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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Buzz Bites: Haley to be honored, presidential candidate list grows

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article101154682.html>

Avery G. Wilks

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley will receive a big hat tip for her efforts in recruiting businesses to the Palmetto State. The Columbia World Affairs Council will honor the Lexington Republican with the 2016 Global Vision Award at a Nov. 30 black-tie gala. The council's chairman, former Columbia mayor and Democrat Bob Coble, heaped praise on Haley, calling her an "outstanding leader in connecting South Carolina to the global economy. Her record for recruiting investment into South Carolina from the world is second to none."

SC Political News:

The State: Gowdy agrees to 4th District forum, even if Scott can't come

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article101155082.html#storylink=cpy>

Avery G. Wilks

The 4th District forum is back on at Furman University, rescued after an impasse between the candidates over including U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy's congressional bestie, Republican U.S. Sen. Tim Scott. Democratic challenger Chris Fedalei originally wanted a one-on-one event with the Spartanburg Republican. However, Gowdy, by all accounts, wanted Scott and his Democratic opponent, North Charleston pastor Thomas Dixon, on the stage too. Danielle Vinson, the Furman University political scientist organizing the event, said she thought the candidates had reached a compromise: 40 minutes of one-on-one for each race and then a 20-minute, four-candidate discussion. But Vinson, suffering from middleman frustration and a shrinking October calendar, "pulled the plug" earlier this month when – she and Fedalei's campaign said – Gowdy's office wanted to return to the four-candidate format for the entire event.

Post and Courier: U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford is not a Buddhist

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160910/160919948/us-rep-mark-sanford-is-not-a-buddhist>

U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford vehemently denied a recent FITSNews story saying he had undergone a conversion to the Eastern religion Buddhism. The report from the Columbia blog site, which drew from anonymous sources including one "former Sanford staffer," sought to link the new spiritual awakening to Sanford's closer-than-expected GOP primary victory back in June, and the aftermath of his widely publicized extramarital affair in 2009. Asked by Palmetto Politics about the rumor, Sanford suggested the claim was so outlandish he was at first hesitant to even respond. "That's news to me," said Sanford, R-Mount Pleasant. "(The story) highlights what many of us don't like about politics these days, where you throw enough things against the wall and hope something will stick. It's classic

Politics 101."But Sanford said he meant no offense to Buddhism.

The State: Democratic chair squares with SC ETV

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article101155017.html>

Avery G. Wilks

S.C. Democratic Party chairman Jaime Harrison told The Buzz that he had a "thoughtful and constructive conversation" Friday with the president of South Carolina's public broadcasting network over its decision not to televise debates between S.C. candidates this fall. S.C. Democrats, including Harrison, last week railed against the decision. But they had little to show for their efforts Friday. Democrats gathered nearly 700 signatures asking the network to reconsider its decision, made not long after ETV received a request to air a 2nd District debate between U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, R-Springdale, and his Democratic challenger, Columbia librarian Arik Bjorn. In fairness, no date, time or place has been set for that debate, making it hard for any media to agree to cover it.

Aiken Standard : U.S. Senate candidate holds 'long gun rally' at Aiken County Courthouse

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160910/160919974/us-senate-candidate-holds-x2018long-gun-rallyx2019-at-aiken-county-courthouse->

Tripp Girardeau

A Spartanburg man with a genuine long gun from the Revolutionary War-era stood on the Aiken County Judicial Center's front steps Saturday with hopes to spread his message of freeing the Republican and Democratic parties from what he calls "criminals." Bill Bledsoe, a candidate running for U.S. Senate in November, filed as a Constitution and Libertarian candidate against incumbent U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C. Bledsoe has held "long gun rallies" at South Carolina county courthouses across the state, trying to create a "paradigm shift," he said, adding he records each rally he holds, which will be saved in the National Archives forever. "I feel my message is so important that I'm willing to spend my own money and time to get the message out there," he said. "I'm doing this to save my family. I'm doing this to save my country for my 11 grandchildren. We must save our families from the criminals that have taken over the Republican Party and the Democratic Party and now control the government."

SC Agency News:

The State: DJJ officer shares 9/11 story with those too young to remember

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article100929632.html#storylink=cpy>

Bristow Marchant

What does 9/11 mean to those who are too young to remember? That was one motivation for Rose King to share her personal story with the young people she oversees and mentors at the Broad River Road complex of the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice. King, a 53-year-old correctional officer, spoke about her firsthand experience in lower Manhattan on Sept. 11, 2001, at a memorial service held Friday at the campus's Birchwood High School. She retold the terror she felt that day to young inmates for whom 9/11 is something in a history book. "It's therapeutic," King says of recalling indelible memories 15 years later. "The scars don't go away easily." King, was a 38-year-old native New Yorker, taking the train to work from Brooklyn to Manhattan when she got her first news of the terrorist attack from an unusual source. "A homeless man entered the train shouting, 'We're under attack! We're under attack!' " she told the teenage inmates and guests gathered around the Birchwood flag pole. "And like everyone else in that train car that morning, I ignored him." Soon every cell phone on the train was ringing with news that a plane had flown into the north tower of the World

Trade Center...

Greenville News : Greenville County prison on lockdown

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/09/10/greenville-county-prison-lockdown/90193006/>

Anna Lee

A maximum security prison in southern Greenville County remained under lockdown Saturday after a group of inmates refused to return to their cells Friday night. The incident at Perry Correctional Institution in Pelzer triggered a prison-wide lockdown that will likely last until Sunday, said state Sen. Karl Allen of Greenville. Allen, a member of the Senate Corrections and Penology Committee, said officers had regained control of the dorm Saturday and that all inmates were back in their cells. The lockdown was a "precautionary measure," said Dexter Lee, spokesman for the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Due to staff shortages, lockdowns have been a constant at the facility, with inmates were being confined to their cells from 6 p.m. until morning. "These guys — as I best understand — didn't want to be locked down," Allen said. "They knew that if they went back in, they would be locked down until the next day." Lockdowns interrupt prison programs, including visitation, and are dreaded by inmates.

Post and Courier: DHEC changes regulation governing residential treatment facilities for kids

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160910/160919943/dhec-changes-regulation-governing-residential-treatment-facilities-for-kids>

Lauren Sausser

A regulation governing psychiatric institutions for children in South Carolina has been updated for the first time in more than two decades. The changes include requirements to: Report "accidents and incidents" to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. Complete a child's initial assessment and treatment plan prior to their placement or within 72 hours of their arrival. Provide patients an education that meets federal and state standards. DHEC officials will hold a meeting to address changes to the residential treatment facility regulation Tuesday in Columbia. A federal report spanning 2010 to 2013 shows South Carolina places its youngest foster children in such "institutions" at a much higher rate than any other state in the country, even though best practices dictate that kids, even those with challenging psychological problems, should preferably be raised by their own families, by relatives or in foster homes. The Post and Courier explored the state's use of group homes and institutions for children in the 2015 investigation "Warehousing our Children."

Post and Courier: South Carolina tax rule allows some to profit from charitable donations

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160911/160919995/south-carolina-tax-rule-allows-some-to-profit-from-charitable-donations>

David Slade

South Carolina's "educational credit for exceptional needs children" changes every year, but the latest version continues to offer a way for people to save money by "donating" to a scholarship fund for kids with special needs who attend non-public schools. I'm putting "donating" in quotes because, if you make a profit, is it really a donation? The tax credit changes yearly because it survives through annual budget provisos rather than permanent legislation. The largest change this year was the decision to have the state set up its own nonprofit "scholarship funding organization" in place of several independent groups, the largest of which had faced scrutiny after an audit. The tax credit inefficiently funnels public dollars to private schools, pleasing those who support vouchers and school choice, but costing taxpayers more than a dollar for every dollar awarded in scholarships. Scholarships of up to \$11,000 are made to tuition-paying parents and guardians of children with

qualifying special needs.

SC Law Enforcement News:

Post and Courier: S.C. Supreme Court agrees: Police can destroy convenience store to nab a gunman

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160910/160919937/sc-supreme-court-agrees-police-can-destroy-convenience-store-to-nab-a-gunman>

Maya T. Prabhu

A S.C. Supreme Court ruling that absolved police who used a bulldozer to end an armed standoff — destroying a convenience store in the process — isn't sitting well with property rights advocates. "It seems extremely unjust," said Carol LaGrasse, president of the New York-based Property Rights Foundation of America. "The result of this will be that this precedent will hold in South Carolina," she added. "That makes it kind of a free-for-all when a criminal is trying to get away or holding someone (hostage)." The state high court last month ruled against the owners of Spartanburg convenience store where a man held the clerk hostage in 2004, sparking what would become a 12-hour standoff with police. After attempting to end the event with tear gas and then pepper spray, authorities resorted to using a bulldozer on the building to bring the event to a close while causing an estimated \$277,000 in damages.

SC Remembers 9/11:

The State: While too young to remember 9/11, new soldiers vow to help prevent another attack

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/military/article101144327.html#storylink=cpy>

Jeff Wilkinson

U.S. Army Pfc. Jamie Udet of Myrtle Beach was born just across the river from Manhattan in New Jersey and was three years old when two hijacked planes struck the twin towers of the World Trade Center. On this 15th anniversary of 9/11, Udet and the vast majority of other new soldiers of Company D, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, who on Thursday graduated from basic training at Fort Jackson, have little or no first-hand recollection of the nation's deadliest terrorist attack. "I remember the anniversaries and talking to my mother about it when we would travel back to New Jersey and New York," the 18-year-old said. "But it wasn't why I joined the Army." The attacks on the World Trade Towers and the Pentagon and the forced crash of American Airlines Flight 77 in Pennsylvania killed 2,996 people and injured more than 6,000 others.

Aiken Standard: Aiken resident, in NYC on 9/11, remembers tragedy 15 years later

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160910/160919967/aiken-resident-in-nyc-on-911-remembers-tragedy-15-years-later->

Christina Cleveland

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, Liam McGinley was taking his coffee break around 9:40 a.m. in 10 Exchange Place Centre in Jersey City, New Jersey, a 30-story office building over the Hudson River. McGinley, now retired in Aiken, was a building engineer and had a view of the World Trade Center, which Exchange Place was located directly across from. The vantage point also provided him a panoramic view of the Manhattan skyline, he said he feels lucky to have viewed the 16 years he worked there. The parking garage at Exchange Place holds about 500 cars and was always filled. Many people would park in the building, take the elevator down to the lobby, get on the path train and to go to the World Trade Center, McGinley said. He doesn't remember 9/11 feeling any more unusual than the day before. It was a clear, sunny morning. There were no clouds or rain.

Aiken Standard : Aiken County, city law enforcement remember where they were on 9/11
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160910/160919957/aiken-county-city-law-enforcement-remember-where-they-were-on-911>

Tripp Girardeau

This week, several area law enforcement members took a moment to remember where they were Sept. 11, 2001, and consider how things have changed 15 years later. Lt. Karl Odenthal, with the Aiken Department of Public Safety, was already a lieutenant on 9/11. "I remember going to headquarters and the news was on the television in the day room," Odenthal said. "The first plane had already struck the first tower and then I watched as the second plane hit. That was just like, 'Wow!'" After 9/11, Odenthal said he can remember people gaining a better sense of spirituality, as well. "People were more likely to pray for someone else," he said. "More people also started to tell officers that they were doing a good job."

Greenville News : Millennials remember how Sept. 11 changed the world

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/09/10/millennials-remember-how-sept-11-changed-world/89741784/>

Elizabeth LaFleur

Sept. 11, 2001 was a typical morning for Jordana Megonigal. She was 21 and working for an international sporting goods manufacturer in Greenville. It was her first job out of college and she was still trying to get used to life on her own. Shortly after she began her work, a client from Canada called and asked "what's going on down there?" Megonigal was confused. Her office was a large room with many desks, but no televisions. She'd heard murmurs across the office, but didn't yet know the topic was an attack that would change the world forever. Reh Harvey was a 10 year old in a classroom in the Lowcountry. He remembers his principal coming into the class and whispering something to his teacher. It was the day he learned the word "terrorist". It's been 15 years since the Sept. 11 attacks killed almost 3,000 people and injured 6,000. For a generation of now young adults, it was a coming of age moment, one that changed the world they'd grow into over the next decade and a half. The Greenville News sat down with six millennials who were at various stages of growing up when the attacks occurred.

Island Packet: He spent 17 years in the Pentagon — and moved next door just months before 9/11
<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/article100860622.html#storylink=cpy>

Kelly Meyerhoffer

His life is defined by a series of almos. Wayne Clements almost stayed in Indiana for graduate school. But he heard his name was next on the list to be drafted, so he joined the Air Force instead. He was almost in a plane crash during his 20-year career in the Air Force. A heavy snowstorm caused the plane to roll, but the pilot was able to right it. He almost went to Vietnam, even volunteered to go. But the military sent him to California instead to get a master's degree in engineering management. Here's Wayne Clements' biggest almost...

Island Packet : Remembering 9/11 for yourself; interpreting it for your children

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/article100926487.html>

Wade Livingston

When the planes crashed into the towers, it had been six days since Paula Tilley had given birth. She was on maternity leave — "in mommy mode" — at her home in Vernon, N.J., about an hour from New York City. Her 7-year-old daughter was at school, and as Tilley learned more about the terrorist attacks, she wondered if she should pick her up. She called the school and learned it was on

lockdown — blinds drawn, doors shut. Her friend came over. They watched TV. She fed her newborn. She talked to her soon-to-be brother-in-law, who had to walk across the Brooklyn Bridge to get out of the city. Then, they lost cellphone service. Tilley, who's lived on Hilton Head Island for the past decade, cried and prayed that day as millions of Americans did.

Sun News: Fifteen years after 9/11 terror attacks Americans remember sacrifices

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article100830647.html>

Angela Nicholas

Fifteen years after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks that brought down the World Trade Center Twin Towers in New York and altered America's feeling of security forever, retired firefighter David Turner still hides his face in his hands when remembering certain details of the aftermath. For him, the attacks were very personal. Fifteen of his brothers from Battalion 9, Engine 54, Ladder 4, in Manhattan lost their lives responding to the World Trade Center catastrophe. The attacks that began that morning with four fully fueled commercial airplanes hijacked by 19 Islamic extremists from a group called al-Qaeda ended with almost 3,000 deaths and hundreds of injuries. Two planes, American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, both bound for Los Angeles, crashed into the World Trade Center twin towers causing them to fail and crumble to the ground. The fire and building failure killed anyone who had not been evacuated as well as those NYPD officers, NYFD firefighters and Port Authority officers that immediately responded.

The Herald: 'Make it personal': Teaching 9/11 to students as fewer remember it

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article101104642.html#storylink=cpy>

Teddy Kulmala

Joey Moore remembers the knock on the door that interrupted his class one Tuesday morning in September, 15 years ago. The U.S. history teacher at York Comprehensive High School had a classroom full of freshmen at York Junior High School at the time, when a teacher across the hall told him to turn on his television. "Something's going on in New York," he recalled her saying, "something about a plane and the World Trade Center." Moore said he turned on the classroom TV, and he and his class watched as the events of Sept. 11, 2001, unfolded. While they were watching a live newscast of the crash that had just happened at the North Tower of the World Trade Center, a plane crashed into the South Tower. "Every jaw dropped," he said. "We're trying to process — did we just see what we thought we saw?" Tracy Warren, another U.S. history teacher at York, was teaching seventh grade at the time. She remembers trying to hold it together to still answer her students' questions as they watched the horror unfold on TV.

Morning News : Florence motorcade, ceremony pay tribute to 9/11 victims

http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_c5ebb368-77aa-11e6-b636-23b8159278f7.html

Megan May

Hundreds of people participated Saturday in a motorcade and ceremony honoring victims and emergency personnel who died in the September 11 attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania 15 years ago. A patriot ride including police, fire trucks, emergency vehicles, motorcycles and a helicopter overhead went from Darlington Highway to the Florence Veterans Park. Retired Army Col. Barry Wingard, Florence County Sheriff Kenney Boone and Ryan Watkins, director of Florence County EMS, spoke on behalf of law enforcement, fire services and emergency personnel. "We remember those who have gone before us and paid the ultimate sacrifice and the innocent victims who lost their lives that day," Boone said. "We honor those who still have a heavy task at hand, we will never forget. To see the tragedy that our country had to deal with is unthinkable. I didn't know their names, never heard their words. Even though I never met you, you're all our

heroes. To all the emergency personnel we send you our love and our blessings.”

Aiken Standard: Ceremony at Fort Gordon remembers 9/11

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160909/160909501/ceremony-at-fort-gordon-remembers-911>

Bill Bengtson

Moments of silence were punctuated with cannon fire at Fort Gordon on Friday morning, amid the Army post's annual remembrance of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Firemen, law enforcement officers and other emergency responders, as well as Fort Gordon's top leaders, were among those participating in the ceremony that took place a few yards from Signal Towers, one of the post's most prominent landmarks. The U.S. flag at the ceremony site was lowered to half-staff to recognize the occasion. The morning's arrangements included having emergency vehicles positioned at all of Fort Gordon's gates and at several prominent intersections, and a cannon team fired its initial shot at 8:46 a.m., coinciding with the flag being lowered and sirens sounding for one minute to mark the first strike against the World Trade Center. Taps followed.

The State: Columbia events mark Sept. 11 anniversary

<http://www.thestate.com/entertainment/local-events/article101212547.html>

Some events are planned over the next two days marking the 15th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Among them...

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: Scoppe: Of course they shouldn't be prosecuted, but not for this reason

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scoppe/article100933152.html#storylink=cpy>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

IT WOULD BE EASY to see 5th Circuit Solicitor Dan Johnson's handling of the Spring Valley High School mess as politically calculated: By dropping the charges against the student who refused to give up her cell phone and leave the classroom and against the student who videoed the episode and encouraged others to do likewise, he could mollify voters who saw this as a disturbing example of the criminalization of school discipline. He also could mollify voters who saw Ben Fields as a scapegoat by declining to bring charges against the then-Richland County sheriff's deputy, who was fired but not criminally charged after he tossed the student out of her desk and slid her across the floor. And in fact, the time he took to reach those decisions — more than 10 months after the Oct. 26 episode — lends credence to the idea that this was a political rather than legal decision.

Post and Courier : C of C should keep the alcohol ban in place until the campus dries out

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160911/160919940/c-of-c-should-keep-the-alcohol-ban-in-place-until-the-campus-dries-out>

Brian Hicks

When the College of Charleston banned alcohol in frats and sororities last month, many assumed it had something to do with the university's latest national ranking. No. 15 on Princeton Review's list of top party schools. Really, your parents must be so proud. As it turns out, the list was barely an afterthought in President Glenn McConnell's decision. The final straw, at least one of them, was something much worse. On Aug. 27, a 17-year-old student showed up at MUSC's emergency room and told police she had been raped at an off-campus party. Now, her status has never been clearly stated (because victims of sex crimes have a right to privacy), but she was 17. Which means she was a freshman. Which means she had been on campus only four days before the predators got to her.

It's sickening.

Post and Courier: Disgraceful DSS deficits persist

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160911/160919900/disgraceful-dss-deficits-persist>

Editorial

After the General Assembly took some strong measures last year to fortify the DSS, the state was hopeful that its shameful record of failing its most vulnerable children would end. So Thursday's report that 12 children who had interacted with the S.C. Department of Social Services during the past five years have died in 2016 was devastating. And another report that the DSS has not, 28 years after a federal law ordered it, implemented a computerized statewide system for enforcing child support is maddening. Not only are children not receiving support the courts have ordered for them, but the state has been paying from \$11 million to \$15 million a year in penalties. It is no wonder that Gina Arnold, a Spartanburg mother, said to a senate panel Wednesday, "You don't care. It does not affect you. ... You can sit here and say, 'I'm doing everything I possibly can.' But it does not take three years — 30 years — to get a system in place."

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Fewer orders, more coaching: Army rookies learn to fire guns

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2720d5f01485440f87a304bb33d05b1c>

Susanne M. Schafer

As gun ownership drops among young Americans and the Army trains a generation more accustomed to blasting out emojis on cellphones than taking aim at targets, drill sergeants are confronting a new challenge: More than half of raw recruits have never held, let alone fired, a weapon. Young people who form the bulk of the Army's rookie soldiers don't have nearly the exposure to guns as past generations. And the drill sergeants tasked with transforming these men and women into competent marksmen are going back into training to adjust their approach. Many are dropping the tendency to bark out orders and are adopting a more mentor-like coaching attitude. "You don't hear any drill sergeants yelling, unless it's a huge safety issue," said Staff Sgt. Randy Fisher, one of about 600 drill sergeants working daily with recruits at South Carolina's Fort Jackson, the Army's largest basic combat training post. "We don't want the soldiers to get all freaked out."

The State: After Fort Jackson training, America's newest soldiers focus on Army careers

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article101109347.html#storylink=cpy>

Jeff Wilkinson

His squad of a dozen soldiers was moving to attack an enemy formation. Suddenly, firing broke out and the squad leader ordered his team to "shift fire right" rather than "shift fire left." The result was four members of Ruffin's squad were "dead" on the field. The remaining soldiers had to take off their dead comrades' boots, place them at the base of the victims' inverted rifles, place the helmets on top of the rifles and wrap the dead soldiers' dog tags around the base as a memorial to their fallen comrades. It's called a battlefield cross. "That's when things really hit home," the 17-year-old Ruffin said. "It really affected a lot of people. In combat that's something you can never take back. And I never want to see it again." Ruffin is a member Company D, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment. It's one of 11 battalions running constant 10-week basic training cycles at the nation's largest basic training installation.

Post and Courier: Study: Southern region, including Palmetto State, near bottom in health care

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160911/160919951/study-southern-region-including-palmetto->

state-near-bottom-in-health-care

Derrek Asberry

A recent study cites poor rural health and high uninsured rates as reasons why South Carolina and other Southern states rank near the bottom of the list when it comes to health care. "When looking within states, there do appear to be disparities between urban and rural populations," said Melinda Merrell, the senior program director of the South Carolina Office of Rural Health. WalletHub collected data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and about a dozen other agencies for the study. It ranked South Carolina 43rd in the nation after assessing each state's health care costs, health access and health outcomes. The Palmetto State ranked below average in several categories, such as the number of doctors per person and the number of adults who haven't had a dental visit in the past year.

Associated Press: Loggerhead found on South Carolina coast being released

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2hwm8psh

SC State Wire

A loggerhead sea turtle that was treated at two aquariums on the South Carolina coast is being released into the ocean. Local media outlets report that the turtle, named "Magnolia," was found stranded on the beach at North Litchfield Beach last spring. Magnolia was emaciated, covered in barnacles and made little effort to move. She was treated initially at the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston and then moved to Ripley's Aquarium in Myrtle Beach in July. Now she is ready to return to the ocean and is being released on Saturday at Huntington Beach State Park in Murrells Inlet.

Local News:

Associated Press : Man challenging conviction, sentence in girlfriend's death

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=sHO6OoCI

SC State Wire

A South Carolina man is appealing his conviction and sentence days after admitting to his girlfriend's death. The Herald of Rock Hill reports (<http://bit.ly/2bZYN5S>) Saturday that the appeal gives no details about why 23-year-old John Coddington is appealing his case. Coddington pleaded guilty last month to murder in the death of 32-year-old Tiffany Williams and was sentenced to 45 years in prison as part of a plea deal. Coddington, who first met Williams online, admitted to beating her in their apartment in December 2015 and watching her die. Prosecutors say days later, Coddington tried to cover up the crime by burning Williams' body in Chester County. They say he also burned her clothes and personal belongings. Prosecutors say they're confident the conviction will stand.

Associated Press : 25-year-old man killed in trench collapse in Camden

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CN0TRN6M

SC State Wire

A man has died in a trench collapse in Camden. Camden City Manager Mel Pearson tells local media outlets two men were working on a sewer and water line project in a trench about 7 feet deep when it collapsed shortly before noon Friday. One of the men managed to escape safely. The other man died on the scene, and the Kershaw County Coroner identified him as 25-year-old Juan Penaloza of Columbia. Pearson says the crew did not have the proper safety support to secure the walls in place. He says the precaution would have been the responsibility of the subcontractor, Northwest water and sewer. The city is assisting the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in its investigation. An autopsy will be conducted to determine the exact cause of death.

Associated Press : Coroner: Leg cramp may have led to teen's drowning

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NWJkIOG8

SC State Wire

Officials say a Spartanburg County teen may have suffered leg cramps before he drowned in a lake Lyman. Coroner Rusty Clevenger says in a statement Thursday that he's ruled the death of 16-year-old Markell Tyquann Nesbitt as an accident. A review of medical records showed Nesbitt had recently experienced leg cramps. The teen's body was found July 18. Sheriff Chuck Wright said the Byrnes High School football player and his friends were having a "swimming party" in the lake when Nesbitt went under the water and did not resurface. The sheriff said there was no sign of foul play. Counselors were at the school to help students deal with the drowning.

The State: Lawsuit: West Columbia drug clinic at fault for crash that killed 4

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article101136607.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

A West Columbia drug treatment clinic irresponsibly prescribed methadone to a known drug addict who mixed it with other drugs and then rammed an oncoming vehicle, killing a couple and burning their teenage grandson to death, a federal lawsuit contends. The impaired driver, Robert Moore Jr., 62, of Leesville, also was killed in the crash on U.S. 378, 10 miles west of Lexington on Nov. 20, the lawsuit filed in Columbia asserts. The case, filed by the mother of 16-year-old Cooper Gunnells Jr., is believed to be the first in South Carolina against a methadone treatment clinic. The suit alleges the clinic's actions played a role in the fatal collision. The methadone Moore had taken was prescribed by Columbia Metro Treatment Center, which should have known from weekly urinalyses that he shouldn't have been taking methadone "along with a slew of other prescription and illicit drugs" he was known to ingest, the lawsuit states.

Associated Press: \$4.6M awarded to woman stuck by needle in Target parking lot

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NdNvofR8

SC State Wire

A jury has awarded a South Carolina woman more than \$4.6 million after she was stuck by a hypodermic needle picked up in a Target parking lot. The Independent-Mail of Anderson reported (<http://bit.ly/2c5Qett>) Carla Denise Garrison's award would be one of the largest in Anderson County history if it stands. Court documents say the Anderson woman was in the retailer's parking lot in May 2014 when her daughter picked up a hypodermic needle. Garrison swatted it out of her hand and was stuck in her own palm. Garrison was bedridden because of medication prescribed because of the potential risk of HIV. The paper reports Garrison's attorney had offered Target a deal of \$12,000. The company offered \$750 in response. Target spokeswoman Erika Winkels said the company is considering an appeal.

Associated Press: SC school tells paper open records request will cost \$250K+

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SC State Wire

A South Carolina medical school and research hospital has told a newspaper that it will cost more than a quarter million dollars to fulfill an open records request into allegations that two students cheated on exams. An attorney for the Medical University of South Carolina told the Post and Courier of Charleston that it could cost \$275,000 to search email servers in connection with the inquiry, the paper reported Saturday (<http://bit.ly/XiGlxD>). In a letter, the attorney also warned a reporter not to contact members of MUSC's Honor Council, students or employees about university disciplinary proceedings. On Friday, a university spokeswoman added that the university will now require

information requests from the paper to be submitted in writing. The warnings and directives came after the newspaper learned last month of allegations that two students with ties to high-ranking public officials were brought before the Honor Council. Sources told the paper that the council recommended the students be expelled, but a dean overruled its decision.

Island Packet: It's not a cover-up, Moss says. Beaufort County schools cooperating with abuse case, lawsuit

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article101089617.html>

Rebecca Lurye

The Beaufort County School District has made no attempt to cover up the alleged abuse of a 4-year-old autistic child, superintendent Jeff Moss said Saturday in a statement that refutes claims the child's attorneys made in court last week. The statement also detailed some steps the district has taken in response to the case against one of its former Durham School Services bus monitors, Lillian Jackson, who was charged with child neglect in February 2015 after a nonverbal, autistic boy's mother complained of marks on her child. Bus videos from the time showed Jackson slapping and grabbing the child on his ride to Bluffton Elementary School. Moss said the district has learned of areas in need of improvement and revision through the course of the case and had instituted training of special-needs bus drivers and bus monitors a year and a half before severing its contract with Durham in April 2016. The district is now in charge of its own bus management, and continues the training, he said.

Greenville News : TX teen behind Greenville school, mall threats

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/09/10/tx-teen-behind-greenville-school-mall-threats/90190478/>

Anna Lee

Authorities have identified a Houston, Texas, teen as the suspect behind the recent anonymous bomb threats targeting several Greenville County middle schools as well as Haywood Mall. The Greenville Police Department responded to the latest threat at the mall shortly before 5 p.m. Friday, said police spokesman Gilberto Franco. Several Greenville County middle schools have also received anonymous phone threats, including one that sent Beck Academy into a partial lockdown Sept. 1, said Beth Brotherton, the school district's assistant director of communications. "These threats ranged from inflicting harm by use of a firearm to detonating an explosive device," Franco said. None turned out to be credible, according to Brotherton. Franco said the Police Department Friday night identified a juvenile in Houston as the individual suspected of making the calls. With the assistance of Houston authorities, investigators in Greenville were able to determine the source location and make contact with the suspect, who is under 16, and his parent, Franco said.

Associated Press : Palmetto Health forums let kids, parents discuss puberty

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SC State Wire

Palmetto Health Children's Hospital is offering ways to help parents and children open up dialogue about puberty and sexual development. On Sunday, Palmetto Health Richland is sponsoring Girlology, "Something New About You," and Guyology, "Just the Facts." Organizers say the forums are designed for fourth- and fifth-grade students and their parents to discuss issues about sexual development and maturity in a fun and engaging way. The sessions are from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and cost \$40 for one child and one parent. There are also forums tailored to fifth- and sixth-graders. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. Learn more or register at www.girlology.com.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Clinton not letting up on fundraising despite cash advantage

<http://bigstory.ap.org/61b3c12a753944988c43307bee024603>

Julie Bykowicz

Hillary Clinton could spend \$2.2 million every day until the Nov. 8 election without running out. And every month she widens her cash advantage over Donald Trump. As of Sept. 1, it was a \$55 million gulf. Yet the Democratic nominee is not letting up on gas when it comes to fundraising. Clinton planned to return to California on Monday for still more finance events after a lucrative August swing through dot-com mansions in Silicon Valley and celebrity-packed dinners in Los Angeles. Her allies say the continued fundraising helps other Democrats because the party can keep building up voter turnout operations. It also serves as protection in a rollicking race against a man who claims to be worth \$10 billion and once said he was willing to spend up to \$1 billion to get elected. So far, he's put about \$60 million of his own money in his campaign.

Associated Press: Trump condemns Clinton's 'deplorables' label on his backers

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Catherine Lucey

Republican Donald Trump is condemning Hillary Clinton's remark that half of his supporters could be put in a "basket of deplorables" and dismissing her admission she was wrong, saying the Democrat had committed "the worst mistake of the political season." "For the first time in a long while, her true feelings came out, showing bigotry and hatred for millions of Americans," Trump said Saturday in a statement rejecting her effort to walk back her remarks. "How can she be president of our country when she has such contempt and disdain for so many great Americans?" Trump's statement came after Clinton had backed off her disdainful description of half of his supporters. In her initial remarks Friday night at a private fundraiser in New York City, she said: "To just be grossly generalistic, you could put half of Trump's supporters into what I call the basket of deplorables. Right? The racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic — you name it."

National News:

Associated Press: On 15th anniversary of 9/11, 'the grief never goes away'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/1ddcfcb398d54f498bc4f5dd6fabca93>

Jennifer Peltz and Verena Dobnik

The U.S. marked the 15th anniversary of 9/11 on Sunday, with victims' relatives reading their names and reflecting on a loss that still felt as immediate to them as it was indelible for the nation. Hundreds of victims' family members, survivors and dignitaries gathered at ground zero under an overcast sky that shrouded the 1,776-foot-tall top of One World Trade Center, the centerpiece of the rebuilt site. "It doesn't get easier. The grief never goes away. You don't move forward — it always stays with you," said Tom Acquaviva, of Wayne, New Jersey, who lost his son Paul Acquaviva. James Johnson, a retired New York City police sergeant who is now police chief in Forest City, Pennsylvania, came to ground zero for the first time since he last worked on the rescue and recovery efforts in early 2002.

Associated Press: The Latest: On 9/11, official says lone wolf still a threat

<http://bigstory.ap.org/3d898e444bfc43508162d8d18fa1570b>

The government's homeland security secretary says the United States is safer now than it was in 2001 against what he calls "another 9/11-style attack." But Jeh (Jay) Johnson — making the rounds of the Sunday news shows — says the country is "challenged when it comes to the prospects of the

lone-wolf actor, the homegrown violent extremists."He tells NBC's "Meet the Press" that requires "a new, whole of government response and public participation and vigilance."

Associated Press: Obama observes 9/11 moment of silence in Oval Office

<http://bigstory.ap.org/6a0915eafd214890bf3ecc0c62d091e2>

President Barack Obama is joining the nation in remembering the nearly 3,000 people who died in the Sept. 11 attacks 15 years ago. The White House says Obama observed the somber anniversary with a moment of silence in the Oval Office at 8:46 a.m. EDT. That's the time when the attacks began on that sunny day in 2001 — when a hijacked airplane slammed into the north tower of New York City's World Trade Center. Afterward, Obama arrived at the Pentagon, where he laid a large wreath at the beginning of a memorial service. The American flag is flying at half-staff atop the White House and other federal buildings. Obama has invited governors, interested organizations and individuals to follow suit.

Associated Press : Woman in iconic V-J Day Times Square kiss photo dies at 92

<http://bigstory.ap.org/008575741d9345eea438430705d293ed>

The woman in an iconic photo shown kissing an ecstatic sailor in Times Square celebrating the end of World War II has died. Greta Zimmer Friedman was 92. Friedman, who fled Austria during the war as a 15-year-old, died Thursday at a hospital in Richmond, Virginia, from complications of old age, her son, Joshua Friedman, said. Greta Friedman was a 21-year-old dental assistant in a nurse's uniform when she became part of one of the most famous photographs of the 20th century. On Aug. 14, 1945, known as V-J Day, the day Japan surrendered to the United States, people spilled into the New York City streets from restaurants, bars and movie theaters, celebrating the news.

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