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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier : Day one in Cleveland: Haley on screen, Colbert on stage

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160718/160719393/day-one-in-cleveland-haley-on-screen-colbert-on-stage>

Emma Dumain

Gov. Nikki Haley made a surprise appearance Monday inside the Quicken Loans Arena in a video shown on the jumbo screen. But the footage was outdated. GOP organizers showed Haley from a 2013 Republican Governors Association shot. Haley's office confirms she was told in advance the segment would be aired. Otherwise, Haley is not scheduled to speak at the convention as part of the fallout from her differences with presumptive nominee Donald Trump. Haley will be in Cleveland on Wednesday, including to address the South Carolina delegation.

Area Development: Carolina Chips, Inc. Establishes Manufacturing Plant In Orangeburg, South Carolina

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/7-19-2016/carolina-chips-manufacturing-orangeburg-county-south-carolina.shtml>

lina Chips, Inc., a leader in wood processing and subsidiary of The Price Companies, Inc., is investing more than \$32 million to establish manufacturing center in Orangeburg County, South Carolina. The operation will produce wood chips and processed bark for the KapStone paper mill in North Charleston, South Carolina. To establish operations in Orangeburg County, Carolina Chips, Inc. will design, build, own and operate a new chip mill and wood storage yard in Holly Hill, South Carolina. The facilities are scheduled for completion and operation in the first half of 2017. As an incentive, Coordinating Council for Economic Development awarded Orangeburg County a \$100,000 grant to assist with the costs of road improvements.

NOTE: "This announcement is another big win for one of our rural communities that will make a real difference in the lives of South Carolinians. We're excited to welcome Carolina Chips to the South Carolina family, and we look forward to watching it succeed and grow here for many years to come," Governor Nikki Haley said.

Post and Courier: KapStone supplier Carolina Chips establishing facility in Orangeburg County

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160719/160719383/kapstone-supplier-carolina-chips-establishing-facility-in-orangeburg-county>

David Wren

A company that will supply wood chips and processed bark to the KapStone paper mill in North Charleston is setting up operations in Orangeburg County, the state's Commerce Department said Tuesday. Carolina Chips Inc., a subsidiary of The Price Cos. Inc., will invest more than \$32 million on a new chip mill and wood storage yard in Holly Hill. The facilities are scheduled to open in the first half of 2017. The Orangeburg County site is expected to create 15 jobs. "Last year, rural counties accounted for approximately 30 percent of the jobs recruited to the Palmetto State," said Bobby Hitt,

the state's commerce secretary. "With today's announcement ... rural South Carolina has achieved yet another big victory."

Upstate Business Journal: Clemson University officials unveil new partnership with Indian businessman Ratan Tata

<http://upstatebusinessjournal.com/news/clemson-university-officials-unveil-new-partnership-indian-businessman-ratan-tata/>

Trevor Anderson

South Carolina's economic bond with India was strengthened Tuesday. Clemson University officials unveiled a new partnership with Indian businessman Ratan Tata during a ceremony at the school's International Center for Automotive Research in Greenville County. Tata has pledged to fund five fellowships through his nonprofit charity Tata Trusts that will enable students from India's PSG College of Technology to pursue doctorate degrees in automotive engineering at the ICAR campus. "This is an excellent opportunity to strengthen the relationship between South Carolina and India," said Zoran Filipi, chairman of Clemson's Department of Automotive Engineering. "It's a tremendous validation for our program ... This is just the first step in building a bridge between our two countries." Tata was not at Tuesday's announcement, but representatives from PSG were in attendance. Clemson officials said Tata, who serves as chairman emeritus of Tata Sons, a conglomerate with more than 600,000 employees worldwide, visited the Upstate last year.

NOTE: In 2014, Gov. Nikki Haley embarked on a 10-day trade mission to India in hopes of luring economic investment and jobs to the Palmetto State. "India has a young population and is a fast-growing global and regional power," said James Clements, president of Clemson University, in a statement.

SC Political News:

Associated Press: SC's McMaster prepares to take center stage at GOP confab

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=p8fiTnAm

Meg Kinnard

When South Carolina Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster announced his early support of Donald Trump, many wondered why the establishment Republican was backing the out-of-the-box candidate. Even some within the longtime GOP fixture's inner circle publicly expressed disappointment of his pick. With McMaster stepping into the national spotlight Tuesday to give a speech officially submitting Trump as the GOP nominee, however, his wager is apparently beginning to pay off. In a year with a Republican field that covered just about every angle of a fractured party, many presumed the veteran politician would back an establishment choice, like Jeb Bush or even native son Lindsey Graham, with whom McMaster shares a longtime political strategist. But days before South Carolina's February primary balloting, McMaster emerged at a rally with Trump, saying the billionaire businessman had a unique opportunity to unite the party, which was suffering from the lengthy, hard-fought primary season.

NOTE: That year, he placed third in a four-way GOP primary for governor, losing out to Gov. Nikki Haley. He ultimately endorsed the front-runner, led her transition efforts and became her lieutenant governor in 2014. The pair have worked together on a variety of issues, although they've differed starkly in terms of the Republican presidential race. Very vocal in her criticism of Trump, Haley said last month she wished Trump communicated differently because bad things result from divisive rhetoric - as evidenced by last June's mass shooting at a historic black church in Charleston.

NOTE: At the state GOP convention in May, McMaster rallied the party faithful to Trump, calling him uniquely positioned to unite the country's Republicans. Haley didn't even mention Trump by name, opting instead to go after the Republican-dominated Legislature for spending time and money on

projects that benefit themselves.

The State: SC delegates not interested in Melania Trump plagiarism flap

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article90513992.html>

Jamie Self

The similarity between Melania Trump's speech Monday night and a 2008 speech by Michelle Obama was a topic of discussion at Tuesday's breakfast for S.C. delegates at the Republican National Convention. The plagiarism claims drove Republican National Committee chairman Reince Priebus to say he probably would fire the speechwriter who helped Trump with the speech. However, Melania Trump told NBC Monday that she "wrote (the speech) with as little help as possible." Some S.C. Republicans privately wondered how much — or little — oversight the Trump campaign gave the speech. Others blamed the media, saying it had drummed up the controversy.

The State: SC delegates hear from Gov. Walker, Frank Luntz at RNC

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article90482142.html>

Jamie Self

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker praised South Carolina – from its people to its barbecue – and conservative pollster and commentator Frank Luntz urged S.C. delegates to campaign in swing-state North Carolina if they want to win the White House. Walker and Luntz spoke Tuesday at the breakfast for the S.C. delegation to the Republican National Convention. Walker said he's doing the RNC breakfast circuit, visiting early primary states like Iowa and South Carolina, because he wants to see the people, who were the best part of his 2016 presidential run. Walker praised S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley for her efforts to move people from welfare to work and struck similar notes as he did while campaigning for the GOP presidential nomination. Walker said Donald Trump was not his first choice for president. "I was."

Post and Courier: Norovirus strikes Republican Convention, live from Cleveland

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160719/160719387/norovirus-strikes-republican-convention-live-from-cleveland>

Emma Dumain

2 p.m.: S.C. GOP Chairman Matt Moore fell violently ill on Sunday evening just as Republican National Convention festivities were underway. Moore chalked it up to a bad case of food poisoning. But could it have been norovirus? The a strain of the highly contagious and debilitating bug — which causes stomach pain, nausea, vomiting, fever and diarrhea — has been diagnosed among at least a dozen staffers with the California Republican Party, resulting in quarantines in their hotel rooms. Asked whether he thought he had fallen victim, Moore said he didn't know. "I sure hope not," he said. "Not sure we will ever know." In any event, Moore appears to have recovered. He was out of bed early Monday morning to introduce the speakers at the delegation's first breakfast event and by Tuesday he was delivering remarks at an event for lawmakers and stakeholders on the impact of addiction on families. There is also no immediate word on other South Carolina delegates have started experiencing norovirus symptoms.

Greenville News: Lou Holtz, the RNC and a bottle of Crown Royal

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/07/19/lou-holtz-rnc-and-bottle-crown-royal/87295822/>

Romando Dixon

Former South Carolina football coach Lou Holtz is at the Republican National Convention this week, and a photo of Holtz holding a bottle of Crown Royal is making the rounds on social media. ABC reporter John Parkinson posted the photo on Twitter Monday night. Former South Carolina football coach Lou Holtz is at the Republican National Convention this week, and a photo of Holtz holding a bottle of Crown Royal is making the rounds on social media.

The State: 'Never Trump' supporters try to block SC delegates, fail

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article90489097.html>

Tyson Grinstead

Day 1 of the RNC Convention was a blast! From Mrs. Trump to excitement on the Republican Party's rules, there was no shortage of action for delegates on the ground to experience. Delegates started our day started off by having breakfast with our very own congressman – Rep. Joe Wilson. Wilson discussed national security and was followed by rising Republican star- Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas. Right after lunch, our 50 delegates, our alternates and guests from South Carolina made our way to the convention hall. While security lines were long, officers in Cleveland are doing a great job keeping delegates safe. The security lines were not as long as the Sunday night welcome event where officers had to deal with protests. As many folks back home have heard, there was a battle started by "Never Trump" delegates, many from Virginia and Utah, to have the rules be voted on by roll call. The hope was to use this a building block to slow down the nomination of Donald Trump. The effort failed and was opposed by the majority of South Carolina delegates.

The State: GOP rejects proposed changes to SC's first-in-the-South primary

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article90401172.html>

Jamie Self

South Carolina and other early-voting Republican primary states have staved off efforts to weaken their influence in picking GOP presidential nominees. But GOP officials did agree to study the primary lineup sometime before the 2020 election cycle. South Carolina now goes third overall in that lineup — behind Iowa and New Hampshire — and first in the South. "We look safe for now," said S.C. GOP chairman Matt Moore, a member of the Rules Committee, where the party's primary system was discussed last week. Last week, the Rules Committee rejected a proposal to force S.C. Republicans to distribute presidential convention delegates proportionately — based on how well candidates perform in the state's first-in-the-South primary. The move could have lessened the impact of the S.C. primary in shaping the nominating contest. S.C. Republicans now use a hybrid winner-takes-all system, where the statewide primary winner gets 29 delegate votes and the remaining delegates — and their votes — are awarded to the first-place finisher in each of the state's seven congressional districts.

Post and Courier: Clinton mentions South Carolina's black infant mortality rate in NAACP speech

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160719/160719386/clinton-mentions-south-carolinas-black-infant-mortality-rate-in-naacp-speech>

Lauren Sausser

During a speech she gave Monday at the NAACP convention in Cincinnati, Hillary Clinton cited the troubling difference between black and white infant death in South Carolina. "Right now a black baby in South Carolina is twice as likely to die before her first birthday as a white baby," Clinton said. "Imagine if those numbers were reversed and it were white kids dying. Imagine the outcry and the resources that would flood in." According to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental

Control, more than 10 black babies per 1,000 born in South Carolina two years ago died before their first birthday. Fewer than five white babies per 1,000 born in this state died during the same period. The Post and Courier highlighted this disparity in the 2015 investigation "Cradle of Shame." The series determined that investments to improve South Carolina's overall infant mortality rate have been historically focused on metropolitan areas, while poor, rural parts of the state have been neglected.

WLTX: Lawmakers Attend Recreation Commission Board Meeting

<http://www.wltx.com/mb/news/local/lawmakers-attend-recreation-commission-board-meeting/276447340>

Chuck Ringwalt

The Richland County Recreation Commission's Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting Monday. The crowd for this meeting was larger than normal as members of the county's legislative delegation came to speak. "Clearly we've got a lot of turbulence right now," Senator Joel Lourie said. Senator Lourie, Representative Bernstein, Representative Finlay and Representative McEachern were there. "Our goal is just to work with the commission to try and right the ship right now," Lourie said. There are five pending lawsuits against the commission, members of the board and its executive director James Brown III from current and former employees for claims that include sexual harassment, conspiracy and defamation.

SC Agency News:

Associated Press: 3 charged in SC inmate death; one had 7 weapons violations

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CqN8zo9G

SC State Wire

Authorities have charged three inmates with killing a fellow South Carolina prisoner, including one with at least seven weapons violations during his decade in custody. Arrest warrants say the men entered 35-year-old Ae Kingratsaiphon's cell at Lee Correctional Institution in Bishopville on June 22 and stabbed him and another inmate with a homemade knife. The other inmate survived. Prison records show 29-year-old Terrance Griffin has been disciplined more than two dozen times - seven of them for having a weapon - since he was sentenced to 30 years for voluntary manslaughter in Charleston County in 2006. Also charged with murder are 27-year-old Michael Wylie Jr., serving 16 years for attempted murder from York County and 20-year-old Quintin Lumpkin, serving 15 years for attempted armed robbery and assault from Orangeburg County.

The State: 3 charged in SC prison killing in June; 3 more stabbed Sunday

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article90538327.html>

Cynthia Roldan

Three state inmates are facing murder charges for their alleged involvement in the killing of another state prisoner at Lee Correctional Institution in Bishopville. South Carolina Department of Corrections investigators say Terrance Griffin, 29, Quintin Lumpkins, 20 and Michael Wylie Jr., 27, were involved in the June 22 killing of Ae Kingratsaiphon, 35-year-old inmate serving a life sentence for murder. According to arrest reports released Tuesday, the trio went into Kingratsaiphon's cell with "homemade edged weapons" and stabbed him "multiple times," causing his death. The three men are also facing attempted murder charges for the alleged stabbing of Anthony Major, an inmate who was also in the same cell as Kingratsaiphon. Major was rushed to a local hospital for "life-saving procedures," according to the report. The killing of Kingratsaiphon took place at one of the most violent dorms of the one of the state's most notorious prisons. Lee Correctional is a maximum

security facility and one of the state's largest prisons. It is currently housing an estimated 1,300 inmates.

NOTE: Stephanie Givens, spokeswoman for the Department of Corrections, confirmed to The State newspaper that three additional inmates were also stabbed Sunday in the same dorm in which Kingratsaiphon was killed. All three inmates were taken to an area hospital for treatment, Givens said. Two still remain in the hospital.

Post and Courier: State charges three in stabbing death of inmate at Lee Correctional Institution
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160719/160719376/state-charges-three-in-stabbing-death-of-inmate-at-lee-correctional-institution>

Maya T. Prabhu

Three inmates were charged Tuesday in connection with the stabbing death of one man and attempted murder of a second during an incident at Lee Correctional Institution in Bishopville. Terrance Griffin, 29, Quintin S. Lumpkins, 20, and Michael R. Wylie Jr., 27, all are charged with the murder of Ae Kingratsaiphon and attempted murder of Anthony Major. According to the warrant, Griffin, Lumpkins and Wylie on June 22 forced their way into a cell where Kingratsaiphon and Major were and stabbed them multiple times using homemade weapons. Kingratsaiphon died on the scene and Major was taken to a local hospital to be treated.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: Grand jury law needs a rewrite — this time by the Legislature

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article90329322.html>

Cindi Ross Scope

IT'S TEDIOUS AND time-consuming and difficult to restore the state constitution to what it meant before a court reinterpreted it. But laws are relatively easy to change, and the Legislature needs to do precisely that after the Supreme Court last week completely changed the meaning of an important criminal law. In deciding that Solicitor David Pascoe can initiate a State Grand Jury corruption investigation without the authorization of Attorney General Alan Wilson, the court essentially rewrote S.C. 14-7-1630(B), which limits that authority to the attorney general acting in conjunction with the SLED chief. If you look up the law, it still says that. But in its order last week in Pascoe v. Wilson, the court's majority said the Legislature could not have possibly intended to limit this power to the attorney general, because that would mean the State Grand Jury could not be used to investigate an attorney general. And that, the court concluded, would be an "absurd result" — a term of art that means the court may reinterpret even an unambiguous law. Which it did, saying that henceforth the attorney general's designee may initiate an investigation in his stead.

Local News:

Associated Press: Mom charged with drowning infant; family says she loved boy

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

Jeffrey Collins

The family of a woman charged with murder after her 6-week-old son drowned in a pond at a Myrtle Beach outlet mall said she was overwhelmed by the challenges of returning to work as a first-time mom and dealing with an abusive boyfriend. Jameisha Alexander was seen holding her son, King, near the pond Saturday night by someone who called security. By the time officers arrived, Alexander was gone and the baby was in the water, according to her arrest warrant. Paramedics tried CPR but the boy died a short time later. Alexander was taken into custody two hours later after being involved

in a wreck about 20 miles away, according to a police report. Alexander, 24, was jailed on a murder charge pending a Tuesday court hearing. The report was partly redacted and police wouldn't discuss why they think she killed her son.

Sun News: Mother of six-week-old baby found in Tanger pond charged with murder

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article90476857.html>

Elizabeth Townsend

A North Carolina woman has been charged with murder in connection with the drowning death of her six-week-old baby boy found in a pond near Tanger Outlets on U.S. 501. on Saturday night.

Jameisha Katara Alexander, 24, of Carrboro, N.C. was arrested Monday and is charged in connection with murder, according to J. Reuben Long Jail records. King Khalil Jair Alexander died as a result of drowning after he was found in the pond, according to Horry County Deputy Coroner Michelle McSpadden. The child was 6 weeks old and was from Chapel Hill, N.C., McSpadden said.

Associated Press: Man to face second-degree murder charge in dad's death

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ORp6FHVY

SC State Wire

New Hampshire authorities plan to charge a 23-year-old man with killing his father in Chesterfield. Sixty-four-year-old John Giandalone was found dead at his home July 13, and the attorney general's office say he died of a deep neck wound. His son, Peter Giandalone, was detained in South Carolina on Sunday in connection with an arrest warrant for theft. On Tuesday, authorities also issued an arrest warrant alleging he committed second-degree murder. The younger Giandalone was expected to be returned to New Hampshire and appear in court Wednesday. It was unclear whether he has an attorney.

Associated Press: Restaurant Resistance: Charleston readies for shooters

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7Gna0UTg

SC State Wire

Charleston police are helping the city's popular restaurants prepare for shootings after the Orlando nightclub massacre where a gunman killed 49 people and wounded 53 others. Millions of tourists visit Charleston each year and The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/29Vq4K9t>) that police officers held a seminar Monday for hospitality workers. Lt. Heath King says it's important to be prepared for shooters. The tips include having workers look for suspicious people and items such as oversized bags. Workers were told the initial response should be to evacuate the business or then hide telling people to be quiet and silence their phones. As a last resort, workers may have to fight the shooter and should do so as a group.

The State: FBI report on Spring Valley causes new court date for girl charged

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article90476652.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

The court date for one of the students charged with disturbing schools at Spring Valley High School has been rescheduled. Niya Kenny is set to appear in the Pontiac Magistrate's Office on September 15, court officials said. Kenny's attorney – state Rep. Todd Rutherford, D-Richland – said Tuesday that FBI investigators recently completed their report on the incident, and that everyone involved needs time to review that report. "The log for the report is 400-something pages long," Rutherford said. That's just the log. The report itself is thousands of pages, he said. "We look forward to looking through it and seeing what's in it," Rutherford said.

The State: Remember the Spring Valley video? One student is about to go to court

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article90213792.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

Nine months after a video showing a deputy yanking a girl from her seat at Spring Valley High School and tossing her went viral online, one of the two students charged with disturbing schools is set to appear in court. Niya Kenny is scheduled to appear at the Pontiac Magistrate Office on Wednesday. Kenny is not the student who was removed from her seat and slung across the floor – rather, she says she encouraged classmates to film what was happening with their cellphones. Kenny and the other girl, who has not been publicly identified because she is a minor, were both charged with disturbing schools. If convicted of the misdemeanor, Kenny faces a fine of up to \$1,000 or 90 days imprisonment in the county jail.

Post and Courier: Friday panel seeks to plug school-to-prison pipeline

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160719/160719381/friday-panel-seeks-to-plug-school-to-prison-pipeline>

Paul Bowers

Leaders from youth intervention groups and the Charleston County School District will host a panel discussion Friday on how to keep young people in schools and out of the juvenile justice system. The Charleston Alternative to Incarceration Panel and Discussion will take place from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Charleston County Public Library's main branch at 68 Calhoun St. Admission is free, but organizers have asked guests to RSVP online at goo.gl/0vbjn6. Featured speakers will include Executive Director Ruben Austria of Community Connections for Youth, a New York nonprofit organization that helps neighborhood and faith-based groups set up intervention programs for troubled youth.

Post and Courier: Chief diversity officer leaving College of Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160719/160719375/chief-diversity-officer-leaving-college-of-charleston>

Deanna Pan

The College of Charleston's chief diversity officer is leaving the college next month, college President Glenn McConnell announced Tuesday. Associate Vice President John Bello-Ogunu was hired in 2010 to establish the college's first Office of Institutional Diversity, charged with promoting campus diversity and boosting minority enrollment. In an email to students and staff, McConnell said under Bello-Ogunu's leadership, C of C launched numerous diversity initiatives, including the college's first diversity strategic plan in institutional history. "Because of John's complete commitment to making the College a more diverse and inclusive university, we are well-positioned for the future and have a solid foundation upon which to grow," McConnell said. "I am confident that we — the College of Charleston — will be a more welcoming, diverse and inclusive campus in the days and years to come." C of C has long struggled to recruit and retain minority students, particularly blacks, who consistently make up between 6 and 7 percent of the college's student body. This fall, C of C will pilot a program offering automatic admission to the top 10 percent of graduating seniors at all high schools in seven South Carolina counties in an effort to enhance diversity.

Morning News: FCSD5 officials okay new out-of-district payment plan

http://www.scnow.com/news/education/article_037256c0-4dde-11e6-9b0c-7bae942e133f.html

The Florence County School District 5 Board of Trustees has voted to change its out-of-district policy to encourage more students to enroll in the district. During its end of June board meeting, trustees agreed that with enrollment shrinking in the district, a way to seek new students would be to change

its out-of-district policy regarding students. In the past, those seeking to attend the Johnsonville schools had to own land in the district and pay a fee. Now, owning land is not necessary. And those who do own land, but not live in the district, will get a rebate on the \$2,000 fee charged by the district. Out of district tuition is set right at \$2,000, Superintendent Randy Smiley said. An out-of-district student will get a \$500 discount and credit for the real estate taxes paid that is "school oriented," he said. And if you don't own property, you pay \$2,000 to attend a Johnsonville school.

Morning News : Lake City crack down on youth by enforcing curfew

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_bc310a38-4dd6-11e6-98da-d772bd9ab309.html

Bradick McClam

Juveniles in Lake City will again be subject to the city's curfew, or suffer the consequences, city officials said at their July council meeting. Lake City Council approved a resolution ratifying the juvenile curfew contained in Lake City Code of Ordinances during Tuesday's council meeting. Youth 16 and younger are not allowed to roam the city from 12 a.m. to 6 a.m. During those hours, juveniles must be accompanied by an adult 21 years or older, according to the law. First offense is a warning and second offense will result in a \$100 fine, or discretion of the court. Third offense will result in a fine of \$200 or discretion of the court. Lake City Administrator Shawn Bell said before the council meeting that the city has the curfew in place, but "at some point it stopped being enforced." During the council meeting, Bell explained that the curfew was passed in 1994. "This will allow us to hold parental guardians of the juveniles accountable," Bell told those present at the July 12 city council meeting.

The Herald: Sheriff to York County Council: Revisit vote to cut deputy jobs

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article90437537.html>

Jennifer Becknell

Sheriff Bruce Bryant lashed out at the York County Council on Monday for what he called "11th-hour budget cuts" last month that eliminated six planned deputy jobs from his force. Bryant said three full-time and three part-time deputy jobs, which were proposed to be added to his department for the budget year that began July 1, were cut from the 2016-17 spending plan in late June during a council meeting while he was on vacation. York County Sheriff's Maj. Robbie Hudgins, who attended the meeting in Bryant's absence, was not allowed to speak to the council in June to explain why the jobs were needed, the sheriff said. Bryant angrily told the council: "I have never stood before this council in 20 years and asked for something that I did not need. I know what I'm doing. I've been in law enforcement for 45 years." Bryant said he needs 19 full-time deputies to provide courtroom security in York County and has only 12. To fill the gap, Bryant said, deputies are being taken off road duty to staff courtrooms.

Independent Mail: Petition to keep ex-councilman from closing road stolen

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/deputies-probe-theft-of-petition-that-aims-to-keep-ex-councilman-from-closing-anderson-county-road-3-387500831.html>

Nikie Mayo

A petition that aims to keep former Anderson County Councilman Eddie Moore from closing Rhody Farm Road was allegedly stolen from a Starr convenience store. Lt. Sheila Cole of the Anderson County Sheriff's Office said the case remains under investigation and no one has been charged. According to a deputy's incident report, the petition was taken Saturday morning from Redi-Mart Convenience Store on S.C. 81 South. The convenience store is less than a half-mile away from Rhody Farm Road. Convenience store owner Prashant Patel told a deputy that he went to check the petition at about 9:30 a.m. Saturday and noticed it was missing from the front counter. When Patel

had the chance, he went into his office and watched video surveillance of what happened.

Sun News: Feds rule in favor of new Myrtle Beach parking rules

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article90521927.html>

Audrey Hudson and Chloe Johnson

New parking rules for beach access in Myrtle Beach do not violate a contract with the Army Corps of Engineers to spend millions of taxpayer dollars on sand renourishment projects. That's according to an Army Corps review of the contract and agreements with the city that has allowed the spending of \$24 million on erosion correction since 1995. Myrtle Beach officials have stood by their decision to restrict parking along the Golden Mile to local residents only, and to charge non Myrtle Beach residents to park in street-end lots. County officials questioned whether the new parking rules are fair, citing the contract the city signed with federal officials to obtain beach funding.

Associated Press: Snake Bit: Vets report spike in pets bitten by snakes

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=pQIZNEZ2

SC State Wire

It seems some pets in the Myrtle Beach area are just snake bit. Local veterinarians say there's been a spike in the number of dogs and cats being bitten by snakes this summer. Tom Hesselbacher of Animal Emergency Hospital of the Strand tells The Sun News of Myrtle Beach (<http://bit.ly/2ad29qD>) that it's been a heavy snake bite season and he has treated six pets for snake bites in the past week. Vets at VCA Palmetto Hospital say they are treating about seven cases a week. Snakes are more active in the summer, especially if it's been wet. Treating pets can be expensive. The antivenin for copperhead, water moccasin and rattlesnake bites costs \$450 a dose. Hesselbacher says one family had three dogs treated after they were bitten the same night.

The State: West Columbia and related system cited for water quality problem

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article90567502.html>

Tim Flach

West Columbia again has been cited for a water quality problem that affected a partner as well. An inspection May 23 by state officials found drinking water produced by the Lexington County city and supplied to the Joint Water and Sewer Commission slightly exceeded safety limits. The water is safe to drink for most persons, although those with "a severely compromised immune system" should seek medical advice about using other sources, officials said in notices posted online. About 65,000 homes and businesses receive water from those two sources.

National News:

Associated Press: The Latest: Police quickly break up scuffles in Cleveland

<http://bigstory.ap.org/62015d2c88ef48189b03e3858920ed44>

Police in Cleveland have broken up a couple of skirmishes between demonstrators outside the Republican National Convention. A scuffle broke out Tuesday afternoon when conspiracy theorist and radio show host Alex Jones started speaking in downtown's Public Square. Police with bicycles pushed back a surging crowd, and Jones was quickly whisked away. Minutes later, more officers on bicycles formed a line between a group supporting the Communist Party and a conservative religious group. There was no immediate word on arrests or injuries

Associated Press: Trump seeks to steady GOP convention after plagiarism charge

<http://bigstory.ap.org/dd92adba4f434556bd120b4adc643a77>

Julie Pace

After a chaotic start, Donald Trump is under pressure to steady his Republican convention as a plagiarism charge and other unforced errors threaten to overshadow GOP efforts to unify behind him. Still, barring last minute complications, the unorthodox billionaire will end the night Tuesday as the Republican Party's official White House nominee. This week's four-day convention is Trump's highest-profile opportunity to convince voters that he's better suited for the presidency than Democrat Hillary Clinton. But the rocky start raises fresh questions about his oversight of his campaign, which gives voters a window into how a candidate might handle the pressures of the presidency. The plagiarism accusations center on Monday night's well-received speech by Trump's wife, Melania Trump. Two passages — each 30 words or longer — matched a 2008 Democratic convention address by Michelle Obama nearly word-for-word.

Associated Press: Pence seeks to reassure conservatives about Trump

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Jonathan Lemire

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, making his first appearance in Cleveland since being named Donald Trump's running mate, tried to reassure Republicans nervous about the celebrity businessman's conservative credentials by vouching for his character and comparing him to Ronald Reagan. Pence, long a conservative darling, made a surprise appearance Tuesday in front of a powerful conservative lobbying group to vow "that Donald Trump will be a great president of the United States of America because his heart beats with the heart of the American people." "He's a builder. He's a fighter. He's a father and a patriot," Pence said of Trump in what may be a preview of his vice presidential acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention on Wednesday. "Trust me when I say this. When we come together as a party, we'll re-elect strong conservative majorities in the House and the Senate and elect this good man as the 45th president of the United States, and I know in my heart that we will make America great again."

Associated Press: Cleveland police are relying heavily on bike patrols

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Mark Gillispie and Michael Hill

Cleveland police trying to keep protests from turning violent during the Republican convention are relying heavily on officers on bikes, who are not only more maneuverable but are seen as friendlier and less intimidating. Police Chief Calvin Williams said the city bought 300 bicycles for the event on the advice of the police in Charlotte, North Carolina, which hosted the 2012 Democratic convention. Officers on loan from more than a dozen police departments are on bike patrol in the city, he said. "Getting around town is a lot easier and a lot faster," Williams said. "The tactics they use for crowd management and to monitor and assist for protests, you can't do it on foot, can't do it in vehicles." The bikes also offer a less tangible benefit: making officers more approachable.

Associated Press: Christie: Pal's plea in airline shakedown 'made me very sad'

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SC State Wire

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said he was "sad" his friend and confidant admitted shaking down United Airlines to reinstate a flight to make it easier for him to reach his vacation home in South Carolina. David Samson is "my friend and it made me very sad," the Republican told NJ.com (<http://bit.ly/29Xlwky>) on Monday. But Christie would not say whether Samson has tarnished the governor's legacy, which included serving as New Jersey's attorney general. "That's all I have to say."

That's all I have to say," Christie said as he left the arena in Cleveland where the Republican National Convention is being held. Samson is the former chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and was a mentor to Christie. He admitted he pressured United to reinstate the flight after he removed from a board agenda discussion of a hangar United wanted at Newark Liberty International Airport. The money-losing flight was ended three days after Samson resigned. United's CEO resigned after an investigation into that service.

World News:

Associated Press: Turkey fires tens of thousands in coup plotters hunt

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Dominique Soguel and Suzan Fraser

The Turkish government on Tuesday escalated its wide-ranging crackdown against people it claims have ties to plotters of last week's attempted coup, firing tens of thousands of public employees across the country. The dismissals touched every aspect of government life. Turkish media, in rapid-fire reports, said the Ministry of Education fired 15,200 people across the country; the Interior Ministry 8,777 employees; and Turkey's Board of Higher Education requested the resignation of 1,577 university deans — akin to dismissing them. In addition, 257 people working at the office of the prime minister were dismissed and the Directorate of Religious Affairs announced it had sacked 492 staff including clerics, preachers and religious teachers. Turkey's Family and Social Policy Ministry said it dismissed 393 personnel.

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