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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Anti-government anger revealed in Confederate flag removal emails

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160716/160719611/anti-government-anger-revealed-in-confederate-flag-removal-emails>

Doug Pardue

Emails sent to Gov. Nikki Haley during last year's Confederate flag debate reflect the pent-up anger Donald Trump has tapped into during his presidential bid. The seeds of Trump's populist uprising, and his eventual victory over his mainstream Republican rivals, are embedded in many of the more than 10,000 emails received by Haley's office. They mirror the outrage and frustration over the country's direction that has spilled out at some Trump rallies. The emails were sent after the Emanuel AME mass shooting led to the flag's removal from Statehouse grounds. They were released July 6 in response to Freedom of Information requests from The Post and Courier and other media. Most identifications were redacted. In an email sent five days before the flag was furled for good, a pro-Confederate flag writer identified only as Brian told Haley, "Our country is on a downward spiral and is in a self-destruct mode." Gibbs Knotts, an American politics specialist at the College of Charleston, said the writer's concern is not new but represents a growing fear among conservatives and those who believe in a more traditional way of life.

Times Record: Cotton, other Arkansans to speak at convention while some in GOP pass

<http://m.swtimes.com/elections/cotton-other-arkansans-speak-convention-while-some-gop-pass>

John Lyon

A number of high-profile Republicans have chosen to skip this week's Republican National Convention in Cleveland, but Arkansas' freshman senator is on the speaker list. Political observers say that while some established Republicans may have more to lose than gain by appearing on the same stage as presumptive presidential nominee Donald Trump, it's probably the reverse for Cotton. The convention is not scheduled to include appearances by either of the two living Republican ex-presidents, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, or either of the party's two most recent presidential nominees, John McCain and Mitt Romney, although 1996 nominee Bob Dole is expected to attend. Only about half of Trump's former primary opponents are scheduled to attend, and well-known Republicans such as Pennsylvania Sen. Pat Toomey, South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott and South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley are not expected to be there. "For some Republicans, Trump is radioactive," said David Yepsen, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and former chief political writer for the Des Moines Register. "They've got constituencies that may be offended by him, (such as one) with large Latino or Hispanic communities in it," he said. "He's so controversial. A lot of evangelicals don't like him. They don't see any upside to being near him."

SC after Dallas Shootings:

The State: Levar Jones urges maximum sentence for Sean Groubert during State House rally

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article90036632.html>

Cassie Cope

Levar Jones, a Columbia motorist shot during a 2014 traffic stop by a state trooper, said during a rally at the State House on Saturday the officer should get the maximum sentence possible. Jones said he is demanding former officer Sean Groubert be given a sentence of 20 years in prison. The case attracted nationwide publicity as one of a series of controversial shootings of black men and youths by white police officers. Groubert “took it upon himself to decide to be judge, juror and executionist and felt he needed to kill me over a seatbelt – a simple seatbelt,” Jones said to the more than 300 people attending the Building Communities and Families rally. Jones, who has spoken little publicly about the shooting before Saturday, is African-American. Groubert is white.

Post and Courier: More to come following Black Lives Matter demonstrations at Marion Square

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160716/160719514/more-to-come-following-black-lives-matter-demonstrations-at-marion-square>

Derrek Asberry

Only five people were present during the first 20 minutes of the Black Lives Matter Charleston’s assembly Saturday at Marion Square. But organizer Muhiyidin d’Baha said the event is more about building a movement, such as taking the group’s efforts to North Charleston later this week. d’Baha pointed to a list of people who have already shown their support during demonstrations over the past few days and said they are sending those people out to their respective communities to enlist more supporters. The hope is to reconvene at important events with a larger number of people who want to create change. For example, Black Lives Matters Charleston will meet at 5 p.m. on July 21 at North Charleston City Hall, 2500 City Hall Lane, during the city’s public safety meeting.

The Herald: Activist group marches on the Rock Hill Police Department

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article90096542.html>

David Thackham and Andrew Dys

A dignified, yet determined, activist group marched on the Rock Hill Police Department Saturday, calling for greater accountability from the city and delivering a list of demands the group says will help increase communication and understanding between law enforcement and the black community. Spurred by the recent shooting deaths by police of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile, a 12-strong group of adult professionals called the Concerned Black Men of the City of Rock Hill, marched down Dave Lyle Boulevard downtown to the police department Saturday afternoon to deliver a two-page letter addressed to Police Chief Chris Watts. The letter contained 10 demands the group says the department needs to respond to within the next 30 days. Among the demands, the group is seeking to attain all data on use of force by the police department for the past five years, schedule a monthly public forum with Watts, and have law enforcement cease all patrols using vehicles without visible police markings, radar equipment and/or video equipment.

Morning News: Law enforcement offer insight, tips to build trust during traffic stops

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_a5cdcf6d-4b99-11e6-9240-4345fc22f29d.html

Jessica Imbimbo

After recent national events involving law enforcement, traffic stops are becoming an increasingly uneasy situation, both for the officer and the citizen. Local law enforcement agencies are trying to communicate with the public and educate people about certain traffic stop behaviors that may cause tension on both sides of the car window. Sgt. Bob Beres of the South Carolina Highway Patrol said state troopers made 600,000 contacts with citizens last year, and each of those traffic stops leaves

law enforcement officials in a vulnerable situation where virtually anything could happen. "There are a lot of unknowns when we do pull a vehicle over," Beres said. "That's why traffic stops are the most dangerous things for law enforcement." Officers acknowledge that traffic stops can also be highly stressful, not only for drivers but for the officers themselves. Sgt. Jerri James of the Florence Police Department has spent 25 years in the traffic division and is no stranger to conducting traffic stops. However, she said she still gets nervous when she approaches vehicles, and tells new officers in training that having that feeling helps keep you alert for potential dangers.

Herald-Journal: Police, Spartanburg County residents share perspectives at discussion

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160716/articles/160719772>

Allison M. Roberts

Community members gathered at Transformation of Christ Christian Church in Spartanburg Saturday to continue the discussion on how to improve relations between law enforcement and the African American community. Antionette Dawkins, a minister from the Ray of Hope Reconciliation Ministries, said the goal of the event was to "promote peace between both groups." The panel discussion covered several topics, including how to interact with police during traffic stops, how to diminish fear of police officers and how to eliminate racial profiling. Union County Sheriff David Taylor said there are ways to hold officers accountable to reduce profiling. Each year, Taylor said the sheriff's office has to submit to the state a log that includes an explanation of each ticket written.

Michael Slager Case:

Associated Press: Group doesn't want to pay legal fees for ex-officer

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ADGfe9qE

SC State Wire

A police advocacy group says it doesn't want to pay the legal fees of a former North Charleston officer charged with murder in the shooting death of a black motorist more than a year ago. Michael Slager, who is white, paid monthly dues to the group Southern States Police Benevolent Association and hired an attorney through them after the shooting death of Walter Scott. But Charleston lawyer David Aylor dropped Slager three days later when video showed Slager firing as Scott tried to run away from a traffic stop in April 2015. The cellphone video was circulated widely on the internet. Slager sued the group, saying it violated an insurance contract promising unlimited legal aid if he were involved in a shooting. U.S. District Judge David Norton is expected to take up motions in the lawsuit during a hearing Monday.

Wilson-Pascoe Dispute:

The State: How high-profile loss could affect future of SC Attorney General Alan Wilson

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article90095067.html>

Cassie Cope

S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson long has been speculated to be a potential GOP candidate for governor in 2018. But Wilson has become entangled in a legal controversy with his special prosecutor, David Pascoe, about who has authority over a S.C. State House corruption investigation. The S.C. Supreme Court ruled 4-1 Wednesday that Wilson can't stop Pascoe from investigating possible corruption in the General Assembly. The court made it clear that Wilson acted improperly in trying to fire Pascoe and in trying to keep the special prosecutor from continuing his probe. Now, Wilson's political future depends on the outcome of Pascoe's investigation, said ethics watchdog

John Crangle, head of the good-government watchdog group S.C. Common Cause.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina Republicans head to Cleveland emboldened

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160716/160719627/south-carolina-republicans-head-to-cleveland-emboldened>

Emma Dumain

South Carolina isn't a swing state in the 2016 presidential election. In the grand scheme of things, its influence is relatively small, with just 50 delegates to offer to the GOP nominee. But this week in Cleveland, the Palmetto State delegation to the Republican National Convention doesn't anticipate feeling insignificant. South Carolina is expected to be recognized throughout the week for its kingmaker status. As the "First in the South" primary state, South Carolina handed Donald Trump — the presumptive nominee — a decisive victory Feb. 20. S.C. delegates have been assigned to a hotel in downtown Cleveland that's a mere few minutes' walk to the Quicken Loans Arena where the convention is taking place. Some other states have been relegated to lodgings more than an hour away and sure to be affected by the expected heavy traffic and security-related road closures.

NOTE: In previous years, other state Republicans might have been stealing the show over McMaster. Gov. Nikki Haley and U.S. Sen. Tim Scott are considered two of the GOP's "rising stars," representing the promise of more diversity in the party. Haley is of Indian heritage and Scott is black. They both got top billing at the 2012 convention and will be in Cleveland as honorary co-chairmen of the state delegation. They won't, however, be giving speeches. Both have been critical of Trump, Haley especially during her State of the Union rebuttal in which she alluded to the presumptive nominee's inflammatory rhetoric.

NOTE: "Chairman Reince Preibus asked if Gov. Haley would speak at the convention a couple weeks ago," Rob Godfrey, Haley's deputy chief of staff, said last week. "Gov. Haley was grateful for the invitation and looks forward to attending the convention, but, as we have said before, she has no plans to speak so she declined the opportunity."

The State: Who's going to Cleveland? SC's Republican delegates

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article90094867.html>

Bristow Marchant

South Carolina has 50 delegates representing state Republicans in Cleveland this week at the national GOP convention. Who are they? Here's the full slate of SC delegates – 26 chosen by the state convention held in Columbia on May 7 and another 21 elected by conventions in each congressional district. The delegation is rounded out by state party chairman Matt Moore and national committee chairmen Glenn McCall and Cindy Costa.

The State: SC's McMaster earns his moment in the GOP convention's spotlight

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article90093407.html>

Jamie Self

S.C. Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster's political clout is about to grow stronger. As Donald Trump's nomination as the GOP's presidential pick draws near, the billionaire businessman has asked McMaster to play a "prominent role" at this week's Republican National Convention in Cleveland, said Trump's S.C. chairman Ed McMullen. McMaster was not included in a list of convention speakers released Thursday by the Republican National Convention. And McMullen, in New York last week

helping plan convention details, did not provide details on what role McMaster would play, except to say it would be in prime time early in the week. “Mr. Trump is a very loyal man,” said McMullen, president of a Columbia public affairs firm. “He respects and appreciates what Henry did,” being the first statewide official to campaign for Trump across South Carolina. “As a result, Henry will have a prominent role at the convention.”

NOTE: McMaster was a GOP establishment candidate in 2010 when he ran for governor. But he came in third in the Republican primary, trailing little-known Lexington State Rep. Nikki Haley, then 38, and then-U.S. Rep. Gresham Barrett. Haley beat Barrett in a primary runoff to win the nomination.

NOTE: McMaster backed several longtime GOP state senators – including state Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, and Luke Rankin, R-Horry – in their June re-election bids against Republican challengers supported by Gov. Haley. McMaster’s picks could return the support in two years.

Post and Courier: Tim Scott conflicted on Cory Booker as possible Democrat VEEP pick

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160716/160719578/tim-scott-conflicted-on-cory-booker-as-possible-democrat-veep-pick>

Hillary Clinton has yet to name her running mate, but U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., hopes it isn’t his best friend across the aisle, New Jersey Democrat Cory Booker. “He’s a Rhodes Scholar, brilliant guy, former football player — I hope she picks somebody else,” Scott laughed. “He’d be really good.” Booker, who along with Scott are the only black members of the U.S. Senate, is rumored to be near the top of Clinton’s list for vice presidential nominees. The two lawmakers have become close, working together on police body camera legislation, competing in a weight-loss challenge and attending bipartisan Bible study. “Does he add a lot of bite to the ticket? There’s no doubt about it,” Scott said. “There are a lot of people who would be a lot less challenging to our party.”

Post and Courier: Statewide hearings coming on gun reform

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160716/160719614/statewide-hearings-coming-on-gun-reform>

Maya T. Prabhu

A group of state senators will likely hit the road later this year to gather information Democrats hope will lead to gun reform legislation. Sen. Gerald Malloy, D-Hartsville, said the newly formed five-member panel will look at bills he introduced last session that aim to fix what has become known as the “Charleston loophole.” His proposals would have extended the period for an FBI background check to be completed from three days to 28 days. The bills, which died at the end of 2016 session last month, will have to be refiled for the next session in January. “I intend for (the bills) to be topic of conversation,” said Malloy, who serves as chairman of the gun study subcommittee. “We’re going to narrow the focus so we can concentrate on the issues that need to happen.” Many gun reform advocates have focused on the background check waiting period after accused Emanuel AME Church shooter Dylann Roof was able to buy a pistol two months before nine parishioners were gunned down during Bible study in June 2015.

Aiken Standard: Closing the deal: Auto dealers donate \$227K to S.C. lawmakers

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160716/160719610/closing-the-deal-auto-dealers-donate-227k-to-sc-lawmakers>

Michael Smith

South Carolina lawmakers have received more than \$227,000 in campaign contributions from automobile dealers and industry lobbyists so far in 2016, a review of ethics filing shows. An investigation by the Aiken Standard also found that donations started rolling in shortly after state lawmakers introduced a bill easing restrictions the S.C. Supreme Court imposed on closing fees that

auto dealers charge consumers. Fees typically add several hundred dollars to the final sales price of an automobile. Legislation was first filed in December 2015, weeks after the Supreme Court upheld a nearly \$2.9 million class action judgment against an Upstate dealership.

NOTE: Gov. Nikki Haley signed one of the bills into law last month, according to legislative records.

Independent Mail: Old beer laws are raising new issues for breweries, nonprofits and consumers

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/old-beer-laws-are-raising-new-issues-for-breweries-nonprofits-and-consumers-37214f73-043b-5df7-e053--387109331.html>

Jake Grove

It's no secret that the beer business is booming. There are more breweries in the United States today than at any point in the nation's history. There is more beer produced in the United States than at any other point in time. And there is more money changing hands over beer than at any other time. South Carolina has not been immune to this trend. Right now, there are eight breweries in the Upstate. There are more than a half-dozen brewpubs and there are nearly a dozen different breweries planning to open in the next two years. There are also multiple events happening throughout the state that put a focus on beer, from traditional beer festivals to tastings, dinners and fundraising events. And all of these activities are subject to different laws where special event beer and wine licenses are concerned. Back in May, it became clear that many of the beer-related events happening around the state weren't operating to the letter of the law. So, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division along with the South Carolina Department of Revenue started clarifying those laws and informing organizers of events needing a special events beer and wine license of how things should work.

The State: EXCLUSIVE: Merging Columbia, Richland County getting serious consideration

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article90107087.html>

Clif Leblanc

Think of it as One Columbia becoming a reality, not merely a sugary slogan. The goals of having lower utility bills, lower taxes, a more efficient government and a better business climate for the capital city area will be central to a proposal that a select group of local leaders has been discussing quietly and is to propose formally this summer. Mayor Steve Benjamin and a handful of political and business leaders want to make a serious run at consolidating Columbia and Richland County governments into one. "I think it's a good idea. Let's have the conversation," Benjamin said last week in an exclusive interview with The State newspaper. "I hope we can put aside our preconceptions and our misconceptions." It's ambitious – a tall task fraught with political, procedural and legal obstacles.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: How the Supreme Court just changed SC law, constitution

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article89945782.html>

Cindi Ross Scope

IN ORDER TO find that Attorney General Alan Wilson had no authority to replace the prosecutor in a legislative corruption probe, the state Supreme Court had to reinterpret an unambiguous state law, create a new constitutional entity and strip the attorney general of his unlimited constitutional authority to decide who prosecutes criminal cases. Well, the court didn't actually have to do all that, but it did. It seems to me that it could have allowed David Pascoe to initiate a State Grand Jury investigation merely by creating this new entity — "acting" attorney general — which it somehow managed to ordain "fully vested with the authority of the South Carolina Constitution." Associate Justice John Few, writing in dissent, argued that the court didn't have to reinterpret any laws, much less the constitution, to end up with Mr. Pascoe back in control of the investigation. Mr. Few wrote

that “In all likelihood, the result would be the same” if the court sent Mr. Pascoe to a lower court to argue that Mr. Wilson had a conflict of interest, since judges clearly have the right to replace a prosecutor who has a conflict. Alas, the majority did not follow his advice. The result is that we have a rewritten state law and a reinterpreted constitution, both with huge potential ramifications beyond what the court had in mind. We also have a strong disincentive for attorneys general to hand off cases that don’t rise to the legal level of a conflict of interest but that they really shouldn’t handle.

Aiken Standard: Editorial: Use good judgment when playing Pokémon Go game

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160715/160719656/editorial-use-good-judgment-when-playing-pokxe9mon-go-game>

Editorial

Pokémon are everywhere – literally. Quickly becoming as iconic as Pac-Man, the Nintendo video game characters have taken smartphones by storm and millions of people along with it. The Pokémon Go craze has spread to Aiken. A recent stroll through Hopelands Gardens demonstrated that. People were everywhere, their eyes glued to the illuminated smartphone screens, playing the incredibly addictive game. AAA Carolinas recently cautioned motorists about the dangers of playing Pokémon while driving. It is, after all, another form of distracted driving. “Our sidewalks and roads are being transformed into virtual arenas, where motorists and pedestrians are racing to chase down the next Pokémon,” said Tiffany Wright, president of the AAA Carolinas Foundation for Traffic Safety. “Playing this game behind the wheel is a huge distraction and increases your risk of causing a crash and could have deadly consequences.” Lt. Jake Mahoney, with the Aiken Department of Public Safety, rightly cautions gamers to be aware of their surroundings. He advised players not to wander onto private property or other inappropriate areas. The North Augusta Department of Public Safety took to social media to spread its message. “While we understand the urgency of capturing the elusive Mewtwo or the stress of trying to trap a Charizard, this will not be a valid defense for careless driving,” the department said in a Facebook post.

Local News:

Sun News: New committee forges ahead to curb violence as recent rash of homicides occurs

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article90046062.html>

Elizabeth Townsend

A new Horry County committee geared toward understanding why area crime happens and looking for ways to make neighborhoods safer is continuing its mission as a recent rash of homicides involving the deaths of four people in the span of a few days has gained attention. The group, which was created by the Horry County Council’s Public Safety Committee in February, is looking at area crime statistics as well as demographics to understand why violence is happening in the community and trying to develop strategies to stomp it out. “We’ve pulled the statistics for the last five years, and so we don’t want to just make an irrational statement. We want to actually look at the statistics and be able to prove what we’re saying; and therefore we’re now in the analysis phase of understanding what the statistics show us,” said George Payton, committee member and spokesman, who is pastor of St. Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church in Aynor.

Associated Press: Man accused of armed robbery released after 2 years in jail

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gbX1QEm1

SC State Wire

A South Carolina man who spent almost two years in jail for an armed robbery he says he didn’t commit has had the charges against him dismissed after evidence suggested prosecutors might lose

their case. The Greenville News reports (<http://grnol.co/29FCNMH>) that Demetrius Sims maintained his innocence after being accused of robbing a pizza restaurant near Cherrydale in July 2014. Sims, who said he was living on Social Security and disability benefits before the arrest, said neither he nor his family could pay the \$35,000 bond. He petitioned for his bail to be reduced to a \$10,000 recognizance bond that would allow him to be released without payment, but that motion was denied. "I lost two years of my life. I lost everything ? all my stuff, two bank accounts gone," Sims said. "It's got me fearful. I like to stay in the house."

Associated Press: 2 charged with murder in North Charleston home invasion

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3gvYj4e4

SC State Wire

Two men face murder and other charges after police say they broke into a North Charleston home and tried to rob the people inside, killing a 38-year-old man during a struggle. Police told The Post and Courier of Charleston (<http://bit.ly/2a1LUcQ>) that Stacy Lavale Green and Byron Rivers, both 23, knocked on the door of a home around 10 p.m. Friday, forced their way inside and tried to rob the occupants and shot the man. Investigators say Rivers was also shot during the altercation before he and Green fled. Rivers was chased and captured by the other occupants, while Green was caught by police. Rivers was hospitalized. Green is jailed without bond for all but one of the four charges he faces. It's not known if either man has an attorney.

The State: RNE graduate slain at Fort Bragg

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article90042097.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

The FBI is searching for a man charged with killing his wife, a 2010 Richland Northeast High School graduate and a soldier with the 82nd Airborne Division. The FBI is offering a reward up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest of Jason Earl Armstrong Jr. The bureau said Armstrong, 27, killed his wife, Iris Armstrong of Columbia and is wanted on a charge of murder. Iris Armstrong's body was found July 6 in the couple's home on Fort Bragg, an Army base in North Carolina. The FBI said Jason Earl Armstrong killed her July 1. Iris Armstrong was stabbed and beaten, according to her death certificate, the Fayetteville Observer newspaper reported. The state Medical Examiner ruled her death was caused by sharp and blunt force injuries, it said.

The State: SLED fires, charges agent with domestic abuse

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article89923072.html>

Cynthia Roldan

A State Law Enforcement Division agent in Columbia was fired from his job after allegations of repeated domestic abuse surfaced against him. Rodney Sinclair Bostick, 26, is facing charges of kidnapping, misconduct in office and three counts of domestic violence. He was fired and booked into the Lexington County Detention Center on Friday. He's expected to have a bond hearing Saturday. According to the arrest report, Bostick hurt his live-in partner several times. His first reported incident happened on Aug. 1, when he threatened to kill the woman, whose name was redacted in the report, during a dispute.

Post and Courier: Charleston schools could cut down on suspensions with new discipline plan

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160716/160719554/charleston-schools-could-cut-down-on-suspensions-with-new-discipline-plan>

Paul Bowers

A new discipline plan being considered by the Charleston County School Board, students would not

necessarily face suspension or expulsion if they show up to school high or start a fight in the cafeteria. The new Progressive Discipline Plan, up for final approval at the board's July 25 meeting, decreases punishment for a few offenses while narrowing the definitions of some others. According to Alternative Programs Director Jennifer Coker, the aim is to reduce suspensions and arrests, which have disproportionately affected minority students in recent years. "It is about consistency," Coker said. "It takes the emotion out of an administrator assigning discipline to students so that, no matter who's sitting across the table from me, if they have this event, this is what I do." The new discipline plan deals with three levels of offenses, with Level 3 being the most serious and Level 1 the least serious. Level 3 incidents are criminal offenses requiring a report to law enforcement and can result in suspension or expulsion on a first occurrence.

Post and Courier: The Citadel Museum reopens after two-year hiatus

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160717/160719563/the-citadel-museum-reopens-after-two-year-hiatus>

Deanna Pan

After a two-year hiatus, The Citadel Museum has finally reopened in Daniel Library with exhibits showcasing the military college's long and widespread history. The Citadel's origins date back to 1822 when Denmark Vesey, a free black man and founding member of Emanuel AME Church, plotted a massive slave revolt in Charleston. Before the insurrection could begin, Vesey and his co-conspirators were discovered and he, along with 34 others, were publicly hanged. That year, the S.C. Legislature voted to create a municipal guard and arsenal at Marion Square to fortify Charleston against future slave rebellions. In 1842, the Legislature established the South Carolina Military Academy with locations in Columbia and Charleston. The first class of 20 Citadel cadets reported to school at Marion Square in 1843. The newly reopened museum, which was closed in 2014 for renovations, charts the military college's path from its 1842 founding to the present. Exhibits include past cadet uniforms, the long-lost sword of Confederate Col. Charles Courtney Tew — returned to The Citadel in a ceremony last year — and other memorabilia, such as a \$50 tuition receipt from 1858 and a few slabs of the original "hardtack" biscuit served in the mess hall in 1890.

National News:

Associated Press: On eve of convention, an underwhelming rollout of GOP ticket

<http://bigstory.ap.org/5d83c6a0b4db4b2797248f0d281dcbbf>

Jill Colvin and Jonathan Lemire

While the Donald Trump-Mike Pence presidential ticket made its debut at a weekend event that was awkward at times, it highlights a pairing designed in part to bring together fractious elements of the Republican Party on the eve of its national convention. Trump spent more time talking about himself, "crooked" Hillary Clinton and standard policy positions than he did praising running mate Mike Pence in a nearly 30-minute introduction. He lauded Pence's personal character and conservative credentials and pointed to his record as governor of Indiana. The trappings of a presumptive nominee's most significant announcement were missing in the Manhattan hotel ballroom where a few hundred supporters gathered Saturday morning. Nowhere in sight were "Trump/Pence" signs, for example, and Trump's decision had been tweeted the previous day, stealing any sense of surprise from the event. Choosing a venue in a state Trump has little chance of winning also broke with traditional politicking strategy.

World News:

Associated Press: Turkish govt cracks down after coup try; 6,000 detained

<http://bigstory.ap.org/c0143b505e1146bbba567ca2173481c1>

Sarah El Deeb and Suzan Fraser

The Turkish government accelerated its crackdown on alleged plotters of the failed coup against President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, with the justice minister saying Sunday that 6,000 people had been detained in the investigation, including three of the country's top generals and hundreds of soldiers. In addition to those mentioned by Justice Minister Bekir Bozdag, dozens of arrest warrants have been issued for judges and prosecutors deemed to be government opponents. The government has also dismissed nearly 3,000 judges and prosecutors from their posts, while investigators were preparing court cases to send the conspirators to trial on charges of attempting to overthrow the government. "The cleansing (operation) is continuing. Some 6,000 detentions have taken place. The number could surpass 6,000," Bozdag said in televised comments.

Associated Press: The Latest: Syrian state paper says coup attempt fabricated

<http://bigstory.ap.org/0641498e794640a598e6bf4b53080478>

A Syrian government newspaper says the failed coup in Turkey was fabricated and aimed at tarnishing the reputation of the military. The daily Al-Thawra said Sunday that the attempted coup was a plot by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to "avenge the military and strip it of its remaining popular support." It said police loyal to Erdogan "deliberately humiliated" the army in front of the people. Erdogan is a strong backer of the insurgents trying to remove President Bashar Assad from power in neighboring Syria. The Syrian government views the rebels as terrorists.

Associated Press: 2 more arrests in Nice truck attack; IS claim is studied

<http://bigstory.ap.org/730cb35d3a25492194e25f59933470f0>

Colleen Barry and Angela Charlton

French authorities detained two more people Sunday in the investigation into the Bastille Day truck attack on the Mediterranean city of Nice that killed at least 84 people, as authorities try to determine whether the slain attacker was a religious extremist or just a very angry man. Hundreds were injured in the Thursday night attack, and about 85 people remained hospitalized Sunday, Health Minister Marisol Touraine said on a visit to the southern French city. Of those, 18 are in life-threatening condition — including one child, she said. A man and a woman were detained Sunday morning in Nice, according to an official with the Paris prosecutor's office, which oversees national terrorism investigations. The official provided no details on their identities, and said five people detained previously remain in custody. Neighbors told The Associated Press the attacker's estranged wife was among them.

Associated Press: Brexit minister: Some EU migrants may have to leave UK

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Jill Lawless

Exposing the uncertainties unleashed by Britain's decision to leave the European Union, the U.K. minister in charge of negotiating the divorce said Sunday that most EU citizens in Britain when it leaves the bloc will be able to stay — but some might have to leave. Brexit Secretary David Davis dismissed suggestions that the estimated 3 million EU nationals now living in Britain might be forced to leave, telling Sky News that "I want to see a generous settlement for the people here already. They didn't seek this circumstance — we did." But he said if a surge of new immigrants trying to "beat the deadline" floods into Britain before it leaves the EU, the Conservative government may have to set a cutoff date.

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