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## Judge's orders to jury key for Slager

Case likely to hinge on guidelines for officers' use of deadly force

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For a month, jurors have heard testimony aimed at helping them decide whether former police officer Michael Slager committed a crime when he fatally shot Walter Scott.

But with Slager's murder trial near-

ing a close this week, it's what they will hear from a judge that could be most crucial to deciding the outcome.

A cellphone video showed how the North Charleston patrolman shot Scott in the back as the 50-year-old ran away. But the officer said that Scott had taken his Taser during a fight, which prompted his gunfire in self-defense.



Slager

Over the past decades, the country's top judges have grappled with devising standards for police officers' use of deadly force. Many of their rulings revolved around whether an officer reasonably believed at the time that force was necessary to deal with a threat.

"This is about a police officer engaged in the scope of his duty," lead

defense attorney Andy Savage said in an interview before Slager's trial. "That's the essence of this case: What was Slager thinking when he fired the first shot?"

But the legal precedents that heavily favor police officers have emerged from civil lawsuits, and their application in criminal cases like Slager's has been left largely to state courts. While South Carolina law on police shootings remains debatable, the state's provisions on self-defense also give leeway for justifying force. That's why Slager's case is likely to hinge on the

legal guidelines Circuit Judge Clifton Newman orders jurors to use in weighing his fate.

It's a milestone that could come by midweek, and the jury could start deliberating by the week's end. The defense is expected to offer about 10 more witnesses over three days before resting its case.

Sometime early this week, meanwhile, defense lawyers and prosecutors will tell the judge what the jury's deliberation instructions should entail.

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## Gamecock fever

Diverse, record crowds get fired up over Staley's winning basketball team



South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley greets fans after defeating Jacksonville, 77-41, during the first round of the NCAA Tournament in March in Columbia.

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Dawn Staley grabbed a Colonial Life Arena microphone almost as soon as her South Carolina basketball team completed a 73-47 drubbing of Kansas State last March in a second-round NCAA

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USC women top Louisville. **C1**

Tournament game.

"I want to thank you on behalf of our seniors for giving them an experience like no other," the Gamecocks head coach said to

10,048 people, almost all of them on their feet. "Like no other in the country."

It wasn't even close. The legacy of any successful sports run is arranged around championships, and Staley's program has already banked three Southeastern Conference titles and a 2014 trip to the Final Four.

Just as impressively, South Carolina led the nation in women's basketball attendance for the 2015-16 basketball season and the Gamecocks' home average of 14,364 was almost 4,000 more than runner-up Tennessee.

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## Mt. P. to push for green spaces

Limits for developers to boost conservation

BY DAVID SLADE  
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MOUNT PLEASANT — This fast-growing town has tightened a regulation expected to apply to future developments by saying freshwater wetlands can't be counted when calculating required open space.

Town council approved the change earlier this month and, unlike some of the more controversial development restrictions council has approved, saw no public pushback from developers.

Developers are now required to leave certain percentages of their land as open space, ranging from 50 percent to less than 10 percent, depending on location and zoning.

Under previous rules, freshwater wetlands — land that couldn't be built upon anyway — counted when calculating open space. Saltwater wetlands did not.

"You still have to have the open space," said Christiane Farrell, the town's director of planning and development. "It needs to be high ground; that's different."

She said the most recent large development approved by the town — 210-acre Liberty Hill Farm on Rifle Range Road — achieved more than the town-required 25 percent open space without using freshwater wetlands. That was before the new rules were approved.

The regulation will be particularly important for large planned developments with conservation zoning at the north end of town.

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## Springfield Elementary helps students aim higher

Gifted, talented strategy taps into potential

BY PAUL BOWERS  
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## 'Illegal' voting gave Clinton overall edge, Trump says without evidence

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# The State



Burton-Pack Elementary third-graders Jada Jamison and Edrina Owens work on their multiplication equations while walking and balancing in a new action-based learning lab.

## Kids exercise bodies, minds

Burton-Pack Elementary's action-based labs aim to help kids stay alert, focused

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**S**itting still at a desk makes 10-year-old Lionel Watson's legs sleepy, he said.

Sitting for long periods can make your brain sleepy, too, especially as an elementary school student.

When a case of the wiggles hits students at Burton-Pack Elementary School in Columbia, the kids can let them out in the school's two new action-based learning labs.

The labs are a \$58,000 experiment that might help students focus better in class and perform better academically.

"We need to pay more attention to the overall health of our children because that's the determining factor to whether they succeed in school," said Carol Watson, the school's action-based learning teacher. "They have to be well-rounded."

Burton-Pack is the only



Third-graders, from left, Za'riah Archie, Jo'twan Prohet, Juelz Corbin and Fernando Lee take turns quizzing each other.

school in Richland 1 to have dedicated learning labs with exercise equipment, new this year.

The school also has a new "kinesthetic classroom" with pedal desks and motion chairs, where a math teacher pulls in students such as fifth-grader Watson from their regular classes for more focused help.

A team of University of South Carolina graduate students is studying the Bur-

ton-Pack students' action-based learning and the effects on their classroom behavior and comprehension.

"We'd hope it would kind of decrease the distraction in the class and increase their activity levels," said Lindsay Decker, a graduate student of exercise science. They will continue to study the children through spring, she said.

On a recent morning, students in Tara Carpenter's third-grade class paired off to

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**WE NEED TO GO BACK TO WHAT WE USED TO DO AND GET OUR CHILDREN MORE ACTIVE.**

Carol Watson, action-based learning teacher at Burton-Pack Elementary School

quiz one another with multiplication flash cards while exercising on equipment that included an elliptical, a moon walker and a lateral snowboard.

"I'd rather be in here," 8-year-old Janiah McCoy said. "I like going places and getting out of the classroom."

Janiah was in constant motion as she read multiplication problems aloud and then looked at a large chart in

CATHY NOVINGER

## 'Her legacy will live long'

■ Cathy Novinger, who broke Columbia's glass ceiling as a female business executive, died Sunday after a years-long battle with cancer.

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Cathy Novinger, a woman who made a name in Columbia's business and civic life at a time when few women had much influence — particularly in corporate circles — died Sunday after a years-long battle with cancer.

Her sister, Donna Blackburn Jumper, posted the news on Facebook. "My wonderful sister made her walk to meet Jesus this morning," Jumper wrote. "She was such an influence on so many who knew her."

Novinger's age and circumstances surrounding her death were not immediately available. But the pastor of her church, Trinity Baptist in Cayce, said visitation is scheduled for Saturday with services on Sunday. But times for those events had not been determined Sunday.

"Her fight with cancer is an inspiration for anybody who's been sick," said Sen. Nikki Setzler, recently re-elected to become South Carolina's most senior state senator.

"Cathy never complained about her illness," said the Lexington County senator, who knew Novinger more than 40 years and attends Trinity Baptist, too. "She was always ready to go and get things done. If she undertook a task, she was fearless."

Novinger was once the only woman on the executive staff of South Carolina Electric & Gas



Novinger

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KATIE MCLEAN/INDEPENDENT MAIL  
Clemson bioengineering senior Nardine Ghobrial listens to a lecture earlier this month.

## Women engineering change

But challenges remain in classroom, workplace

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Women who aspire to be engineers have to deal with a men's club in university classes, labs and workplaces.

"During my three years at Clemson, I have had five women professors," said Crystal Pee, a junior from Myrtle Beach studying chemical engineering and business administration. "In my engineering classes, I have only had two women professors; therefore, 10 percent of my classes have had a woman professor."

Women claimed just 26 percent of all engineering degrees awarded in 2013 and 30 percent of all STEM graduates in the United States, according to the advocacy group Women in Science and Engineer-

ing. They make up just 19 percent of Clemson's engineering faculty, and account for only 35 percent of all faculty throughout the university.

The numbers aren't any better for Clemson students. Pee said her engineering classes are "approximately 70 percent men and 30 percent women." Women have to contend with issues that their male peers don't, like the relative lack of female mentors and occasionally chauvinist or sexist behavior directed at them. And those things come on top of the heavy course loads, lab time and other school and societal pressures shouldered by all students, regardless of gender.

These discrepancies aren't at all unique to Clemson or Upstate workplaces, and none of the women inter-

viewed claimed any kind of institutional insensitivity or discrimination from Clemson officials. In fact, the university just landed a \$3.4 million National Science Foundation grant to look at ways to promote inclusion in science, technology, engineering and math studies, internships and employment.

Achieving that inclusion will require addressing the pressures unique to women students and professionals in engineering fields. They report being expected to do clerical work that is not expected of men. They dread having their concerns discounted when they complain about occasionally thoughtless male behavior (dirty jokes, dismissive responses from supervisors, leering, sexual advances, etc.), and many feel isolated in lecture halls, labs and workplaces. There should

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## Drought threatens drinking water

Shortages in South becoming noticeable

JEFF MARTIN

ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Southside grad finds success

Love of football takes Ellis on long journey to W. Va.

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Six years after playing his last football game at Southside High School, Shaq Ellis is still playing the sport he loves.

But he's far from the NFL, far from home and far from doing anything he ever thought he'd be doing at this point in his life.

Ellis, 23, is a student-athlete at Bethany College, which competes on the NCAA Division III level in Bethany, West Virginia. He arrived in Bethany after a couple of years in Bottineau, North Dakota.

"As far as getting from Point A to Point B, he has definitely taken a route to get there," said Andy Upton, Bethany's wide receivers coach.

Ellis used up more of the alphabet than just A and B.

"He's definitely been a journeyman," Hillcrest High School football coach Greg Porter said.

Ellis hasn't reached his destination, but he has become a role model, an inspiration, the epitome of a student-athlete.

Upton said Ellis' maturity has been a "blessing," with Upton coaching a unit comprised of younger players. M.E. Yancosek Gamble, chair of the Department of Communication and Media Arts at Bethany, said all the students in her class look up to Ellis.

As other young people are about to embark on their journeys, Ellis has words of inspiration packaged and ready to send.

"What I would say is have a plan and stick to it," Ellis said. "If it was easy, everybody would do it. That's something I've always gone by. Nothing's going to come easy. Fight, keep...









## WOFFORD GETS READY FOR REMATCH

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## PANTHERS DROP HEARTBREAKER TO RAIDERS

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DOWNTOWN SPARTANBURG

## Renovation project



This building, which once housed the Aug. W. Smith Department Store and later the Bishop Furniture Store, is being looked at by a Greenville real estate firm for a renovation project that would include apartments and retailers.

ALEX HICKS JR./SPARTANBURG HERALD-JOURNAL

### NEWS DIGEST

#### Board chairman: Extra fines could hurt care

COLUMBIA — If lawmakers force South Carolina's disabilities agency to punish providers more severely, they will be less likely to help disabled people, the chairman of the board that runs the agency said.

The agency's executive director spent two hours being grilled by senators during a budget hearing last month, and that experience didn't sit well with South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Commission Chairman Bill Danielson.

He especially didn't like one suggestion from Sen. Thomas Alexander that providers need to face stiffer fines to stop repeated poor decisions and behaviors.

"The only way you can be punitive is to take money away from providers, which takes money away from consumers — which is a no-win situation. We're going to do what we're being asked to do, which is provide audits to the legislators, provide all the documentation," Danielson said.

He made similar comments to the state agency's board earlier this month.

#### Aiken deputies shoot man with machete

AIKEN — Authorities say Aiken County deputies have shot a man with a machete who also said he had a gun before moving toward the officers.

Aiken County Sheriff's spokesman Stephen Shunn said in a news release that the deputies were responding to call about a man standing in a residential street in Clearwater with a gun around midnight Saturday.

Shunn says the man was shot twice and was taken to the hospital. His condition has not been released.

The sheriff's office also did not

#### Developer plans apartments, retail in vacant building

By Alyssa Mulligan  
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a renovation project that would bring apartments and retailers to the historic building.

The building, located at 174 E. Main St., was once occupied by the Aug. W. Smith

46 market-rate apartment units and multiple ground-level storefront businesses.

Assistant City Manager Chris Story said the building has been underutilized for years and city staff has con-

### ELECTION AFTERMATH

## Clinton decision to join recount effort under scrutiny

By Amy B. Wang  
and Matt Zapposky  
The Washington Post

President-elect Donald Trump unleashed a tweetstorm on Sunday morning about plans by Hillary Clinton's campaign to join in the election recount in Wisconsin initiated by Green Party candidate Jill Stein.

His sentiments were soon echoed by Kellyanne Conway, his senior adviser and former campaign manager, who went so far on Sunday as to criticize the Clinton campaign for making the decision after Trump had been "magnanimous" in backing off his promise to prosecute the former secretary of state — even though the two issues are unrelated.

Trump had already begun sounding off against the recount efforts late Saturday, when he called them a "scam" by the Green Party to "fill up their coffers." He also criticized the Democrats for joining the effort.

Just after 7 a.m. Sunday, Trump resumed his criticism, saying that Clinton had conceded the election in her phone call to him before his victory speech Nov. 9 and that nothing would change.

Trump then spent five tweets quoting parts of Clinton's responses at the third presidential debate, during which she blasted Trump for telling moderator Chris Wallace that he would "keep you in suspense" rather than outright promise to accept the election results.

At the debate, Clinton had called Trump's answer "horrifying" and "a direct threat to our democracy."

Trump's tweets: "Hillary's debate answer on



Clinton



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## CLEMSON MEN REACH ELITE 8

The Tigers defeated 14-seed Albany in the NCAAAs with two goals in the second half. **1B**



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## BIKERS DONATE TOYS TO UNDERPRIVILEGED KIDS



Santa and Mrs. Claus join the annual Jack Hurley Anderson Toy Parade on Sunday at the Civic Center of Anderson.

FRANCES PARRISH

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Two by two, thousands of bikers rode their motorcycles Sunday afternoon through Anderson with dolls, stuffed animals and other toys strapped to the back of their bikes to be donated to children in need.

The motorcyclists were drawn to the annual Jack Hurley Anderson Toy Parade to make sure local children would have gifts for Christmas.

The Toy Parade, organized by Confederates Motorcycle Club, wound its way from the Watson Shopping Village to the Civic Center of Anderson, where the bikers lined up to load toys into two box trucks and a utility trailer.

As they drove up to the Civic Center, a small crowd on the side of the road

### Online

Visit [independentmail.com](http://independentmail.com) to see more photos of the parade.

watched, waved and cheered on the bikers. Meriam Smith and her 5-year-old son Eli sat in the back of their sport utility vehicle waiting for Smith's husband and older son to come ride past in the parade.

The family's tradition of participating in the parade started six or seven years ago.

"I think it's awesome that the community can come together and help those who are less fortunate," Smith said. "It also teaches the children the meaning of giving."

The goal of the parade is to donate

gifts to Anderson Cares, a program in Share of Anderson that distributes the donated gifts to families.

"It's overwhelming," said Sonya Mackey, of Anderson Cares, as she watched people loading toys into trucks. "There's so many toys and gifts for underprivileged children. We appreciate what everyone does. They did great this year."

Mackey said this year about \$30,000 worth of toys were donated, and they will be boxed up and sent to families in December.

"Our motto is to make sure no child wakes on Christmas without a gift to unwrap," Mackey said. "We try to spread the Christmas joy as far as we can."

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## Drought threatens drinking water in the South

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

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It's no better in Tennessee, where about 300 of the state's 480 water systems serve areas suffering moderate to exceptional drought, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency said.

Across the South, communities relying on depleted watersheds can't afford to waste what they've got left, said Denise Gutzmer at the National Drought Mitigation Center in Lincoln, Nebraska.

"For some of these small communities, they are in trouble and they will need to be very careful about their water use to conserve," Gutzmer said. "Just like when a bank account gets low, you become much more conscientious about how you spend the remaining dollars you have to spend."

Gutzmer collects the most granular consequences of the nation's weather for the Drought Impact Reporter. She logged the complaints of a hay producer in Winchester, Tennessee, whose

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## Anderson County nonprofits to participate in Giving Tuesday

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After Anderson County residents spend money on gifts for family and friends on Black Friday and Cyber Monday,

### Want to help?

To donate to a nonprofit on Tuesday, visit [andersongives.org](http://andersongives.org). The Magical Night of Giving at Anderson Mall will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

help each other raise money through the campaign.

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## An 'Awesome' blessing



STAFF PHOTO BY THOMAS GARDINER

The Wish Project founder with the first "Wish Kid" Aaron Johnson on his \$1,500 shopping spree Tuesday in Aiken.

## Wish Project grants area middle schooler's wish

BY THOMAS GARDINER  
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A local kid's wish for a ray of hope came shining through from a new-found charity called The Wish Project. Schofield Middle School student Aaron Johnson left the front doors Tuesday to find a limousine waiting out front to pick him up from school.

The limo, courtesy of The Wish Project, scooped Johnson up for a \$1,500 shopping spree.

Johnson has been wearing some of life's burden's like a ton of bricks on his shoulders and was selected by the program to try and lighten that burden with a little hope and happiness. Johnson's father passed away recently, which left a lifelong impres-

sion. He's also had some struggles with school.

Johnson is an avid reader, but his teachers said he has struggled with math. He has been in a special education classroom to bolster his arithmetic skills.

One of his teachers, Cherity Robinson, said he is a well-mannered and kind young man.

"The first thing he asked when we got into The Wish Project was 'How do I volunteer and help grant wishes for others?' He's very deserving," she said.

On top of all of it, Johnson's mother is fighting Stage 4 cancer and has a terminal diagnosis.

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## Aiken County considering lifting hiring freeze



BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND  
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Aiken County Council is considering lifting the county's hiring freeze, a measure enacted roughly seven years ago to ensure the County maintains healthy finances.

The hiring freeze was put in place in March 2009 during the country's Great Recession and allows council to evaluate on a case-by-case basis, through attrition, the value of open positions, said Aiken County Assistant Administrator Brian Sanders.

Previous Aiken Standard reports also referenced to a then-

Council "saw it coming."

"It hit us later than a lot of places in America, but it did hit and that was when Council was getting rightfully, a little nervous about the prospects of the future."

Since it was enacted, Sanders said, it has been constant and at each of the County Council meetings, which there are approximately 18 a year. There, Council evaluates vacancies and their value.

Should the freeze be lifted, the county would go back to pre-March 2009 conditions, when if a department has a vacancy and the vacancy is in the budget, as soon as they find

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**Henry McMaster**

## 5 issues would-be governor may face

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COLUMBIA — Moving into the South Carolina governor's mansion means Henry McMaster would inherit the Palmetto State's most pressing issues, among them responding to a school-equity lawsuit and repairing the state's crumbling roads and bridges.

The lieutenant governor is expected to replace Gov. Nikki Haley if she is confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be President-elect Donald Trump's ambassador to the United Nations.

McMaster's stances on the top issues are not as well-known as Haley's. And for now, he's not taking questions, staying quiet since Haley's nomination was announced Wednesday.

Still, it's certain he'll face the usual decisions of what takes priority as he works with the General Assembly on how to spend money. And the demands on the state's pocketbook seem to be particularly acute right now.

Here are, arguably, the top five most pressing things South Carolina's next governor faces.

### Schools

This year, lawmakers approved spending \$430 million more in general fund dollars on education than nine years ago, before the Great Recession.

But the state is spending only slightly higher in inflation-adjusted dollars than before the Great Recession, and it is educating 6 percent more students than before the recession.

Haley pushed lawmakers to spend more on education in recent years on reading coaches, technology and students in poverty. But this year, legislators didn't pass Haley's proposal — the first of its kind in nearly two decades — to spend state money to help poor districts build and renovate schools.

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## Cold-brew is hot



John Keith (left) owns Dolce Vita while Drea Frondorf (center) manages the business and Ranny Starnes cranks out delicious coffee as the cafe's certified Coffee Master.

### Florence establishment adds a dash of science to nationwide trend

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Customers can purchase Flo-Town Cold Brew Coffee and merchandise at Dolce Vita on South Dargan Street in Florence.

that offering cold-brew coffee was his intention ever since his establishment added a cafe.

FLORENCE — Drinking coffee is an individualized experience. Hot or iced. Black or with cream.

The people at Dolce Vita Cafe and More in Florence have embraced the nationwide cold-brew-coffee trend, putting their own twist on it with nitro-infused java.

Owner John Keith said

"Once we started the coffee program here, we started thinking about cold-brew," Keith said.

Ranny Starnes, a certified coffee master who runs the coffee side of Dolce Vita's business, said they wanted to differentiate themselves

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### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Find out more about Flo-Town Cold Brew Coffee by visiting [fletownbrew.com](http://fletownbrew.com) or by stopping at Dolce Vita, 152 S Dargan St. in Florence.

## Salvation Army seeking holiday bicycle donations

From staff reports

FLORENCE — The Salvation Army is seeking bicycle donations for Angel Tree, its Christmas assistance program.

The Angel Tree program allows Florence residents to "adopt" a child during the Christmas season. The child's information is placed on an angel tag that will hang from a Christmas tree in various businesses and organizations in Florence. Individuals

### WANT TO HELP?

» **Donations:** Monetary donations and toys for the Empty Stocking Fund can be brought

and age appropriateness can be verified. Checks should be made payable to the Salvation Army, with "Empty Stocking Fund" written on the memo line.  
» **Hours:** 8 a.m. to







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POLITICS

## Top 5 issues McMaster would face as S.C. gov.



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Donald Trump got an endorsement from Henry McMaster as he visited Harmon Tree Farm near Gilbert in January.

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Moving into the South Carolina governor's mansion means Henry McMaster would inherit the Palmetto State's most pressing issues, among them responding to a school equity lawsuit and repairing the state's crumbling roads and bridges.

The lieutenant governor is expected to replace Gov. Nikki Haley if she is confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be President-elect Donald Trump's ambassador to the United Nations.

McMaster's stances on the top issues are not as well known as

Haley's. And for now, he's not taking questions, staying quiet since Haley's nomination was announced on Wednesday.

Still, it's certain he'll face the usual decisions of what takes priority as he works with the General Assembly on how to spend money. And the demands on the state's pocketbook seem to be particularly acute right now.

Here are, arguably, the top five most pressing things South Carolina's next governor faces.

### SCHOOLS

This year, lawmakers approved spending \$430 million more in general fund dollars on

education than nine years ago, before the Great Recession.

But the state is spending only slightly higher in inflation-adjusted dollars than before the Great Recession, and is educating 6 percent more students than before the recession.

Haley pushed lawmakers to spend more on education in recent years on reading coaches, technology and students in poverty. But this year, legislators failed to pass Haley's proposal — the first of its kind in nearly two decades — to spend state money to help poor districts build and renovate schools.

For decades, districts have had to raise money locally to upgrade facilities — leaving wealthier districts with strong tax bases with a huge advantage over poorer ones.

McMaster likely will have a role in how the state responds to the Abbotsville lawsuit.

State Sen. John Courson, R-Richland, who has chaired the state Senate education commit-

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## Trump slams push to recount vote totals

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WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.

Donald Trump claimed without evidence Sunday that "millions" voted illegally in the presidential election, scoffing at Hillary Clinton's nearly 2 million edge in the popular vote and returning to his campaign mantra of a rigged race even as he prepares to enter the White House in less than two months.

Trump and his lieutenants assailed an effort — now joined by Hillary Clinton — to recount votes in up to three battleground states, calling the push fraudulent, the work of "crybabies" and, in the president-elect's estimation, "sad."

He went on to cast a shadow over the legitimacy of an election that he actually won, tweeting that "I won the popular vote if you deduct the millions of people who voted illegally." He further contended that if the popular vote determined the presidency, "It would have been much easier for me to win" it because he would have altered his campaign to pile up overall vote totals, not Electoral College votes.



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Doug Fender, of Harbor Island, works on a snowman made from Hurricane Matthew debris with his neighbor, Sophia Webb.

BEAUFORT COUNTY

## Residents use debris to bring hope, help after Hurricane Matthew

appear in their yards in the middle of the night.

The snowmen are being created by Doug Fender, a retired FBI bomb technician and special agent.

"It is just for fun," Fender said. "There is no money involved. It is to bring goodwill and a smile to faces."

Fender is one of many people across Beaufort County trying



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