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Governor Nikki Haley News:

NBC News: S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley Endorses Trump, Kind Of

<http://www.nbcnews.com/card/gov-nikki-haley-endorses-trump-kind-n613741>

Hasani Gittens

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley was at the RNC Wednesday night and she gave a ringing endorsement to... Cleveland. When asked by NBC News' Jacob Soboroff if she was going to support GOP nominee Donald Trump, Haley responded: "It's great to be in Cleveland." Haley was one of several high-profile Republicans during the primary season who came out against Trump, going so far in February as to say that he was "everything a governor doesn't want in a president." Asked again Wednesday if her non-response was a non-endorsement, Haley replied: "I wouldn't be here if I didn't want to make sure that Hillary was not going to be the next president." "Are you going to vote for him?" "Of course," Haley said, making her first — albeit tepid — endorsement of Trump since the campaign started.

Coastal Observer: Politics: Convention delegate optimistic about GOP unity

<http://www.coastalobserver.com/articles/2016/072116/3.html>

Jason Lesley

Republican National Convention delegate Jerry Rovner of Pawleys Island expects to see a lot of energy from nominee Donald Trump during his acceptance speech tonight in Cleveland. Despite some notable absences from the convention, including Gov. John Kasich of Ohio, Rovner believes Republicans will leave united behind Trump. "People from a lot of areas are coming to Trump," he said. They see the November election as a pivotal point in American politics, he said, with the next president appointing a number of Supreme Court justices. Rovner said he was impressed with Trump's children on Tuesday night. "You can judge people by their kids, how nice and polite and educated they are. You've got to be impressed with Trump's kids." He said Melania Trump's speech on Monday was "fabulous" and the resulting coverage about part of it being cribbed from a speech by Michelle Obama was "petty."

NOTE: Rovner said he's become a fan of South Carolina Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, who placed Trump's name in nomination at the convention. "He's a real gentleman, and made us all proud of South Carolina," Rovner said. "He's been on the floor with us the whole time." Gov. Nikki Haley has been less enthusiastic about the GOP nominee. She told her delegation that she would support him but didn't mention his name, according to Rovner.

Republican Convention in Cleveland:

Associated Press: It's Trump's moment before the nation _ and GOP skeptics

<http://bigstory.ap.org/a74aef8bdeea45c5a0ceecbde6ab63f4>

Kathleen Hennessey and Calvin Woodward

A man badly in need of a big moment, Donald Trump on Thursday faced the most important speech of his presidential campaign, a last chance to make his case to skeptics at a convention marked by divided loyalties and unwanted distractions. The newly crowned Republican nominee had hoped for a triumphant turn at the podium, but he has instead been plagued by fresh political and policy headaches: His most tenacious primary rival, Sen. Ted Cruz, still refused to endorse him — and

happily took the convention stage anyway. And Trump's own exposition of his foreign policy views was rattling allies at home and abroad. The candidate said he just wanted people to come out of the Republican National Convention knowing this fact: "I'm very well-liked." But it is clear he'll need more than that if he is to end his four days in the spotlight achieving more good than harm. Trump raised the stakes in an interview in which he said he would set new conditions before coming to the aid of NATO allies. The remarks, in an interview published Thursday with The New York Times, deviated from decades of U.S. foreign policy doctrine and seemed to reject the 67-year-old alliance's bedrock principle of collective defense.

Associated Press: Cruz defiant as GOP slams him on Trump non-endorsement

<http://bigstory.ap.org/cf5d2e8d486b4c499d77b15e0fb74842>

Erica Werner and Thomas Beaumont

A defiant Sen. Ted Cruz declared Thursday he's no "servile puppy dog" as he faced a torrent of GOP criticism over his refusal to endorse Donald Trump on the Republican National Convention stage.irate convention delegates predicted Cruz had committed political suicide by accepting a prime-time speaking slot Wednesday only to urge Republicans to "vote your conscience," not vote for the nominee. Although the Texas senator had not been expected to offer an effusive endorsement of his primary foe, many GOP delegates had hoped and expected to hear some expression of support as they struggle to unite their party to defeat Democrat Hillary Clinton this fall. Instead they got the opposite Wednesday night as Cruz's defiance ripped apart their showcase of GOP unity moments before vice presidential nominee Mike Pence took the stage. The result was a moment of high drama in the convention hall, as delegates booed Cruz angrily and waved their arms, and some even rushed the stage. Only Trump's sudden appearance in his family's box, dispensing smiles and waves, quieted the simmering crowd.

Associated Press: Trump hedges on NATO protection against Russian aggression

<http://bigstory.ap.org/341dee1ce9804298b69c08693f27827b>

Vivian Salama

Republican nominee Donald Trump hinted the U.S. may revisit NATO's longstanding policy of defending its allies against possible Russian aggression if he becomes president, saying that some allies aren't holding up their end of the bargain. Trump told The New York Times that he would decide whether to protect the Baltic republics against any incursion by Russia based on whether those countries "have fulfilled their obligations to us." His remarks came ahead of his speech to formally accept the Republican nomination for president late Thursday, and dominated the day's convention-related chatter, even though they are in line with his views questioning the United States' global role. In 2014, the 28-member alliance created a rapid-reaction force to protect the most vulnerable NATO members against a confrontation with Russia. Last week, President Barack Obama pledged unwavering commitment to defending Europe, adding that "in good times and in bad, Europe can count on the United States."

NOTE: Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, an outspoken Trump critic, said Thursday that Trump's statements make Putin "a very happy man." "The Republican nominee for president is essentially telling the Russians and other bad actors that the United States is not fully committed to supporting the NATO alliance," Graham said.

The State: SC's Graham calls on Trump to back NATO allies

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article91033107.html>

Jamie Self

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham criticized Donald Trump for saying the United States may not always defend its NATO allies and called on Trump to correct the statement in his acceptance speech for the GOP presidential nomination. "Statements like these make the world more dangerous and the United States less safe," said Graham, a Seneca Republican who withdrew from the GOP presidential nominating race late last year. In an interview with the New York Times published Thursday, Trump

said if Russia attacked small Baltic States that recently entered NATO, he would consider if they “have fulfilled their obligations to us.” “If they fulfill their obligations to us,” Trump told The Times, “the answer is yes.” “I can only imagine how our allies in NATO, particularly the Balkan states must feel after reading these comments from Mr. Trump,” Graham said. “I’m 100 percent certain how Russian President (Vladimir) Putin feels – he’s a very happy man.”

Post and Courier: Lindsey Graham calls on Trump to clarify NATO dedication statement

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729890/lindsey-graham-calls-on-trump-to-clarify-nato-dedication-statement>

Emma Dumain

10:30 a.m.: U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham urged Donald Trump to clarify his position on defending European allies after a New York Times article quoted the GOP presidential nominee as not fully supportive of the NATO alliance treaty. “Statements like these make the world more dangerous and the United States less safe,” Graham, R-S.C., said this morning. “I can only imagine how our allies in NATO, particularly the Balkan states must feel after reading these comments from Mr. Trump,” Graham said. “I’m 100 percent certain how Russian President Putin feels – he’s a very happy man.” Trump, in a New York Times interview today, broke from standing U.S. foreign policy in suggesting the U.S. wouldn’t defend its NATO allies, including the Baltic states against Russian aggression. He cited them not fulfilling “their obligation to us” including through adequate military spending. Graham called on Trump to correct his statement.

The State: Cruz’s Trump snub fills chatter at SC breakfast at RNC

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article91025402.html>

Jamie Self

Ted Cruz’s refusal Wednesday night to endorse Donald Trump on the Republican National Convention stage drove chatter among S.C. delegates at their breakfast Thursday. The consensus for many was that the move was a huge misstep on Cruz’s part. Bob Barnwell, a Richland County alternate whose first pick was U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, said Cruz’s speech – in which he called for Republicans to support candidates up and down the ticket, but did not formally endorse Trump – was “classless.” Susan Aiken, a delegate from Anderson, said she thought Cruz was leading up to an endorsement, but then she could tell he was not going to give Trump the official nod. “I would have handled it differently, and I’m not sure what his motive was,” Aiken said, adding that the move likely will hurt Cruz if he decides to run for president later. “It’s fine if you disagree and you want to go another direction, but don’t do it at the convention when you have the opportunity to unify the party. “On the other hand, he may have made Donald Trump even stronger by doing that because a lot of people were listening, and they may see it as well, we’ve got the right candidate,” she added.

The State: Trump’s VP pick ‘well received’ by SC delegation

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article91018827.html>

Tyson Grinstead (Contributor)

The excitement continued to build Wednesday in Cleveland for South Carolina’s delegates. Our state’s contingent was fortunate enough to have breakfast with some of South Carolina’s strongest leaders. Gov. Nikki Haley, Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, Attorney General Alan Wilson, Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman and congressmen Sanford, Wilson, and Rice all visited our delegation yesterday morning. Despite busy schedules, delegates have enjoyed Cleveland’s local tourist attractions. From the Cleveland Indians’ Progressive Field, to the Brown’s FirstEnergy Stadium, to the Rock & Roll Hall of fame, the City of Cleveland has welcomed each and every one of us. While visiting the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame yesterday, South Carolina’s delegates were able to catch a glimpse of Donald Trump landing in Cleveland and meeting the Pence family. The convention lineup on Wednesday included several former candidates. Scott Walker’s speech and a video by Marco Rubio both called for party unity and stressed the need for Republican success in November.

Post and Courier: RNC delegate spotlight: Sally Atwater

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729961/rnc-delegate-spotlight-sally-atwater>

Emma Dumain

For years, Sally Atwater had her late husband — Lee Atwater — to thank for her front-row seat to all the major political events in the Republican Party. This week, she is in the middle of the action in her own stead. Though she has attended countless Republican National Conventions as the spouse, then widow, of an infamous GOP operative and one-time Republican National Committee chairman, Atwater is now a voting convention delegate for the very first time. “I knew this was the time,” said Atwater, who won a national delegate slot this year after an unsuccessful 2014 bid to be South Carolina’s superintendent of education. “Even when Lee was chairman, I knew the real power belonged to the delegates. So when I had the opportunity to run (for delegate), I jumped at it. I feel like I’ll be a pretty good delegate. I listen to the people of South Carolina.”

Greenville News: Easley pastor's partisan prayer, comments raise eyebrows at Republican National Convention

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/07/20/easley-pastors-partisan-prayer-comments-raise-eyebrows-republican-national-convention/87350796/>

Ron Barnett

In a booming voice that might have sent any demons in the greater Cleveland area scurrying across Lake Erie, Pastor Mark Burns of Easley declared to the delegates at the Republican National Convention that Donald Trump is a man of God and that the "enemy" is “Hillary Clinton and the Democratic Party.” Burns, pastor of the Harvest Praise & Worship Center and co-founder and CEO of an Easley-based religious TV network, called down some wrath upon himself, however, with his comments and benediction, from critics who said he had crossed the line in injecting God into partisan politics. In his prayer at the conclusion of Monday's proceedings, he thanked God for giving Trump “the words to unite this party, this country, that we together can defeat the liberal Democratic Party.” “Because we are the United States of America, and we are the conservative party under God,” he continued. “Give him the words, give him the peace, give him the power and the authority to be the next president of the United States of America, in Jesus’ name. If you believe it, shout Amen!”

SC Political News:**Associated Press: S.C. lawmakers went to Turkey on the dime of group with ties to coup**

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729878/sc-lawmakers-went-to-turkey-on-the-dime-of-group-with-ties-to-coup>

Doug Pardue

An organization tied to the Muslim cleric who Turkish leaders blame for last week’s failed but bloody coup in that strategic Middle Eastern country spent thousands of dollars in recent years wooing influential South Carolinians, including taking legislators on all-expense-paid trips to that ancient land. The group, Atlantic Institute of South Carolina, has offices in both Columbia and Greenville, where it runs a school. The group says it promotes education, understanding, dialogue and interfaith tolerance. However, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan contends the group is subversive, has infiltrated Turkey’s government, military, social and educational institutions and organized the failed coup. After the coup was put down last week, Erdogan’s government launched a sweeping purge of those seen as linked to the cleric or his philosophy, removing tens of thousands of educators, military officers, justice officials and other governmental officers.

Post and Courier: South Carolina Democrats picked to speak at party convention next week

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729879/south-carolina-democrats-picked-to-speak-at-party-convention-next-week>

Gavin Jackson

Several South Carolina Democrats are getting speaking roles at next week’s Democratic National

Convention in Philadelphia, Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign has disclosed. Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, U.S. Rep James Clyburn, D-S.C., State Democratic Party Chairman Jaime Harrison and former state representative Bakari Sellers are the announced speakers so far. Clyburn, who attended a rally at the Statehouse for more than 20 Democrats on the state ticket this November, said his speech will center on the theme stronger together; a theme Republicans he said attempted to do this week at their convention in Cleveland. "They talked about stronger, but they haven't talked about together too much," Clyburn said. "The fact that the Republicans cannot seem to reconcile the differences in their own party--how in the world can we entrust a country for them to do so?"

The State: Clyburn, Benjamin among S.C. speakers at Democratic National Convention

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article91065722.html>

Avery G. Wilks

At least six South Carolinians will speak next week at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, former state Rep. Bakari Sellers and S.C. Democratic Party chair Jaime Harrison each are speaking at the convention, which starts Monday. Two survivors of last summer's Emanuel AME Church shooting, Felicia Sanders and Polly Sheppard, also will speak at the convention, according to the Charleston Post and Courier. Party officials have not yet released a detailed speaking schedule.

SC Agency News:

Associated Press: Inmate killed by cellmate at maximum security SC prison

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=lo4JMNWK

SC State Wire

A second prisoner in less than a month has been killed by his cellmate at a maximum security South Carolina prison. The Corrections Department said in a news release that 24-year-old Ryan Mansfield was killed early Thursday morning in his cell at Lieber Correctional Institution near Ridgeville. Prison officials didn't say how Mansfield was killed. Prison records show Mansfield was serving a five-year sentence for burglary and grand larceny from Richland County. He was set to be released in March. Authorities say Mansfield was killed by 34-year-old Michael Brice. The investigation continues and no charges have been filed. Brice started a 13-year sentence for drug and weapons charges from York County in January. A prisoner was also killed by a cellmate at Lee Correctional Institution on June 22.

Post and Courier: Lieber Correctional inmate killed after altercation with cellmate

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729886/lieber-correctional-inmate-killed-after-altercation-with-cellmate>

Maya T. Prabhu

An inmate at Lieber Correctional Institution in Ridgeville was killed during a late-night incident with his cellmate, prison officials said. Ryan Mansfield, 24, was killed around 1:50 a.m., Thursday after an altercation with his cellmate, 34-year-old Michael Jerome Brice. No charges were immediately filed. Mansfield was serving a five-year sentence for grand larceny and second-degree burglary, non-violent, from a conviction in Richland County. He began serving his sentence in February 2015. He recently was transferred to Lieber in May from the medium-security Ridgeland Correctional Facility. Brice was incarcerated in January and is serving a sentence of up to 13 years for trafficking methamphetamine, distribution of crack cocaine and possession of a firearm by a felon out of York County.

The State: Inmate killed at Lieber Correctional Institution

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article91009692.html>

Cynthia Roldan

A state inmate was killed at Lieber Correctional Institution because of an altercation overnight, a corrections official said. Ryan Mansfield, 24, died around 1:50 a.m. He was serving time for grand

larceny and burglary charges out of Richland County, according to records by the S.C. Department of Corrections. He's been in custody since February 2015 and had a projected release date of March 2017. His death was the result of an alleged incident with his cellmate Michael Jerome Brice, said Stephanie Givens, agency spokeswoman. Brice, 34, was taken into the agency's custody in January for several drug charges and possession of a firearm out of York County. His projected release date was January 2027.

Associated Press: State prison inmate charged with stalking Lowcountry woman

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=nob2zYdU

SC State Wire

A man serving time in state prison now faces additional charges of stalking a Lowcountry woman. A news release from the State Law Enforcement Division says that 36-year-old Joseph Singleton Jr., has been charged with sending about 20 letters to a Jasper County woman threatening to kill her. Warrants say the letters were sent from the Manning Correctional Institution in Columbia. Prison records show that Singleton, who has a prior harassment conviction involving the same woman, is serving time on harassment and burglary convictions. If convicted of stalking, he could be sentenced to as many as 15 years in prison.

Post and Courier: Two Charleston County jail officers fired after juvenile breakout

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729891/two-charleston-county-jail-officers-fired-after-juvenile-breakout>

Dave Munday

Two Charleston County jail officers were fired after two teens broke out of the juvenile detention center last month. Two 16-year-olds pried open a window at the juvenile facility on Leeds Avenue early on June 15, tied a bed sheet to a table and lowered themselves to the ground. They were captured later that day. A deputy and supervisor were placed on administrative leave after the breakout. They were fired June 20 "for violation of Sheriff's Office policy and procedures," Maj. Eric Watson said.

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press: Dylann Roof lawyer wants evidence kept out of church trial

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Hp9HLi4B

Bruce Smith

A lawyer defending the man charged in the Charleston church shootings wants a judge to keep some video and other evidence out of his federal hate crimes trial, and says explaining why in public could harm prospects for seating an impartial jury. Dylann Roof, a 22-year-old white man, faces the death penalty if convicted in the shootings of nine black parishioners who welcomed him into their Bible study at the Emanuel AME Church in June 2015. Authorities said Roof posed with the Confederate battle flag before the killings and talked of trying to start a race war. Assistant U.S. Public Defender Sarah Gannett says the evidence she wants blocked includes videos, transcripts and other documents affecting Roof's constitutional rights to be free from unreasonable searches and self-incrimination. In a court filing Wednesday, she asked to be allowed to file the motion under seal, arguing that "their public disclosure could affect the court's ability to select an impartial jury and conduct a fair trial in this high-profile Federal Death Penalty Act case."

SC after Baton Rouge Shootings:

The State: Columbia getting social media policy after Facebook postings, 3 firings

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article90893662.html>

Clif Lebac

Columbia City Hall is developing new guidelines for what is acceptable for city workers to say on social media, including when using their personal accounts. Last week, three firefighters were fired

over statements they made from their personal Facebook accounts about Black Lives Matter protesters who had blocked a major access route to the city on July 10. City manager Teresa Wilson said Wednesday the new policy will be more specific than current rules and will be in tandem with department policies for police and firefighters. The citywide policy, which she said was in the works before the July 10 rally, will be in effect within two weeks. It will spell out punishments that will range from reprimands to terminations, she said. Wilson would not release a draft version, saying it remains under review by the city's legal staff.

Post and Courier: Charleston NAACP meeting to include discussion on shootings of black men, police officers

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160720/160729897/charleston-naacp-meeting-to-include-discussion-on-shootings-of-black-men-police-officers>

Melissa Boughton

The Charleston branch of the NAACP will discuss at its monthly meeting next week the recent national shootings of black men and law enforcement officers. The general membership meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. July 28 in the fellowship hall of Morris Brown AME Church, located at 13 Morris Street in Charleston. The meeting will include an update on community issues being addressed by the local NAACP branch and a discussion about the shootings. Three police officers were killed in Baton Rouge Sunday and five were killed nearly two weeks before in Dallas. The shooting in Dallas took place at a peaceful protest precipitated by the officer-involved shootings of black men in Baton Rouge and St. Paul, Minnesota. All members of the NAACP and all community members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Panthers look to buck trend, return to Super Bowl after loss

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

Steve Reed

Ron Rivera isn't giving his team a free pass this offseason when it comes to hard work. In fact, the Carolina Panthers coach is pushing his players to work even harder after a 24-10 loss to the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl. Just look at the team's recent minicamp, where Rivera brought his players together at midfield on multiple occasions to let them know their concentration level just wasn't there and they were making too many mistakes. "The truth is you can never be satisfied," said Rivera, a two-time NFL Coach of the Year. "If you're satisfied, it's time to move on because you're done. And again, we didn't win the Super Bowl. So that right there is enough for us to stay motivated and keep moving toward our goal."

Associated Press: ACC, ESPN extend deal to 2036 that includes new ACC Network

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ogdZdm2Y

Aaron Beard

The Atlantic Coast Conference finally is getting its own TV channel. Commissioner John Swofford said Thursday the ACC Network will launch in August 2019 as part of an extended media deal with ESPN that now runs through the 2035-36 season. Speaking at his annual forum during the ACC Kickoff media days, Swofford said there will also be the creation of a digital channel that will be online next month. The league will move to a 20-game league schedule in men's basketball by 2019, part of an effort to boost the available content toward the goal of airing more than 1,300 events annually through those outlets.

Post and Courier: ACC Network set to launch in August 2019

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729882/acc-network-set-to-launch-in-august-2019>

Aaron Brenner

The ACC is moving forward with plans to create a conference-centric television network, looking to launch in August 2019. The ACC and ESPN made the joint announcement Thursday to open the

2016 ACC Football Kickoff at the Westin Charlotte hotel. ESPN now has a 20-year contract to broadcast ACC athletic events. "Looking ahead to the immediate and long-term future, the ACC Network will provide incredible benefits to our universities and our student-athletes," said Clemson president Jim Clements, who also serves as chairman of the ACC Council of Presidents. "This is a monumental time for the Atlantic Coast Conference, and it speaks volumes that this agreement, along with the Grant of Rights, was supported unanimously by the ACC Council of Presidents."

The State: S.C. July gas prices are the lowest in 12 years

<http://www.thestate.com/news/business/article91002442.html>

South Carolina has the lowest gas prices in the country, with an average price of \$1.86 per gallon, according to AAA Carolinas. That's the lowest price for July in 12 years. Nearly 90 percent of gas stations in the state are selling gas at under \$2 a gallon, the motor club said. The average prices are about 55 cents less than a year ago and 16 cents less than a month ago. AAA Carolinas said the lower prices are causing millions of Americans to take long road trips this summer. AAA Carolinas said gas prices likely will remain comparatively low for the rest of the summer. That's because U.S. crude oil supplies are about 13 percent higher than a year ago, while gasoline stocks have increased to 240 million barrels as refineries produce significant amounts of fuel. This is the highest ever mark for gasoline supplies during the month of July, according to Department of Energy records.

Local News:

Associated Press: Man killed, woman hurt in South Carolina home invasion

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Dgu5VMmc

SC State Wire

Authorities are looking for five men in connection with a home invasion that left a man dead and a woman injured in South Carolina. Berkeley County Chief Deputy Mike Cochran tells news media outlets that the victims were returning to their home in Huger in the Francis Marion National Forest about 2:30 a.m. Thursday, when the men confronted them. Cochran says the men forced the man and woman inside and there was a fight. Twenty-seven-year-old Kadeem Johnson was shot and killed. The woman was taken to a hospital in Charleston. Her condition was not known. The suspects fled in two cars they took from the home. One car was stopped about 5 miles away and the men inside fled into the forest. Deputies are still looking for the other car.

Post and Courier: Tips led to capture of sex-offender fugitive, Berkeley County Sheriff's Office says

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729885/tips-led-to-capture-of-sex-offender-fugitive-berkeley-county-sheriffs-office-says>

Dave Munday

A wanted sex offender is in custody thanks to tips from the public, according to the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office put out a notice Wednesday that Jesse Gill, who has the number 13 tattooed on his neck, was wanted after failing to register as a sex offender for the second time. Deputies and U.S. marshals took him into custody Thursday morning on Rivers Avenue in North Charleston, according to a Facebook post. "Thanks for the tips on Jesse Gill, with your assistance the Berkeley County Sheriffs Office & the U.S. Marshals Task Force has been taken into custody," according to the post.

The State: Here's what's happening with teen charged with shooting cars on I-20

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article90999367.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

A teen charged with shooting at vehicles on Interstate 20 in March has no immediate court date set after his first court appearance Thursday. Kyle Pratt did not show up in court Thursday morning – he is confined in the Lexington County Detention Center after a judge denied bond for the March incident. His attorney, Ben Stitler, met with the 11th Circuit Solicitor's Office at the hearing. "We're trying to work out a way to end the case," Stitler said. Stitler said he hopes to have a resolution to the

case within a couple of months. Deputies charged Pratt with seven counts of attempted murder, three counts of discharging a weapon into a vehicle, possession of a weapon during a violent crime and possession of a stolen pistol. Pratt struck three vehicles containing seven people while shooting with a pistol from the Quattlebaum Road bridge, according to the Lexington County Sheriff's Department. One person was hit by a bullet, officials said.

Post and Courier: Charleston County coroner won't issue warrants in 2-year-old's death
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729881/charleston-county-coroner-wont-issue-warrants-in-2-year-olds-death>

Gregory Yee

Charleston County Coroner Rae Wooten released a statement this afternoon, saying that she would not issue warrants in an inquest into a Mount Pleasant toddler's March 2013 death. She wrote that after consulting with the attorney general and reviewing the response, it is her discretion not pursue the case. "As such, in light of the solicitor's public statement following the inquest proceedings that any charges brought forward will be dismissed, it is my belief that proceeding with the issuing of any warrants would only serve to consume judicial and public resources with no expectation that those responsible for the death of Elijah Washington will be held accountable." Meanwhile, there will be no temporary restraining order issued against the coroner.

Associated Press: Coroner: SC man dies from heat in home where temp was 100
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=OEXQZIIK

SC State Wire

Authorities say a man found dead from the heat in his South Carolina home had only a fan to cool him down. Laurens County Coroner Nick Nichols told media outlets that 74-year-old Robert Hamilton had likely been dead for a week when he was found by his landlord at his Ware Shoals mobile home Sunday. Nichols says it was 100 degrees in the home when first responders arrived and an autopsy found Hamilton died from heat stroke with a lung disease contributing to his death. Nichols says Hamilton's landlord said an air conditioner was broken and a fan was blowing in the bedroom where Hamilton was found dead. National Weather Service data says the highs near Ware Shoals were 99 degree around the time Hamilton died.

The State: USC raising fraternity, sorority fees to pay for Greeks-only parking garage
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/education/article91012017.html>

Avery G. Wilks

The University of South Carolina has a plan to address the parking squeeze at its downtown Greek Village, but it will cost fraternity and sorority members now. The school plans to charge fraternity and sorority members \$125 more per semester, starting this fall, to help pay to build a 1,200-space parking garage nearby in about two years, according to an email sent to USC students. USC estimates the garage, to be used exclusively by fraternity and sorority members, will be completed by the fall of 2018 or early 2019, pending approval by school trustees. But that means upperclassmen will pour money into a project they likely never will use. Joe Stuhrenberg, president of USC's fraternity council, said Greek leaders voiced their opposition to the plan when briefed by school administrators in April.

Morning News: McCall Farms to invest \$23 million over four years, create hundreds of new jobs in Florence County

http://www.scnw.com/news/article_041c61da-4f58-11e6-bbe7-3fc6076b9eb0.html

Joshua Lloyd

McCall Farms has been a staple of Florence County's economy for more than a century and will remain so with a \$23 million investment that will ramp production and create hundreds of new jobs by 2020. Although officials with McCall Farms were not immediately available for comment, Florence County Administrator K.G. "Rusty" Smith Jr. said the expansion will create about 150 jobs over the next four years. "They're an outstanding corporate citizen and have always provided job growth and

economic enhancement throughout the county," Smith said. Smith said his understanding of the project is that McCall Farms will build a facility in northern Florence County this year and two more in 2017 and 2019, respectively. He said each building could be about 150,000 square-feet and set in different parts of the county.

Greenville News: Greenville, Charleston mayors see growth from foreign investment

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/2016/07/21/charleston-greenville-mayors-see-growth-foreign-investment/87382724/>

Amanda Coyne

Foreign investment has helped Greenville grow into an emerging city with a "European feel," said Mayor Knox White in a panel discussion at the Global South Metro Exchange conference Thursday morning. "You can't walk around downtown Greenville without hearing German. Just looking at Michelin, the number of people who've lived in Greenville who are from Clermont[-Ferrand, France] and the number of people who've lived in Clermont from Greenville is in the hundreds," White said. "There's a very European feel in downtown Greenville and that's on purpose." White was referring to French-owned Michelin and the many German-owned companies in the Upstate, including BMW in Greer, shaping Greenville's culture as it continues to grow. But foreign investment in the Upstate did not start with Michelin, which came to Greenville 40 years ago. White credits the region's formerly dominant textile industry as what opened the door to companies from Germany to China.

National News:

Associated Press: Black therapist says police shot him with his hands raised

<http://bigstory.ap.org/439488d520004355bfe221e0d9e6d891>

Terry Spencer

A black therapist who was trying to calm an autistic man in the middle of the street says he was shot by police even though he had his hands in the air and repeatedly told them that no one was armed. The moments before the shooting were recorded on cellphone video and show Charles Kinsey lying on the ground with his arms raised, talking to his patient and police throughout the standoff with officers, who appeared to have them surrounded. "As long as I've got my hands up, they're not going to shoot me. This is what I'm thinking. They're not going to shoot me," he told WSVN-TV (<http://bit.ly/2ac7zm1>) from his hospital bed, where he was recovering from a gunshot wound to his leg. "Wow, was I wrong." The shooting comes amid weeks of violence involving police. Five officers were killed in Dallas two weeks ago and three law enforcement officers were gunned down Sunday in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Before those shootings, a black man, Alton Sterling, 37, was fatally shot during a scuffle with two white officers at a convenience store. In Minnesota, 32-year-old Philando Castile, who was also black, was shot to death during a traffic stop. Cellphone videos captured Sterling's killing and aftermath of Castile's shooting, prompting nationwide protests over the treatment of blacks by police.

World News:

Associated Press: France: Truck attacker had accomplices, planned for months

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Elaine Ganley and Thomas Adamson

The truck driver who killed 84 people on a Nice beachfront had accomplices and appears to have been plotting his attack for months, the Paris prosecutor said Thursday, citing cryptic phone messages, more than 1,000 calls and video of the attack scene on the phone of one of five people facing terror-linked charges. Prosecutor Francois Molins said the five suspects currently in custody face preliminary terrorism charges for their alleged roles in helping 31-year-old Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel in the July 14 attack in the southern French city. Molins' office, which oversees terrorism investigations, opened a judicial inquiry Thursday into a battery of charges for the suspects, including complicity to murder and possessing weapons tied to a terrorist enterprise. The suspects are four

men — two Franco-Tunisians, a Tunisian and an Albanian — and one woman of dual French-Albanian nationality, Molins said. The driver was a Tunisian man who had been living in Nice for several years.

Associated Press: Brazil arrests 10 in alleged Olympics terror plot

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2232f3f705734cbbba51f1daa983ab61>

Mauricio Savarese and Adriana Gomez Licon

Brazilian police arrested 10 people who allegedly pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group on social media and discussed possible attacks during the Rio de Janeiro Olympics, officials said Thursday. Justice Minister Alexandre de Moraes said in the capital, Brasilia, that 10 suspects had been detained and two more were being sought. All are Brazilian, and one is a minor. The gender of the people was not given. Police acted because the group discussed using weapons and guerrilla tactics to potentially launch an attack during the Olympics, which begin Aug. 5, Moraes said. However "they were complete amateurs and ill-prepared" to actually launch an attack, Moraes said. "A few days ago they said they should start practicing martial arts, for example." Still, Moraes said even disorganized groups should be taken seriously.

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