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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Haley seeking S.C. boost from international horse competition in North Carolina
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160806/160809621/haley-seeking-sc-boost-from-international-horse-competition-in-north-carolina>

Last Sunday, Gov. Nikki Haley had a rare weekend agency phone call with state Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Duane Parrish about a chance to make hay. Haley and Parrish discussed the state's support for North Carolina's bid to host the 2018 World Equestrian Games at Tryon International Equestrian Center in Mill Spring, N.C. The event would bring an estimated 500,000 people to the venue that's 40 minutes north of Spartanburg — along with a \$200 million economic impact, according to Fédération Equestre Internationale. "We have a long and rich history in equestrian competition and welcome the opportunity to showcase our state's world-renowned hospitality and tourism assets to the attendees and participants of this prestigious event," Haley said in a statement. Haley's last weekend agency call was with Department of Public Safety officials supervising a Black Lives Matter protest at the Statehouse on July 10. Prior to that, her last weekend agency call was Jan. 9, according to her public schedule.

Post and Courier: Concerns on the rise after incidents at assisted-living facilities

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160806/160809633/concerns-on-the-rise-after-incidents-at-assisted-living-facilities>

Derrek Asberry and Gregory Yee

The alarm didn't sound when Marie Duddy, an 80-year-old dementia patient, pushed open the door and walked out of Savannah Place, a James Island assisted-living facility. She was last seen about 3:30 p.m. May 20 and was found dead a day later in a nearby marsh. On July 27, police found 90-year-old Bonnie Walker, a resident of Brookdale Charleston in West Ashley. Walker had walked away from the facility and was killed by an alligator. She was reported missing about 7:40 a.m. and her body was recovered at 11 a.m. Authorities did not indicate if Walker suffered from dementia or some other memory loss condition. Concerns are growing over incidents at assisted-living facilities statewide. Advocates for the elderly believe staffing quotas and employee negligence may be reasons why these seniors are wandering off undetected. Brookdale officials have not explained how Walker was able to leave the facility, but say they are cooperating with police during the investigation. NOTE: Meanwhile, on Aug. 4, the state Department of Health and Environmental Control finalized a consent order against Savannah Place, stating that the facility failed to properly care for Duddy. DHEC found that Savannah Place did not properly describe Duddy's needs in her care plan. Also, the facility's paging system, which is supposed to sound off when a door is opened, was not working on the day Duddy disappeared. DHEC wrote that Duddy "exhibited socially inappropriate behavioral symptoms" that Savannah Place failed to control.

NOTE: Gilliard said he's asked Gov. Nikki Haley to form an ad hoc committee to address issues surrounding the homes. The need for accountability in the industry is only increasing as the population of senior citizens rises, he said. "When I saw these signs coming up again I knew we had

to take action," Gilliard said. "We can't stand by idly."

Forbes: Pokémon GO's Latest Plagues: Disappearing PokeStops And Hacker Gym Leaders

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/insertcoin/2016/08/06/pokemon-gos-latest-plagues-disappearing-pokestops-and-hacker-gym-leaders/#7aa0e54a6373>

Paul Tassi

With Niantic communicating more openly about its intentions and plans, fans have become more emboldened than ever to speak up about what's bothering them regarding Pokémon GO. The lack of in-game (or now out-of-game) tracking will continue to be lambasted until that's fixed, and a solution for constantly fleeing/escaping Pokémon is supposedly coming soon. But there's a new pair of pressing issues that might be the current biggest threats to the game, one that makes players sad, and another that makes them angry. A while back, you may remember that one of Niantic's first priorities was removing "inappropriate or dangerous" PokéStops from the game. They instituted a "reporting" tool that allowed players or citizens to report these locations for potential removal.

NOTE: While some were obvious no-go spots like graveyards and Holocaust memorials and nuclear power plants, there now seems to be a lot of PokéStops being removed for literally no reason at all. Rural players have seen what few stops they have slowly disappearing if they've been reported by angry locals. I also heard a story online of a college player who reported all the stops at a rival school and got them removed. The Governor of South Carolina, Nikki Haley, took to Twitter to complain about all the PokéStops being removed in the State Capital building, when previously there were many that were encouraging foot traffic.

SC Political News:

Associated Press : Counting the votes: How electors pick the president

<http://bigstory.ap.org/abcc408a95014c5abce3c1d39f4216d5>

Meg Kinnard

It's an institution as old as the nation itself, but the Electoral College remains an enigma to many Americans. The Founding Fathers, apprehensive about the unchecked power of the popular vote, added the extra step to the process of choosing a president. A look at the ins and outs of the Electoral College and how its role could be even more scrutinized this year...

Post and Courier: After Trump's criticism of Gold Star family, S.C. Democrats see small opening for down ballot gains

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160806/160809693/after-trumps-criticism-of-gold-star-family-sc-democrats-see-small-opening-for-down-ballot-gains>

Emma Dumain

Democrats aren't holding their breath over whether they can keep Donald Trump from winning South Carolina in November. Yet last week, the party faithful were wondering whether Trump's disparagement of a Muslim Gold Star family could have consequences for Republican congressional incumbents who aren't distancing themselves from the GOP presidential nominee. In military-friendly South Carolina, they say, no elected official or aspiring political officeholder should pass up condemning Trump's attacks on Khizr and Ghazala Khan, whose son died in Iraq in 2004. The Khans took to the Democratic National Convention stage to oppose Trump's proposal to ban Muslim immigrants. "He's the standard-bearer, we live and die by what our standard-bearer does," S.C. Democratic Party Chairman Jaime Harrison said of Trump. "It's the nature of politics. That's the top of your ticket. So the question is, are you going to run with him or are you going to run against him?"

NOTE: S.C. House Minority Leader Rep. Todd Rutherford, D-Columbia, demanded Gov. Nikki Haley

and Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster clarify whether they still planned to vote for Trump; Haley's statement condemned the attacks on the Khans but not Trump himself.

The State: With 3 months to go, Clinton builds presidential lead

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article94177862.html>

Bristow Marchant

It's been a rough two weeks for Donald Trump. The Republican presidential candidate has become ensnared in a feud with an unlikely target – the Gold Star family of an American Muslim soldier who died fighting in Iraq. If that weren't enough, Trump also initially declined to endorse the re-election bids of fellow Republicans U.S. Sen. John McCain and House Speaker Paul Ryan, and drew heat for having a baby removed from a campaign event. In the midst of it all, Trump suggested the race might be "rigged" against him. The Democratic convention also gave Hillary Clinton a positive bounce heading into the fall campaign. Still, experts have counted Trump out before, only to see him bounce back. So, with three months to go, Trump die-hards still can hold out hope.

The State: Upstate legislator under fire for paving of road that leads to his home

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article94179387.html>

Casssie Cope

State Rep. Steve Moss, R-Cherokee, has come under criticism for a newly paved road that leads to his home. Cherokee County approved spending \$51,714 to pave the road with money from the county's transportation committee, according to acting county administrator Holland Belue. Moss said he went through the normal county process to get a road paved and "asked for no special favors." "I made sure that I went by the book," said Moss, adding he spent his own money to get the road up to standards for it to qualify for the county to take it over. The county took responsibility for the road in 2014, according to The Gaffney Ledger, an Upstate newspaper. Currently, three taxpayers own property along the road, Moss said. However, paving the road opens up the area for future development, he added.

Herald-Journal: U.S. Senate candidate Bill Bledsoe holds rally in Spartanburg

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160806/articles/160809776>

U.S. Senate candidate Bill Bledsoe stopped in Spartanburg Saturday where he held a rally at the Spartanburg County Courthouse. Bledsoe, who is running against Sen. Tim Scott, spoke to a small crowd about holding local and federal government more accountable on issues concerning Constitutional rights, unnecessary production of money and the implementation of new laws.

SC Agency News:

Associated Press: 11-year-old who contracted brain-eating amoeba has died

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

SC State Wire

The 11-year-old South Carolina girl hospitalized after contracting a usually deadly brain-eating amoeba has died. The Beaufort Gazette (<http://bit.ly/2aKar4U0>) reports Hannah Collins died at 10:20 p.m. Friday, according to a statement from her family. The statement said, "Hannah loved life, her family and friends and, although this is not the outcome we wished for, our sweet girl has joined the angels..." South Carolina health officials confirmed Tuesday that someone had been exposed to *Naegleria fowleri* (nuh-GLEER'-ee-uh FOW'-lur-ee), a one-celled organism that can cause primary

amebic meningoencephalitis. Health officials didn't identify the patient, saying it appears the individual was exposed to the amoeba while swimming July 24 in the Edisto River in Charleston County, South Carolina. The organism, which is naturally present in warm fresh water, can be fatal if forced up the nose.

Island Packet: Beaufort girl who contracted brain infection has died

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article94116807.html>

Stephen Fastenau

A Beaufort girl who contracted a brain infection swimming in a Charleston County river died Friday night. Hannah Collins, 11, died at 10:20 p.m. Friday, the family said in a statement on Saturday morning. She spent Friday embraced by her mom, Liz Crockett, and brother while her grandmother read her books and prayed. "Hannah loved life, her family and friends and, although this is not the outcome we wished for, our sweet girl has joined the angels, and we know she will always be close by, watching over us," the statement said. Hannah contracted the brain-eating amoeba, *Naegleria fowleri*, while swimming in the Edisto River in Charleston County in July, according to an online fundraising page set up for the family and a S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control news release. DHEC didn't identify the patient. She had been treated at Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. The family was told Thursday that Hannah had irreparable brain damage.

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press: Man accused of attacking alleged church shooter out on bond

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=toYWAzh8

SC State Wire

The man who authorities say attacked accused Charleston church shooter Dylann Roof in the jail shower is out on \$100,000 bond. Charleston County jail records show 26-year-old Dwayne Stafford was released after posting bond Friday night, more than 18 months after he was arrested on first-degree assault and strong armed robbery charges. The records do not show who paid Stafford's bond. Authorities say Stafford ran down the steps from his cell Thursday morning and attacked Roof after his cell door was not locked as it was supposed to be. The jail is doing an internal investigation. Roof's face and back were bruised. He refused to press charges against Stafford. Roof, who is white, is charged with killing nine black churchgoers in June 2015. Stafford is black.

SC after Police Shootings:

Post and Courier: Shootings, election fuel gun sales, permit application increase in S.C.

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160806/160809594/shootings-election-fuel-gun-sales-permit-application-increase-in-sc>

Gavin Jackson

Want to apply for a concealed weapon permit in South Carolina? Be prepared to wait, in some cases, for 11 weeks or longer to get one. With South Carolina's gun climate facing election year uncertainty, gun activity has broken records, including the number of people seeking to exercise their state-sanctioned right of concealed carry. "New faces," said Archie Woodberry, pointing to the steady flow of customers to his Blue Line Shooting Center in Florence, the only public gun range between Columbia and Myrtle Beach. "Our place is based on first-time shooters." Every customer has a different reason for seeking a concealed weapons permit: a friend bought a gun, someone knows a crime victim, a spouse inherited guns and wants to know how to use them, Woodberry said. Plus there's the fear that gun rights may become restricted after the November election. Data backs up the

spike. State Law Enforcement Division statistics indicate more than 17,300 people in South Carolina are currently waiting to receive their CWP permits in the mail or a confirmation that their permit is being renewed. But there is concern by some that the state can't keep up with demand.

Greenville News: Protests show transition of civil rights groups in Greenville

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/greenville/2016/08/06/protests-show-transition-civil-rights-groups-greenville/87758386/>

Nathaniel Cary

When as many as 300 Black Lives Matter protesters gathered in Falls Park in Greenville on a bright Saturday evening in the days that followed the videotaped shooting deaths of two black men by police officers in Louisiana and Minnesota, it was an established preacher unaffiliated with the movement who led them in prayer. And when the protesters began to march along a route they'd pre-planned with at least two Greenville Police officers, members of the Greenville NAACP stood with police or rode along in police vehicles in an effort to ensure the safety of protesters and protect their right to protest, said Rev. J.M. Flemming, president of the Greenville NAACP. But after protesters marched in a loop – up Main Street, right on Broad Street, right on Falls Street, another right on Camperdown Way and across the swaying span of Liberty Bridge – and returned to Falls Park, many of the leaders who followed the protest but didn't participate, believed it to be wrapping up and departed for home.

Independent Mail: Anderson rally for peace doesn't budge for rain

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/anderson-rally-for-peace-doesnt-budge-for-rain-39700c05-d8e9-404a-e053-0100007f20bc-389395471.html>

Mike Ellis

The cooling, life-giving, rain didn't dampen anyone spirits and could have been a message, said Don Peppers, who emceed the Peace in the City rally Saturday outside the Anderson County Courthouse. The weather at the rally — from scorching sun to overcast to rain to mild sun — showed diversity, he said. Rappers, praise dancers, poets and ministers challenged the crowd of about 50 to promote their own messages of love throughout Anderson County and to focus on happiness. David Aikens, a veteran who served in Iraq in the early 2000s, said he was dismayed to return home and see people fighting in Anderson. "If they want to fight, sign up in the military and do some good," he said. Aikens said he went to the rally to show support for the people who are making the right decisions and to encourage more people to do the same. The rally was just the beginning, and there will be more events and action by community members to curb violence, said Stephanie Johnson-Rice, who read her poetry. "This is the beginning of a movement," she said after her time on stage. "It's not just a stop the violence rally and tomorrow there's nothing more. It will take all of us doing something."

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: Can money make a difference? Is this a serious question?

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article93971152.html>

Cindi Ross Scope

IF YOU'RE STARVING because you can't afford food, your problem won't automatically go away just because someone gives you money. This is the truth behind the tired but true cliché that you can't solve a problem simply by throwing money at it. But your problem, at least in the short term, will be solved if you use that money to buy food. The key here is the essential word, "simply." People who skip over that part of the anti-spending mantra are just as dishonest as those who refuse to acknowledge that money by itself is not a panacea. Certainly there are problems that are impervious

to money, no matter how it is spent. Certainly there are some problems that we can't afford to solve with money. But in many cases, the addition of money well spent makes a tremendous difference. The converse is equally true: The subtraction of money can cause problems. If you suddenly find yourself without money to buy food or pay the power bill, you will encounter problems — even if you know precisely how money should be spent. This is basic stuff, stuff we all know and understand and accept — until we start talking about government. But it's true there too.

Greenville News: Editorial: Corruption probe doesn't indict entire DOT

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2016/08/07/editorial-corruption-probe-doesnt-indict-entire-dot/88032762/>

On the one hand, the recent indictments of three former state Department of Transportation employees and a contractor on corruption charges may seem to validate the concerns some have about an agency that has a troubled reputation. Fraud, waste and abuse – the trifecta of big-government critics – often are cited as the main reasons DOT should not be given a stable, long-term revenue source to ensure the state's system of roads and highways is properly maintained. Last week's indictments will doubtless be used, and in fact already are in some quarters, to give teeth to those arguments. A more charitable view would be that the indictments of Charles W. Shirley, Allen Kent Ray, Curtis C. Singleton and Joe Edward Butler show DOT is serious about cleaning up corruption within its ranks, and the ongoing investigation is a positive sign for those who want to funnel more money to the agency. That's certainly the tone that state Transportation Secretary Christy Hall set in her comments after the indictments. "SCDOT has zero tolerance for wrongdoing of any kind," Hall said in a statement.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Flood watch issued for northwest South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9NFbhLbN

SC State Wire

A flash flood watch has again been issued for parts of South Carolina experiencing a severe drought. The National Weather Service says the watch will last through Monday morning. It includes seven counties in northwest South Carolina from Anderson to Rock Hill. Forecasters expect slow moving thunderstorms to develop Sunday and Sunday night, with the possibility several storms might move over the same areas. The weather service says some areas will see 1 inch to 3 inches of rain with some isolated areas getting as much as 5 inches of rain. The U.S. Drought Monitor map has much of the same area in a severe drought. The area was placed under another flood watch last week.

Post and Courier: Quirky S.C. sales tax holiday runs until midnight Aug. 7

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160807/160809789/quirky-sc-sales-tax-holiday-runs-until-midnight-aug-7>

David Slade

It's the last day of South Carolina's 2016 "back to school" sales tax holiday, so you have until midnight to take advantage of this strange tax break. If you don't have school-age children, this annual event might not be on your deal-seeking radar, but read on. Forget about pens, pencils and notebooks — the opportunity to really save money comes from avoiding state and local sales tax on expensive items ranging from computers to fur coats. The list of things that qualify for the temporary tax exemption may surprise you (adult diapers?). Charleston County has the highest sales tax in South Carolina, a combined 8.5 percent, so residents and people shopping in that county stand to save the most. The tax rate in Berkeley County is 8 percent, and in Dorchester County it's 7 percent.

Saving up to 8.5 percent understandably doesn't sound like a big deal. Who would rush out to an 8.5 percent-off sale? But if you're planning to buy something that's rarely discounted, or something that's already being offered at a good price, then saving a bit more by avoiding the sales tax is an incentive to buy before the clock strikes midnight.

Local News:

Associated Press: Thieves steal \$20,000 in guns from Sumter store in 4 minutes

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7R7M0mh4

SC State Wire

Authorities say two thieves stole about \$20,000 in guns from a Sumter store in a well-planned heist that took less than four minutes. Sumter County Sheriff's spokesman Ken Bell told media outlets that the men broke the lock on the door of Tony's Gun Shop around 2 a.m. Friday. Video surveillance shows one thief smashing display cases with a hammer while a second thief scooped up handguns and threw them into a bag. Bell says deputies arrived four minutes after the alarm sounded when the lock was broken, but the thieves were gone and tracking dogs couldn't find their scent. Federal agents are helping with the investigation.

Associated Press: Man shot to death at Richland County apartment complex

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=u8fO4fdI

SC State Wire

Richland County deputies say a man has been killed in a shooting at a Columbia apartment complex. Deputies said in a news release that officers found the man dead from bullet wounds to the upper body when they arrived at the St. Andrews Woods Apartment complex around 10:30 p.m. Friday. Investigators say witnesses reported a suspect speeding away just after the shooting, but couldn't provide a description. Richland County Coroner Gary Watts identified the dead man as 25-year-old Zaire Franklin. No arrests have been made.

Associated Press : Deputies plan no charges in accidental shooting of boy, 12

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=G210eP1v

SC State Wire

Investigators say they don't plan any charges after a 12-year-old boy was accidentally shot and killed by an 11-year-old playmate. Florence County deputies said in a news release that a 7-year-old boy was also in the house in Coward, and all three were being watched by a 15-year-old baby sitter when the shooting happened Tuesday afternoon. The boy with the gun fired one shot, which killed Mason Powell and caused a minor injury to the 7-year-old boy. Deputies did not say where the boy found the gun or release any other details. The shooting has been ruled accidental.

Island Packet: Sheriff's deputy resigns amid accusations of misconduct

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/article94169227.html>

Lucas High

A Beaufort County Sheriff's Office deputy resigned in late April after two Hilton Head Island residents accused him of inappropriate behavior, according to documents obtained by The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette. On April 27, Chris O'Nan and Karen Anderson went to the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office and filed citizen complaints against Staff Sgt. DeJuan R. Holmes, including accusations that he used his police vehicle and equipment to facilitate "an adulterous relationship" and abused his position by running a license plate check on an individual without cause, the documents show. When confronted two days later with the allegations, Holmes "immediately

submitted his resignation and declined to be interviewed," according to the report authored by Special Investigator Lt. Brian Baird's report and dated May 4. A third complaint was signed by attorney Lauren Martel, who was representing O'Nan at the time but told the investigator she had no direct knowledge of the allegations. The three met with Sheriff P.J. Tanner, who then ordered an internal inquiry into Holmes' conduct. But Holmes' resignation ended the inquiry, according to the report.

Island Packet: Secret plaintiff steps in, tries to block release of report involving deputy
<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article94168952.html>

Lucas High

A routine request for a public document turned into a legal fight after an anonymous party attempted to block the release of an internal investigation into citizen complaints against a former Beaufort County sheriff's deputy. The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette asked the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office in May for a copy of an internal investigation it conducted into the activities of Staff Sgt. DeJuan Holmes. The investigation was ordered by Sheriff P.J. Tanner after two Hilton Head citizens filed complaints against the deputy on April 27, alleging that he used his police vehicle and equipment to facilitate "an adulterous relationship" and abused his position by running a license plate check on an individual without cause. The S.C. Freedom of Information Act allows the public and media access to documents produced by law enforcement agencies, towns and other taxpayer-supported offices. The openness allows the public to assess the performance of the agencies it funds. Occasionally, the agency from which the information is sought will try to fight the release of information. This case is rare because the opposition to the release of information came from an unnamed third party and not one of the agencies involved: the Sheriff's Office or Beaufort County.

Associated Press: Vehicle in death of deputy's daughter may have been in wreck
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=JFYsDZuj

SC State Wire

The vehicle which a woman jumped to her death from on Interstate 26 may have also been involved in an unreported crash, authorities said. The silver Toyota Scion driven by 31-year-old Ebony Roddick was damaged like it hit another car from behind when it was found, Orangeburg County deputies said. Investigators also found no broken pieces of the vehicle where 21-year-old Dominique Davis fell from it and was hit by an 18-wheeler and killed on Interstate 26 near the Bowman exit Monday night, deputies told The Times and Democrat of Orangeburg (<http://bit.ly/2b3xARI>). Investigators are trying to figure out where Roddick went after Davis' death. Roddick has been charged with failing to report Davis falling from her car. Davis was the daughter of Richland County Sheriff's Sgt. Latavish Ulmer. Her friends remembered her as kind and fun-loving and were stunned to hear about her death. "You've got to understand, this was like an angel," said Niara Mack, one of Davis' former co-workers at a Columbia restaurant. Mack told WLTX-TV (<http://on.wltx.com/2aZ8UMS>) that Davis loved to sing and dance and would make everyone around her feel better. "She was a beautiful soul," Mack said, "there is no way you could meet her and not love her. She was just that infectious."

The State: Want to park your car? Pass a drug test if you're a Lex 1 student
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article94172627.html>

Tim Flach

Random drug tests await students who drive to and park their vehicles at Lexington 1's five high schools once classes resume Aug. 15. It is the latest step by officials in Lexington County's largest school district to discourage teenage drug use, a move that is among the first of its kind in South Carolina. Parents generally say they applaud the idea, but one civil rights group warns it could be

illegal if it leads to profiling students. The school system says drug tests for drivers are an extension of drug checks for student-athletes in grades 7-12, which were started a year ago. Adding drivers is "just a logical next step" in protecting students and promoting healthy lifestyles, Lexington 1 officials say in an explanation sent to families.

Post and Courier: Criminal offense or adolescent misbehavior? 'Disturbing schools' blurs the line
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160806/160809671/criminal-offense-or-adolescent-misbehavior-disturbing-schools-blurs-the-line>

Deanna Pan and Paul Bowers

The state law empowers school-assigned police officers to arrest hundreds of South Carolina students every year for the kind of adolescent misbehavior that in years past would have warranted a trip to the principal's office or a brief suspension. Its vague wording allows it to function in some cases as a catch-all for bad behavior that doesn't meet the legal standard for disorderly conduct or simple assault. When a fight breaks out in school and neither party wants to press charges, an officer can still make an arrest on a disturbing schools charge. "It's really very difficult not to blur the line between discipline and crime," said Susan Dunn, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of South Carolina. "Disturbing schools is an invitation to blur that line." Charleston County leads the state in disturbing schools charges. In 2014-15, the county referred 265 disturbing schools cases involving students 16 and younger to the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice — more than Greenville and Richland counties combined.

Post and Courier: 'Disturbing schools' law was written to protect girls' schools, not to arrest students
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160806/160809666/disturbing-schools-law-was-written-to-protect-girls-schools-not-to-arrest-students>

Paul Bowers

The authors of South Carolina's original 1917 disturbing schools law could not have envisioned that it would one day become the No. 1 justification for police arresting students. That's because the law was not meant to apply to students. "The intent was always to protect against interlopers, trespassers, somebody who had a gripe or a grudge," said Jay Elliott, a Columbia attorney and former police officer who has studied and critiqued the disturbing schools law for decades. In its earliest form, passed in 1919, the law prohibited "Disturbing Schools Attended by Girls or Women." At any school or college attended by women or girls, the law stated, it was illegal to interfere with students or teachers, to loiter, to "act in an obnoxious manner thereon," or to enter the premises without the permission of the school principal or president. Violators faced a penalty of up to a \$100 fine or 30 days in jail. The law remained unchanged for decades. Even today, most of the disturbing schools law is identical to the 1919 phrasing, including the prohibition on "obnoxious" behavior in school.

The State: Newer, 'cooler' housing draws USC students downtown
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article94114487.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

For four years, Dallas Meachum of Greenville lived at the Stadium Suites apartments off Bluff Road near Williams-Brice Stadium as he attended the University of South Carolina in Columbia. But last week, Meachum, now a graduate student entering USC's law school, was moving into the 612 Whaley apartment building in Olympia, a one-year-old building flanked by the renovated Olympia and Granby mills. Meachum is one of thousands of students who have chosen newer student-oriented housing closer to USC's expanding campus over older and more-distant student housing complexes along Bluff Road, Shop Road and across the Congaree River in West Columbia and Cayce. "When I

first moved in (Stadium Suites), it was all students," said Meachum, whose triplet brother and sister, Layton and Taylor, and his mother, Diane, were helping him move last week. "When I left, there were more and more non-students."

Post and Courier: Charleston's airfares plummet 17.2% in 5 years

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160807/160809662/charlestons-airfares-plummet-172-in-5-years>

Warren L. Wise

Helped by increased competition and lately lower fuel costs, airfares at Charleston International Airport and across the nation continue to fall. The average cost to fly out of South Carolina's busiest airport dropped to slightly more than \$381 during the first quarter of 2016, according to the latest available statistics from the U.S. Department of Transportation. That's down 4 percent, or about \$16 from the same quarter in 2015, and 17.2 percent, or about \$79, from the first quarter of 2011, when the average fare stood at almost \$460. That was two years after the former AirTran Airways pulled out of the Charleston market, causing fares to shoot up significantly. That was also shortly before Dallas-based Southwest Airlines, which absorbed AirTran, entered the market in 2011 and two years before low-cost carrier JetBlue Airways touched down in Charleston, both resulting in overall lower airfares. "The more flights we get and the more destinations we get, the more competitive the airlines have to be," said Paul Campbell, executive director and CEO of Charleston County Aviation Authority, which oversees Charleston's airport.

Aiken Standard: Energy Solutions fights tritium leak, environmental risk at Barnwell disposal site

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160806/160809674/energy-solutions-fights-tritium-leak-environmental-risk-at-barnwell-disposal-site>

Thomas Gardiner

Safety and technology are focal points of efforts to contain nuclear waste and prevent environmental damage at the Chem-Nuclear disposal site near Barnwell, the origin of leaked radioactive materials found in nearby Mary's Branch Creek. Nuclear waste from commercial nuclear industries is brought to the site and is buried inside concrete containers at the site operated by Energy Solutions. The disposal facility is located on state-owned property and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control regulates the facility, as well as all of the materials going in. Nuclear materials brought to the site are generated by commercial electricity production. Materials are only accepted from the three member-states from the Atlantic Compact, an agreement between South Carolina, Connecticut and New Jersey. According to Michael Benjamin, director of Barnwell Operations for Energy solutions, waste is packaged in high integrity containers that meet standards set forth by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Once on site, the containers are transferred into concrete containers, which are lined up and stacked in trenches on the 235-acre facility. Once the trench is full, the containers are then buried and covered with what Benjamin called "enhanced caps."

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Clinton to follow Trump with economic speech in Detroit

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Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton will deliver what aides are billing as a major economic speech on Thursday in Detroit. Clinton's appearance is set to follow a speech planned by Republican rival Donald Trump on what he would do to improve economic growth. Trump's speech is set for Monday in the same city. The dueling Detroit addresses come as new polls show Clinton gaining ground on economic issues. Aides say Clinton will outline her economic plans and argue that Trump is only focused on the wealthiest Americans. At campaign events last week, Clinton

questioned Trump's commitment to creating American jobs by highlighting his use of outsourcing at his companies. Trump's populist economic message includes a vow to revive manufacturing jobs and renegotiate trade deals to benefit American workers.

Associated Press : Clinton's 'Moscow Spring' ended as Putin returned to power

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Bradley Klapper and Matthew Lee

As secretary of state, Hillary Clinton basked in a diplomatic "Moscow Spring," seizing on Vladimir Putin's break from the presidency to help seal a nuclear arms-control treaty and secure Russia's acquiescence to a NATO-led military intervention in Libya. But when Putin returned to the top job, things changed. Clinton, the Democratic presidential nominee, has vowed to stand up to Putin if elected, drawing on her four years of ups and downs as the public face of President Barack Obama's first-term "reset" with Russia. By comparison, her Republican opponent, Donald Trump, has rung alarm bells in Washington and Europe with his overtures to the authoritarian Russian leader. But Clinton's wrangles with Russia led to mixed results. Her fortunes dipped dramatically after Putin replaced Dmitry Medvedev as president in May 2012. Just weeks later, Russia outmaneuvered her in negotiations over a complicated Syria peace plan, dealing her what was arguably her worst diplomatic defeat. While Clinton hailed it as a triumph, the war only escalated. And while her aides still insist she came out on top, the blueprint effectively gave Syria's Moscow-backed president, Bashar Assad, a veto over any transition government, hampering all mediation efforts still.

Associated Press: Trump on Clinton: 'I don't think she's all there'

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Republican Donald Trump questioned Democrat Hillary Clinton's fitness to be president Saturday night, saying "she's got problems" and that Americans "don't want someone who's going to short-circuit." Trump told a crowd of supporters that he's not sure the former first lady and secretary of state is up to the job. "Honestly, I don't think she's all there," Trump said at a rally in a steamy gymnasium. Clinton this week said that she "may have short-circuited" when she claimed that FBI Director James Comey said "my answers were truthful and what I've said is consistent with what I have told the American people" about her use of a private email server during her tenure in the State Department. She had made the claim in an interview with Fox News. Comey told Congress that investigators had "no basis to conclude she lied to the FBI." But he has also questioned the accuracy of some of the public statements she's made about the issue.

National News:

Associated Press: Fatal police shooting highlights inconsistent body cam usage

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Amanda Lee Myers

The critical moment when a gunman opened fire on two San Diego police officers, killing one, may never be seen. The surviving officer only activated his camera after the wounded shooter was running away. San Diego is among departments with policies calling for officers to turn on cameras before initiating contact with a citizen in most cases. But like other departments, compliance is less than perfect. The result is inconsistent use of an increasingly common tool meant to give investigators and an often-skeptical public a fuller picture of police actions. "The main motive of body cameras is to provide openness and transparency, and build trust in the police," said Samuel Walker, a retired criminal justice professor at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

World News:

Associated Press: Iran says it executed nuclear scientist in US spy mystery

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Nasser Karimi and Jon Gambrell

Iran executed a nuclear scientist who defected to the U.S. in 2009 and later returned to the Islamic Republic under mysterious circumstances a year later, authorities said Sunday, acknowledging for the first time that they had secretly detained, tried and convicted a man authorities once heralded as a hero. Shahram Amiri vanished in 2009 while on a religious pilgrimage to Muslim holy sites in Saudi Arabia, only to reappear a year later in a series of online videos filmed in the U.S. He then walked into the Iranian interests section at the Pakistani Embassy in Washington and demanded to be sent home. In interviews, Amiri described being kidnapped and held against his will by Saudi and American spies, while U.S. officials said he was to receive millions of dollars for his help in understanding Iran's contested nuclear program. He was hanged the same week as Tehran executed a group of militants, a year after his country agreed to a landmark accord to limit uranium enrichment in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions.

Associated Press: Phelps eager to get started on 5th Olympics, likely in relay

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Paul Newberry

Now that his flag-carrying duties are out of the way, Michael Phelps is eager to get started on his fifth Olympics. That will likely come Sunday in the 4x100-meter freestyle relay, a title the Americans are gunning to reclaim after getting chased down by the French in 2012. Phelps' expected debut would be one of the highlights on the second day of swimming at the Rio Games, though he'd have to share the spotlight with Katie Ledecky. She'll be seeking the first of an expected three individual gold medals, going in as a heavy favorite in the 400 freestyle. The only suspense seems to be whether she'll break her own world record. Ledecky already picked up her first medal of the games, anchoring the women's 4x100 free relay to a silver-medal finish behind Australia on Saturday. Phelps, the most decorated athlete in Olympic history, wants to do his part for the men's relay team. "That's something I've had the privilege to be a part of since 2004, and I'm hoping to have the opportunity again," Phelps said. "It's always super-fast and there are always some wild, crazy splits that take place."

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