hipps Transparency Act, final approval, almost three months after a version of the

bill passed the House unanimously.

The House concurred by a vote of 99-0 with minutes left in this year's regular legislative session, sending the bill to Gov. Nikki Haley's desk.

Hipps was a Clemson University sophomore from Piedmont whose body was found in Lake Hartwell in 2014 after a pre-dawn run with members of a fraternity to which he had pledged. His family has filed lawsuits seeking damages for the family's loss against three individual members of the fraternity, the local chapter and national fraternity and

Clemson University.

The House limited the bill to posting violations of fraternities and sororities but that was broadened to all student organizations after the legislation moved through the Senate Education Committee.

A late amendment by Sen. Tom Young of Aiken Thursday returned the focus to Greek organizations and would require schools to report violations involving alcohol, drugs, sexual assault, physical assault or hazing. The House version had included endangerment, threats and

harm to others, but Young questioned how schools would define those terms.

No students' names or personal identifying information would be included in the reports, though the fraternities and sororities would be named. The reports would also note any police reports that would be available through requests under the state Freedom of Information Act.

The Senate debated the bill some Wednesday night and Thursday before

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MOPED REGS PASS WITHOUT INSURANCE

Bill would require license, vests, tags, and operators to obey traffic laws

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COLUMBIA — Moped operators would have to purchase a license plate, wear reflective vests and follow state traffic laws under a bill that is headed to the governor's desk.

The Senate gave final approval of the measure Thursday afternoon and the House concurred in the waning minutes of the Legislature's session this year.

Sen. Greg Hembree, an Horry County Republican and former prosecutor who shepherded the bill in the Senate, agreed to remove a requirement that operators have liability insurance, saying the issue was complex because of the driving history of some moped operators. He told the Senate the issue of insurance will be studied further before lawmakers return next January.

That means motorists until then will face the same situation they do today if they are in an accident with a moped operator. Senators suggested that motorists carry uninsured protection.

The Senate on Thursday voted 41-1 to give the bill final approval without debate. The House concurred by a vote of 68-31.

"The moped bill is focused on public safety," Hembree told *The Greenville News*.

The legislation, years in the making, was the result of concerns by law enforcement and a spike in moped-related accidents.

Hembree told the Senate this week the legislation is aimed at finding the "sweet spot" that allows regulation as well as transportation for those who cannot afford other ways of getting around.

He said the bill is strongly supported by moped dealers and law enforcement.

"On the question of general safety, they are passionate about seeing this legislation move through," he told the Senate earlier this week. "They're the ones having to tell mamas, 'Your 19-year-old college student was just killed.' They're the ones seeing the most extreme and regular consequences of the system we have now, which is no system at all."

According to the state Office of Highway Safety, 55 people died in moped accidents in 2015, up from 35 in 2014, a 57 percent increase.

That compares to about a 16 percent increase in traffic deaths overall near the end of 2015.

The bill would define mopeds, including a three-wheel version, and require operators wear reflective



"The moped"

Haley backs removing Confederate flag from Citadel

JAMIE SELF
THE STATE

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Speaking to reporters Thursday in her office as the anniversary of the Charleston massacre draws near, Haley blamed the federal background-check process for the gun sale, adding expanding the waiting period for background checks would not solve the problem.

"You can expand it multiple days, but if you don't fix the system, ... none of this matters. If I give you six more days, how are you going to prove to me that it's going to fix it?"

Haley was speaking to reporters ahead of the first anniversary of the June 17 massacre of nine churchgoers in Charleston.

The shootings — and the community's response — prompted Haley to push for the removal of the Confeder-

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Blue Angels crash in Tennessee kills pilot

Earlier in day, a member of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds ejects before a crash in Colorado

Marine Capt. Jeff Kuss killed

BY KRISTIN M. HALL AND LOLITA G. BALDOR
Associated Press

SMYRNA, TENN.

A Blue Angels F/A-18 fighter jet crashed Thursday near Nashville, Tenn., killing the pilot just days before a weekend air show performance, officials said.

A U.S. official said the pilot was Marine Capt. Jeff Kuss. The official was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. According to his official Blue Angels biography, Kuss joined the elite acrobatics team in 2014 and accumulated more than 1,400 flight hours.

Harry Gill, the town manager in Smyrna just outside Nashville, said Thursday that the pilot was the only casualty and no civilians on the ground were hurt.

The Navy said in a news release that the pilot was beginning to take off during an afternoon practice session when the crash happened. Five other F/A-18 jets landed safely moments after the crash.

"My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of the Blue Angels after this tragic loss. I know that the Navy and Marine Corps Team is with me. We will investigate this accident fully and do all we can to prevent similar incidents in the future," Adm. John Richardson, the Navy's top officer, said in a Facebook post.

This is the second fighter jet crash of the day for the military's elite fighter jet performance teams. A member of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds crashed in Colorado following a flyover for the Air Force Academy

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“I'M ALWAYS SO FASCINATED BY THEM. ... THEN SOMETHING TRAGIC LIKE THIS HAPPENS. MY HEART IS



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Workers with Moran Environmental Recovery use absorbent material to soak up oil at Lady's Island Marina on Thursday.

COAST GUARD

Hospital, marina oil spills 'similar'

The U.S. Coast Guard estimates 25 to 50 gallons of 'heavy' oil has been found at Lady's Island Marina

'No. 5 Fuel Oil,' a heavy fuel, was type of product that leaked at Beaufort Memorial Hospital

Coast Guard lab will fingerprint oil to determine whether there is a link between marina, hospital spills

BY WADE LIVINGSTON
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The oil found in the water at the Lady's Island Marina is similar to the type of oil that leaked from Beaufort Memorial Hospital into the Beaufort River on Sunday, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Chief Warrant Officer Dan Ferrell, who was supervising cleanup efforts at the marina Thursday afternoon, called the oil that stained the hulls of boats and blackened the reeds on Easton Creek's banks "a

arate incident at this point," Ferrell said when asked about possible links between the oil at the marina and in the river near the hospital. But when asked if the oil at the marina had similar characteristics to oil No. 5 — the type of product a hospital spokesperson says spilled into the river Sunday — he replied: "It's a heavier product, yes."

The cleanup effort at the marina should wrap up Friday, Ferrell said. He estimated that 25 to 50 gallons of oil were found around the marina. Samples of that oil have been sent to the Coast Guard's lab in

spokesperson Petty Officer Steve Lehman said, and should point to the source of the oil — the responsible party. Meanwhile, the investigation continues.

Late Thursday morning, a group of a half-dozen paddle boarders glided down Factory Creek as a team of Moran Environmental Recovery contractors cleaned the black oil slick from underneath the docks.

"They're OK," Ferrell said, when asked if the oil posed any danger to the group. The Coast Guard has not received reports of wildlife being affected by the oil, he said. He gestured to the reeds on banks opposite the docks; some of the grass might be lost, he said, despite clean-up efforts.

Lehman said no bird habitats had been affected by the spill at the marina.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's

fowl and fur-bearing mammals (coating and ingestion)." Long-term sediment contamination is also possible.

The Environmental Protection Agency classifies "No. 5 Fuel Oil" as a medium to heavyweight material that is "difficult, if not impossible, to disperse."

The Coast Guard lab will "fingerprint the oil so (it) can determine where it came from," Lehman said, and "what kind of machinery was using it prior to it being found in the waterway."

On Friday, the Coast Guard will start the "vessel decontamination" process at the marina.

Boat owners were informed of the optional service at a meeting Wednesday night, Ferrell said. Participating boats will be towed to a nearby decontamination area and have their hulls wiped down with a citrus-based cleaner and pressure-washed with high-temperature water.

The service is free to boat owners since it is covered under the national Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, Ferrell said, explaining that the cleanup effort at the marina was a federal project.

He declined to comment on

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NEWS DIGEST

Chief resigns; city won't say why

SIMPSONVILLE — Simpsonville's police chief has resigned after being suspended for being "unprofessional to employees or customers" and for violating policies or procedures, city officials announced, without specifying what, exactly, they believe he did wrong.

Police Chief Keith Grounsell resigned Wednesday just before he was to be fired by a majority of city council members. Deputy Chief Steve Moore will serve as acting chief until a permanent replacement can be found, the city's news release said.

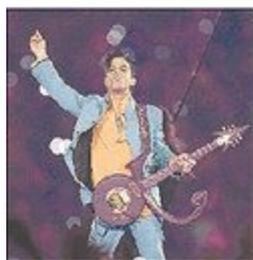
"We thank Keith Grounsell for his service to the people of Simpsonville," Mayor Janice Curtis said afterward. "We wish him well in his law enforcement career."

Curtis said that she and other council members had lost faith in Grounsell's ability to do his job.

Grounsell said in his resignation letter that his official last day on the job will be June 17.

—From wire reports

NATION & WORLD



Autopsy: Prince died from opioid overdose

Prince died of an overdose of fentanyl, a powerful opioid painkiller that is up to 50 times more potent than heroin, autopsy results released Thursday show. The findings confirm suspi-

PERMANENT FIXES IN SHORT SUPPLY

Session draws to a close

But lawmakers make progress

By Cassie Cope
The (Columbia) State

COLUMBIA — Permanent fixes to major issues — repairing the state's roads and rebuilding poor schools — were outstanding as the 2016 legislative session drew to a close

Thursday.

Still, S.C. lawmakers did some things for you this session.

A start to fixing roads

S.C. lawmakers approved a borrowing proposal that will pay for \$4 billion in road-and-bridge repairs during the next 10 years.

In Richland and Lexington

counties, the largest project will be widening and upgrading the interchanges in Malfunction Junction, the poorly designed, congested area around the intersection of Interstates 20 and 26.

The Transportation Department also estimates it will spend \$38 million in Richland and \$37 million in Lexington to repave roads. Specific roads are not yet available, the

Transportation Department said, adding that will depend on annual assessments.

Also, of the nearly 400 bridges to be replaced statewide, 24 are in Richland and 10 are in Lexington.

The roads bill still must be signed into law by Gov. Nikki Haley.

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WORK STILL MONTHS AWAY



Traffic slows along Highway 9 in Boiling Springs at the intersection of Shoally Creek Road. The state Department of Transportation is looking at widening Highway 9 from Interstate 85 to Shoally Creek Road. JOHN BYRUM/JOHN.BYRUM@SHJ.COM

Drivers could get some relief

Widening of Fourth Street may give residents an alternative to main route

Spartanburg County engineer Ron Kirby said the widening of Fourth Street is in the design phase, and work could begin in several months at the point where Fourth Street intersects with

considered. The changes should help ease congestion at one of the busiest intersections on Highway 9 during rush hour, Kirby said.

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