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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Top SC Dem asks Haley, McMaster to withdraw Trump support

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Meg Kinnard

South Carolina's top state House Democrat is doubling down on his call for top elected Republicans to withdraw their support of GOP nominee Donald Trump. Rep. Todd Rutherford said Wednesday Gov. Nikki Haley and Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster must also tell the state's voters if they still plan to vote for Trump. Republicans nationwide have faced scrutiny this week due to the feud between Trump and the parents of a decorated Muslim Army captain killed in Iraq. At least one has pulled support, saying he'd rather back Hillary Clinton than the GOP pick. Haley has reluctantly said she'd back the party's nominee. On Monday, she expressed support for the soldier's family and made no mention of Trump. McMaster, one of Trump's earliest high-profile endorsements, hasn't responded to multiple requests seeking comment.

Union Daily Times: Haley to help open 'Meeting Place on Main'

<http://uniondailytimes.com/features/lifestyle/6770/haley-to-help-open-meeting-place-on-main>

Charles Warner

A facility that will help low-income individuals overcome the barriers that stand between them and getting a job will get its formal opening at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by Gov. Nikki Haley. A flier distributed by the Union County Chamber of Commerce announcing the ceremony, states Haley will be helping open the "Meeting Place on Main." The facility, which will be located at 111 W. Main St., Union, will "help provide job search assistance, resume assistance, basics of interviewing skills, seminars, mentoring, and assist in overcoming barriers that keep clients from achieving employment. Meeting Place on Main is a project of the Channel of Blessing Ministry of Trinity Baptist Church in partnership with The Original Six Foundation, The flier states the Foundation provided the grant money for the renovation of the building on Main Street that will house Meeting Place on Main.

WCSC: Pickens Co. teachers spend summer learning to help students with dyslexia

<http://www.live5news.com/story/32678554/pickens-co-teachers-spend-summer-learning-to-help-students-with-dyslexia>

Andrew Reeser

This summer, several Upstate educators are learning to better serve students with learning disabilities. Clemson Elementary School Resource teacher Mary Alford has been teaching for decades, but says she is just now starting to comprehend how many of her students may have struggled with dyslexia. "I was a general Ed teacher for 25 years, I had all kinds of students... including students with dyslexia," said Alford. "A lot of time [these students] get overlooked because parents and teachers think they may just be lazy or they are not just trying real hard." Statistics estimate one in five children struggle with dyslexia or other reading disorders. That very statistic is

why Alford and several other Pickens County school teachers took an eight-day training course over the summer to learn how to recognize dyslexia in students and help them. "They can't remember or associate the sounds to the sights of words and letters," said Alford. "A lot of times they have trouble memorizing simple letters and numbers."

NOTE: State lawmakers are also getting involved. Representative Gary Clary of Pickens has helped spearhead a joint resolution signed by Governor Nikki Haley to require South Carolina teachers to receive training on how to work with dyslexic students. "General education teachers receive absolutely no training in this area," said Clary, whose grandsons were diagnosed with dyslexia. "Most of these children are extremely bright, but they have become so frustrated at what is going on in school - it results in emotional issues," he said.

The State: The 20 most interesting things that happened in Columbia this summer

<http://www.thestate.com/entertainment/local-events/article93486732.html>

Erin Shaw

Summer has been full of developments, from new businesses to public art to animals – both real and virtual – calling Columbia home. If you've spent time away or are just coming back to town, know that it's been surprisingly eventful and unsurprisingly hot. To give you a recap, we've compressed May-July into 20 images. Take a look at the photos below for a trip through summer 2016.

NOTE: The international Pokemon Go craze took over Columbia like some sort of Mewtwo mind control. The State House was a hotspot – until it was shut down for an unknown reason. Now, even Gov. Nikki Haley, who tweeted about finding a Pokemon in her office, is calling for the spot to be restored.

SC Political News:

The State : McMaster's support of Trump will ruin 2018 governor bid, SC Democrats say

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article93550157.html>

Avery G. Wilks

Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster's continued support of Donald Trump will ruin his chances of being elected S.C. governor in 2018, the state's Democratic Party said Wednesday. McMaster, a Columbia Republican long-suspected to be a candidate for governor again in 2018, earlier on Wednesday tweeted a YouTube video of his GOP convention nomination speech for Trump with the caption, "Nothing's changed." The tweet followed a call from S.C. House Minority Leader Todd Rutherford, D-Richland, for McMaster and S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley to pull their support from the GOP nominee after his recent criticism of a Muslim Gold Star family. "Henry McMaster ... has been one of the demagogue's most enthusiastic cheerleaders," the S.C. Democratic Party said in a statement. "If Henry McMaster thinks that this dangerous divisiveness will be his path to the Governor's Mansion in two years, he is in for a rude awakening." McMaster has run for governor before, running unsuccessfully in the GOP primary in 2010. Efforts to reach McMaster for comment Wednesday were unsuccessful.

McClatchy DC: Obama shortens prison sentences of 6 SC drug offenders

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/white-house/article93547297.html>

Vera Bergengruen

Six South Carolinians are among the record-breaking 214 federal inmates who received commutations from President Barack Obama on Wednesday. "Altogether, I've commuted more sentences than the past nine presidents combined, and I am not done yet," Obama wrote in a

Facebook post. "Too many men and women end up in a criminal justice system that serves up excessive punishments, especially for nonviolent drug offenses. The president has used his constitutional clemency power to reduce the sentences of 562 people since he has been in office, according to the White House. That is indeed more than the past nine presidents combined, and it surpasses the previous single-day record of 151 commutations, set by Franklin Roosevelt in 1935. Of the six South Carolinians, four will have their sentences shortened to expire this Dec. 1. Most of them were sentenced for minor drug offenses. Their offenses also include possession of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime, possessing a firearm as a felon and possessing a firearm with obliterated serial numbers. Two others had their life sentences reduced.

Post and Courier: Six S.C. prisoners in latest round of Obama commutations

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160803/160809785/six-sc-prisoners-in-latest-round-of-obama-commutations>

Emma Dumain

Six South Carolinians were among 214 federal prisoners whose sentences were commuted by President Barack Obama on Wednesday, including two facing life terms. Officials called this latest round of presidential commutations the largest since Obama took office, and the largest in more than half a century. All of the South Carolina prisoners were incarcerated for drug offenses. Timothy Adams of Hartsville and Lloyd Battles were, until Wednesday, both facing life sentences with 10 years' supervised release on charges relating to the possession and distribution of cocaine base, or in Adams' case, crack cocaine. Obama's commutations are part of a push in his final months of office to purge the prison network of felons punished for isolated drug offenses. His actions come as Congress has seemingly stalled on passing an overhaul of the criminal justice system, which at one point seemed like it could yield rare bipartisan compromise.

The State: Group says immigrants contribute to SC economy, calls for reform

<http://www.thestate.com/news/business/article93589102.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

Leaders of the three industries most affected by labor shortages — agriculture, construction, hospitality and high tech — came together nationally Wednesday for a "Day of Action" intended to showcase new research on immigration contributions in South Carolina and all of the other states. Organized by the Partnership for a New American Economy, Wednesday's effort was intended to highlight the need for immigration reform in the United States, particularly expanding guest worker quotas and lessening the red tape employers have to wade through to secure them. But the national effort comes against the backdrop Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's platform of banning all immigrants and visitors from some cultures and countries, deporting undocumented workers who are already working in the United States, and building a wall along the Mexican border. Shell Suber, a long-time Republican operative in the state who organized news conferences for the organization in Charleston and Columbia, was asked about Trump's immigration positions.

Greenville News: Long-gun rally coming to Greenville

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/08/03/greenville-sc-long-gun-rally/87947544/>

Romando Dixon

A U.S. Senate candidate has scheduled long-gun rallies this weekend in Greenville, Spartanburg and Gaffney. The first rally is at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Greenville County Courthouse. The other rallies are scheduled for noon at the Spartanburg County Courthouse and 2 p.m. at the Cherokee County Courthouse. Bill Bledsoe said the demonstrations are designed to promote freedom and train residents and police departments on how to work together to protect their rights under the law. "We're

letting people know that we have a problem with government taking our rights," Bledsoe said. "And it's not just guns. Guns are just one of the visual rights that a lot of people are aware of, that the government's trying take our guns over and over. It's also our right to property ownership, and our right to freedom from searches, our right to a free economy. These are all being destroyed by the governments, state and federal." Bledsoe, a veterinarian in Spartanburg, plans to have a rally in every county in South Carolina. The rallies started in Pickens and Oconee counties last month and will end in Beaufort County.

SC Agency News:

The State: SC resident infected with brain-eating amoeba with 95 percent death rate

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article93558962.html>

Jane Moon Dial

A South Carolina resident is being treated for a "brain-eating amoeba" infection that kills 95 percent of those infected, according to health officials. Lab tests from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed the South Carolina resident was exposed to *Naegleria fowleri*, commonly referred to as brain-eating amoeba, according to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. The announcement comes about a month after health officials determined an Ohio teenager contracted the amoeba at Charlotte's Whitewater Center, causing the facility to close temporarily. *Naegleria fowleri* – which is found naturally in warm fresh water, such as lakes, rivers and hot springs, and soil – can cause a serious brain infection with symptoms including severe headaches, changes in mental status, nausea, vomiting, stiff neck and death.

Post and Courier: New drug being used in effort to save person infected with brain-eating amoeba

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160803/160809791/new-drug-being-used-in-effort-to-save-person-infected-with-brain-eating-amoeba>

Bo Petersen and Derrek Asberry

A person fighting for life Tuesday after being infected with a brain-targeting amoeba picked up in the Edisto River was shipped a new drug that has helped save two other patients in similar circumstances. While the age, gender and medical status of the South Carolina resident who contracted the often-fatal amoeba have not been released, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed the patient likely was exposed on July 24 after swimming near Martin's Landing in the Charleston County portion of the river. A CDC lab confirmed the individual suffers from an infection brought on by *Naegleria fowleri*, commonly called the brain-eating amoeba. The infection is usually fatal. The resident is being treated at Medical University Hospital.

Greenville News: 'Brain-eating' amoeba multiply in heat and drought

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/08/03/sc-resident-contracts-rare-brain-eating-amoeba/87991552/>

Liv Osby

The so-called 'brain eating' amoeba confirmed in a resident this week multiplies during periods of intense heat and lack of rain like South Carolina has seen this summer, a Clemson scientist says. "As the water warms up, then they multiply more quickly," said Lesly Temesvari, professor of biological sciences and interim associate dean for research at the College of Science. "And also, as it's getting hotter and dryer, the water is evaporating," she said. "And by extension, the concentration goes up." The state Department of Health and Environmental Control said the infection is believed to have occurred on July 24 while the person was swimming near Martin's Landing on the Edisto River in Charleston County. Temesvari said the amoeba, *Naegleria fowleri*, is prevalent in all fresh water,

especially in the Southeast. It can cause a severe infection in the brain that is fatal in 95 percent of those infected, according to DHEC.

WIS: Paddlers, business owners optimistic about DHEC's discharge crackdown

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32681515/paddlers-business-owners-optimistic-about-dhecs-discharge-crackdown>

Chad Mills

After work, three or four days a week, you'll find Meghann Crabb and Deborah Reyes paddling the Lower Saluda River. "It's exhilarating going down those rapids right there. Flipping upside-down. Rolling back up. Encouraging each other to do good," said Crabb. "You don't know how lucky we are to be able to have these Class 3 rapids right in our backyard. Most people drive a couple hours to go up to the mountains to paddle something like this," added Reyes. But sometimes, there's a stink in the air that's coming from the water. "We see it and smell it. It's actually quite disgusting. We all go home and shower thoroughly after every paddle," Reyes said. The agency denied a request by Carolina Water Service, a utility based in Chicago that serves about 2,000 customers here, to continue discharging sewage into the Saluda from a plant near I-20. DHEC wants that plant closed. Instead, the agency wants Carolina Water and the Town of Lexington to work together to tie the discharge into an existing sewer system in Lexington County or be fined.

SC after Police Shootings:

The Herald: Are police out-gunned? Semi-automatic rifles requested in Tega Cay

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/community/fort-mill-times/article93492557.html>

John Marks

City leaders agree Tega Cay is a safe city. None of them want to use the weapons they're looking to budget. The bigger question remains: should they? As part of the city's annual budgeting, Chief Steve Parker is asking for \$7,500 to purchase four M4 semi-automatic rifles. His plan is to buy four per year for three years, until all officers have one. The city has nine rifles for its 25 officers today. "It's the national trend," Parker told Council during a July 20 budget workshop. "Almost 100 percent of law enforcement agencies across the country are going to M4 rifles." The weapons would replace shotguns, which lack range outside 25 yards in certain high intensity situations. Parker echoed several Council members in hoping never to fire the rifles, but he wants officers protected. "Hopefully we never need them," Parker said.

Walter Scott Case

Post and Courier: Federal judge blocks evidence of Michael Slager's conversation with police group

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160803/160809782/federal-judge-blocks-evidence-of-michael-slagers-conversation-with-police-group>

Andrew Knapp

A phone conversation that former North Charleston officer Michael Slager had with a police association cannot be used against him in his lawsuit that seeks legal aid from the group, a federal judge ruled Wednesday. In issuing the order, U.S. District Judge David Norton said the statements Slager made to the Southern States Police Benevolent Association should be sealed because they could harm the former policeman in the criminal cases in the fatal shooting of Walter Scott. The decision limits the association's argument in fending off Slager's bid to force the group to pay for his defense. The lawsuit remains pending in District Court in Charleston. Norton is presiding over it, along with the federal criminal case. Slager also faces an Oct. 31 murder trial in state court.

Savannah River Site/MOX News:

Aiken Standard : Nuclear contaminate tritium found in Savannah River tributary

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160804/160809825/nuclear-contaminate-tritium-found-in-savannah-river-tributary>

Thomas Gardiner

A report from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, or SCDHEC, said activities at the Savannah River Site have an effect on the Savannah River, including contamination from tritium leakage. According to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission website, tritium is a naturally occurring radioactive form of hydrogen and is found in very small areas in groundwater throughout the world. It also is a byproduct of the production of electricity by nuclear power plants. Savannah River Site, or SRS, operations also produce tritium. The website also states, "The health risks include increased occurrence of cancer. Since it is assumed that any exposure to radiation could pose some health risk, it makes sense to keep radiation doses as low as reasonably achievable."

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Flood watch in areas of South Carolina in severe drought

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=EYktkqb3

SC State Wire

Some of the driest areas of South Carolina are under a flash flood watch. The National Weather Service has issued the watch for 12 counties in the northwest part of the state until Friday morning. The watch includes the Interstate 85 corridor as well as areas around Greenwood and Rock Hill. Forecasters say slow moving thunderstorms will develop Thursday, especially in the afternoon. The storms will likely dump an inch or more of rain, and some areas could see up to 5 inches of precipitation. Maps from the U.S. Drought Monitor show the western part of the flood watch is also in a severe drought.

WIS: Brazilian Olympian living in Myrtle Beach will carry Olympic torch in Rio Friday

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32680593/brazilian-olympian-living-in-myrtle-beach-will-carry-olympic-torch-in-rio-friday>

Kaitlin Stansell

The Olympic torch is still making its way through Brazil to Maracana Stadium, and one former Olympian, who now calls Myrtle Beach home, will help it get there. Tatiana Lemos de Lima is originally from Brazil. She's been living along the Grand Strand since her appearances as a swimmer in the Olympic games in Athens and Beijing. Now she will get the opportunity to be an Olympic torch bearer and a spectator at the 2016 games. "The pre-Olympics, when you are swimming you want that to come, but at the same point you have kind of a fear," Lima said. "So it's like it's a different feeling. I want to go...I want it to start because i have no pressure." For Lima, the 2016 Olympic games in Rio will be a whole new experience. "I'm super excited because I've been on two Olympic games and because the swimming is always on the first day, so I never had a chance to go to the opening ceremony," Lima said. "You know the torch is going through the country...It's a huge thing and to have the opportunity to be one of those people and be a part of that knowing the feeling of being on the Olympics before...it's amazing," Lima said.

Aiken Standard: Barnwell company treated clothing to help Rio Olympic athletes ward off <http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160803/160809807/barnwell-company-treated-clothing-to-help-rio-olympic->

athletes-ward-off-zika-

Christina Cleveland

A Barnwell company is helping suit up American athletes participating in the 2016 Olympic Games with technology designed to fight the Zika virus. The virus is primarily spread by mosquitoes and has sparked an international health concern due to the 2015 outbreak in Brazil. Since, several athletes and attendees have pulled out from this month's games being held in Rio de Janeiro. Barnwell company Anovotek, LLC, said it has developed a proprietary method to treat clothes and other sewn products with high performance technologies. What that entails is the ability to apply wash-durable insect repellent to garments and other sewn products, according to Anovotek Founder and President Don Alexander. Anovotek, which means "a new technology," has partnered with Pulcra Chemicals, LLC, of Rock Hill, to treat clothing and products with Pulcra's Skintex MR111 Insect Repellent technology. The repellent is known to repel the mosquito that carries the Zika virus, Alexander said. The repellent is microencapsulated or has little capsules. That protects it from evaporating, he said.

Local News:

Associated Press : Final suspect in deadly Huger home invasion arrested

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9vU7RJAg

SC State Wire

The fifth and final suspect in a fatal home invasion in Huger has been arrested. Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Mike Cochran tells The Post and Courier of Charleston (<http://bit.ly/2aKk3yP>) that 18-year-old Darius Hamilton turned himself into authorities Wednesday afternoon. Hamilton faces a murder charge, among other charges, in the July 21 shooting death of 27-year-old Kadeem Johnson. Deputies say Palmer was one of five men accused of forcing their way inside a Huger home in the Francis Marion National Forest, killing Johnson and wounding an unidentified woman before fleeing. The four other men have all been arrested on charges, including murder, in connection with the incident. It isn't clear if Hamilton has an attorney.

The State: 3rd suspect in weekend shooting death arrested in NC

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article93621722.html>

Rachael Myers Lowe

A third man wanted for murder and attempted murder in connection with the midday fatal shooting Saturday on Magrath Street, was tracked down in Wilson, North Carolina on Wednesday. Jamal Trutus Curtis Hughey, 22, was taken into custody and is awaiting extradition to Columbia, said police chief Skip Holbrook in a news release Wednesday night. Donquiese D. Green, 23, was shot and killed when gunfire rang out on the 2400 block of Magrath Street (near Colonial Drive) around 12:15 p.m. Saturday. A second victim, who has not been identified, was shot and hospitalized.

Associated Press : Mother charged with killing 17-month-old by giving her salt

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

SC State Wire

A South Carolina mother is accused of killing her 17-month-old daughter by feeding her a teaspoon of salt. Peyton Martines was taken off life support Wednesday afternoon, a day after being declared brain dead, said Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger. Charges against Kimberly Martines, 23, of Fingerville, have been upgraded to homicide by child abuse. She was previously charged with felony child abuse. Solicitor Barry Barnette told local media outlets that Martines fed the toddler salt to try to win her husband's affection. The two are separated. "She basically did that to try and get her husband's attention - to get him back into her life," the prosecutor said. Peyton was hospitalized

Sunday. Martines told investigators she awoke that day to hear Peyton screaming. The sheriff's office says doctors told deputies the salt caused the toddler to have seizures and a high fever.

Associated Press: Authorities: 15-year-old driver hits, kills 2 in Wellford

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=LMBILr6T

SC State Wire

Officials say a 15-year-old driver has struck and killed two people in Wellford. News outlets report the South Carolina Highway Patrol says the crash happened Tuesday night. Investigators say the unidentified teenager hit two pedestrians around 11:30 p.m. on Old Spartanburg Highway. Both victims died at the scene. Their identities have not been released. Authorities say the driver, who was not hurt, was not at fault for the accident. Troopers say the driver has received a citation for violating a restriction on the driver's license since the accident.

The State: 'I love you, man': Richland deputies save man from jumping off bridge

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article93575217.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

Death was just a lean away for a man who climbed the guardrail of the Parklane Road/S.C. 277 overpass, crying on the phone, ready to jump into traffic. The man's wife had left him for another man – and she had taken his son and daughter, he told deputies. The jumper, a sweaty, thin, 6-foot African-American man dressed in a white muscle shirt, was on the phone with his aunt. He was telling her that he was ready to die, deputies said. It took strong arms and soft hearts from two Richland County deputies to save his life. "When I got there, he was screaming frantically, telling her that he couldn't live any more – he didn't want to live any more," Lt. Albert McLendon said Wednesday in retelling the encounter on July 26.

Associated Press: Former janitor accused of stealing 27 iPads from school

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=lqt6F7XM

SC State Wire

Police say a former janitor is accused of stealing more than two dozen Apple iPads from an elementary school in Ravenel. Multiple news outlets report that online jail records show 33-year-old Marshall Kendrell Scott of Hollywood was charged with grand larceny. He worked as a janitor at E.B. Ellington Elementary School. Documents show the alleged theft of 27 iPads occurred sometime between May 31 and July 27 and was discovered by the school's principal. An arrest affidavit says Scott told detectives he stole the iPads from a locked storage closet and put them in a recycling bin, which he then took to his car. Charleston County School District spokeswoman Erica Taylor says the district is cooperating with deputies during the investigation. It isn't immediately clear if Scott has an attorney.

The Herald: York County Sheriff's Office donates 574 backpacks to school districts

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article93629307.html>

When students enter the doors at schools across York County this month, district officials want to make sure every student is fit with a backpack. More than 500 students who cannot afford a backpack this year will receive a new one, thanks to the York County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Foundation donated 574 backpacks to all four school districts Wednesday during the fourth annual Operation Back Up, a fundraiser to help supply the schools with the book bags. The foundation paid \$1,700 for the bags and used remaining funds and donations from the community and sheriff's office employees to buy other school supplies, said office spokesman Trent Faris. School district officials picked up the backpacks Thursday, where Kevin Tolson, a Republican running unopposed for York

County sheriff in November's election, helped load boxes into cars. The foundation has donated school supplies since 2008, and began donating backpacks in 2012, Faris said.

Independent Mail: Publisher shelves book by former NewSpring pastor Perry Noble

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/publisher-shelves-book-by-former-newspring-pastor-perry-noble-392d8f83-0fdb-2780-e053-0100007fe64f-389129381.html>

Nikie Mayo

A Christian publishing company has decided to shelve, at least temporarily, the latest book from former NewSpring Church pastor Perry Noble. The book, "11 1/2 Questions To Help You Date Without Regret," was originally scheduled to be released to the public Sept. 27. A spokeswoman for Tyndale House Publishers said Wednesday that the company has moved Noble's book to "unscheduled status." "We plan to review this status at a future date and then evaluate the viability of releasing this book at another time," publicist Margie Watterson said in an email to the Independent Mail. Watterson said there is no set date for that evaluation to occur. Watterson said Noble's other books, "Overwhelmed," "Unleash!" and "The Most Excellent Way to Lead," will remain available for purchase on the company's website. Noble's book about dating was still being advertised on the company's website as of Wednesday night, with language posted indicating that it is "coming soon."

Morning News: Florence Civic Center expansion key to attracting national event

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_c15f697c-59cb-11e6-af99-23fa9fb65726.html

Joshua Lloyd

With the National Horseshoe Pitching World Tournament coming in 2018, the Florence Civic Center has set the precedent for Florence becoming a destination city. More specifically, the civic center's upcoming \$15 million expansion is making larger conventions and events a reality. Florence, which sits at the junction of Interstates 95 and 20, has been long considered for large meetings and conventions, but inadequate event accommodations often blocked any follow-through. That notion is changing, and the National Horseshoe Pitching World Tournament is proof. The civic center expansion plan includes an extension into the lower parking level, with the loss of about 300 parking spaces. The section will include 8,000 feet of subdividable meeting rooms, a new kitchen space and renovations of existing portions of the civic center. Officials say that space will be ready for use by January of 2018. The horseshoe tournament will be the largest single event hosted in Florence. It's expected to draw thousands of tourists, generate 8,000 or more room nights at local hotels and have an estimated economic impact of approximately \$3.5 million.

Herald-Journal: Sales of BMW-brand vehicles down 4.4 percent in July

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160803/articles/160809878>

Sales of BMW's X model vehicles were mostly strong in July, but overall sales of BMW-brand vehicles decreased 4.4 percent for the month, the manufacturer announced Wednesday. The company sold 25,777 vehicles in July compared with 26,970 vehicles in July 2015, according to a statement. Year-to-date, the BMW brand is down 8.4 percent in the U.S. on sales of 179,213, compared with 195,593 sold in the first seven months of 2015. Notable vehicle sales include the BMW 7 Series, which increased 31.3 percent; the BMW 2 Series, which increased 66.1 percent; and the BMW X1, which increased 79.1 percent. "The volatility that has characterized the 2016 sales year was clearly evident in the beginning of the third quarter," said Ludwig Willisch, president and CEO of BMW of North America. "As we have seen through the early months of the year, the 2 Series and X1 have acquired a strong following, and the 7 Series continues gaining ground." Meanwhile, Mini brand sales dropped 8 percent in July. For the first seven months, Mini brand sales have been down 15.6 percent.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: GOP frustrations with Trump mount as allies weigh options

<http://bigstory.ap.org/bfcef6c87625484590e713148e6fe308>

Steve Peoples and Jonathan Lemire

Republicans' frustration with Donald Trump has reached new heights, with party leaders scrambling to persuade their presidential nominee to abandon divisive tactics that have triggered sinking poll numbers and low morale. Party chairman Reince Priebus is appealing to the New York billionaire's adult children to help amid new signs of a campaign in trouble. Trump's operation has been beset by internal discord, including growing concern about general election preparedness and a lack of support from Republican leaders, according to two people familiar with the organization's inner workings. One of the people said Trump privately blames his own staff for failing to quiet the backlash from his own party after he criticized an American Muslim family whose son, a U.S. Army captain, was killed in Iraq.

Associated Press: Pence tries to win over conservatives despite Trump gaffes

<http://bigstory.ap.org/fa360ca4c00a49c982298c950e85bbac>

Brian Slodysko

Since his selection as Donald Trump's running mate, Mike Pence has tried to stay focused on winning over conservatives skeptical of the New York billionaire. His new boss keeps getting in the way. On several occasions in the past week, the Indiana governor has found himself in direct conflict with Trump, taking a different campaign tact or running damage control after one of the Republican presidential nominee's incendiary remarks. The latest came Wednesday, when Pence offered an unqualified endorsement of House Speaker Paul Ryan's re-election bid a day after Trump refused to endorse Ryan. "There's been some cleanup," said Curt Smith, a longtime Pence friend who runs the socially conservative Indiana Family Institute. "I think you'll see more."

Huffington Post: House Republicans: Trump-Ryan Feud Hurts Them, But Not Us

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/trump-ryan-feud-house-republicans_us_57a21919e4b0104052a0a2a9

Mat Fuller

The increasing tension between GOP nominee Donald Trump and Speaker Paul Ryan hasn't quite put House Republicans in a position where they have to pick sides yet but members say the internal strife between two chief GOP standard-bearers has damaged Trump's electoral chances and weakened Ryan's hold on the Republican conference. "It's great that they're going after each other," one GOP lawmaker told The Huffington Post this week, on the condition of anonymity to more candidly discuss the subtle hostility between Trump and Ryan. "If they kill each other, the Republican Party and America would be a better place." Lawmakers would mostly only talk on background, fearing that they would upset two sides of the Republican Party. But it's clear that members sense the fault lines developing, even though almost every member we spoke to thought they personally could stay out of the feud.

NOTE: Rep. Jeff Duncan (R-S.C.), one of the few members willing to go on the record to offer his thoughts on Ryan and Trump, said unity at the top was of the utmost importance. "Republicans have to get together or Bill Clinton will be the first husband," Duncan said, adding, "Even if the Republican conference can only work with Trump on 50 percent of the issues, that is 50 percent more than it would be able to work with a Clinton White House."

National News:

Associated Press : America seen from abroad: arrogant, nice, tech-savvy, free

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Vijay Joshi

The rest of the world may think Americans eat a lot of burgers, have huge shopping malls and are ruled by an arrogant government. And yet the "Ugly American," it would seem, isn't all bad. Americans are also seen from afar as generous tippers, friendly, uncomplicated, rich and the standard bearers of freedom, equality, creativity and technological power. While many Americans feel their nation is divided as never before, a sampling of the rest of the world reflects a more charitable view...

Associated Press: Poll: Police harassment familiar to young blacks, Hispanics

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Corey Williams and Emily Swanson

Crystal Webb cringes whenever a patrol car appears in her rearview mirror. She also never wants to see the inside of a police station again. Her personal experience with police, plus recent fatal shootings of unarmed black men by white officers, has led the Apple Valley, California, mother of two to ask: Who are the good guys and who are bad? "You are the people I'm supposed to go to when I'm in trouble," Webb says of police. Two-thirds of young African-Americans and 4 in 10 Hispanics say that they or someone they know has experienced violence or harassment at the hands of the police, according to a new GenForward poll. That includes about 2 in 10 in each group who say that was a personal experience, including about 3 in 10 black men who say the same. But the poll also shows that young people still desire a police presence in their communities.

Associated Press: Years of surveillance leads to terror charge against officer

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Matthew Barakat

For years, authorities had concerns about Metro Transit Police Officer Nicholas Young: He traveled to Libya and boasted of joining rebel groups there, and he even described his collection of Nazi memorabilia to law enforcement, according to court documents. But until last month, authorities said, he hadn't committed a crime. Now Young, 36, of Fairfax, Virginia, is the first law-enforcement officer in the U.S. to be charged with a terror-related crime, after prosecutors say he bought about \$250 worth of gift cards in an FBI sting for someone he thought was working with the Islamic State group. Young was arrested Wednesday at Metro Transit Police headquarters in Washington and charged with a single count of attempting to provide material support to a terrorist group. According to an FBI affidavit, Young bought the gift cards last month intending that they be used by the Islamic State group to purchase mobile messaging apps. But the person he gave the cards to was actually an undercover FBI officer, the affidavit said.

World News:

Associated Press: American woman killed, 5 hurt in London knife attack

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Danica Kirka and Jill Lawless

A man who stabbed an American woman to death and injured five other people in London's Russell Square is a Norwegian of Somali origin, police said Thursday. They said they have found no signs of radicalization as a motive. Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley said the

investigation "increasingly points to this tragic incident as having been triggered by mental-health issues." "So far we have found no evidence of radicalization or anything that would suggest the man in our custody was motivated by terrorism," Rowley said. He said the woman who died was American, and the five injured people are British, American, Israeli and Australian. None had life-threatening injuries. Two remain in a hospital, while three others have been discharged.

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