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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Greenville News: Bright: Haley drove voters to me

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/06/21/bright-haley-drove-voters-me/86174898/?from=global&sessionKey=&autologin=>

Rudolph Bell

State Sen. Lee Bright says he's gotten new supporters since Gov. Nikki Haley came to his district last week to endorse his opponent Scott Talley. After Haley's announcement, "we had a lot of calls from people who said, 'I was undecided, but now that the governor is with Talley, we're with you,'" Bright told reporters. "That amazed me. I didn't expect that." Bright made the remarks at a press conference Tuesday, one week before voters decide whether he or Talley will be the Republican nominee for District 12. The hard-fought and closely watched race has become a referendum on Bright, a controversial figure viewed as a champion of conservative values by his supporters and a self-absorbed obstructionist by his critics, who now include Haley, though she endorsed him four years ago.

Associated Press: Haley decides to attend Republican convention in Ohio

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=nOLab6ZZ

SC State Wire

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has decided to attend the Republican National Convention in Ohio next month. Spokesman Rob Godfrey said Tuesday that Haley will attend alongside South Carolina's delegation. But, unlike in 2012, she has no plans to address the convention. The Republican governor has been very vocal in her criticism of Donald Trump. But Haley has continued to say she would support the Republican nominee. She endorsed Marco Rubio ahead of South Carolina's presidential primary. Earlier this month, Haley said she wished Trump communicated differently because bad things result from divisive rhetoric, as evidenced by last June's massacre at a historic black church in Charleston. Haley said then she would wait until after the legislative session to make a decision about Cleveland. The session ended last Wednesday.

Post and Courier: Gov. Haley to attend GOP National Convention

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160621/PC1603/160629857>

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley said Tuesday she will join Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster in leading the state delegation to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland next month. The S.C. Republican Party announced earlier this month that Haley could be an honorary co-chairman alongside U.S. Sen. Tim Scott if the two decided to attend the convention July 18-21. Haley, who is not a fan of presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump, put off the decision until after the passage of the state budget and the Emanuel AME Church shooting anniversary from earlier this month. "The governor plans to attend the Republican National Convention alongside the South Carolina delegation," Haley's Deputy Chief of Staff Rob Godfrey said in an email. Godfrey said Haley was not asked to speak on stage, as she

did in 2012, and has no plans to do so.

The State: Trump or not, SC's Gov. Haley to attend GOP convention

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article85058467.html>

Jamie Self

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley plans to attend next month's Republican National Convention in Cleveland, where New York billionaire Donald Trump is slated to become the GOP presidential nominee. Haley will attend the convention alongside the state's delegation, deputy chief of staff Rob Godfrey said Tuesday. A critic of Donald Trump's rhetoric and policy proposals, Haley had not decided earlier this month whether she would attend the convention. Trump won South Carolina's primary, taking 33 percent of the vote. He beat U.S. Sens. Marco Rubio of Florida and Ted Cruz of Texas, who finished second and third, respectively, with roughly 22 percent of the vote each.

Washington Examiner: Nikki Haley, Tim Scott will attend GOP convention

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/nikki-haley-tim-scott-will-attend-gop-convention/article/2594533>

Anna Giaritelli

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said Tuesday she will attend the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, next month, a staff member wrote in an email. Haley had endorsed Florida Sen. Marco Rubio in February. Following Rubio's departure from the GOP race, Haley threw her support behind Texas Sen. Ted Cruz. In the current one-man race, Haley has remained a critic of presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., also announced shortly after Tuesday afternoon he plans to attend the convention. The duo will act as honorary co-chairmen of the South Carolina Republican Party. The governor spoke at the 2012 RNC convention, but is not scheduled to speak at this year's event, July 18-21.

SC Radio Network: Gov. Haley to attend GOP convention next month

<http://www.southcarolinaradionetwork.com/2016/06/21/gov-haley-attend-gop-convention-next-month/>

Gov. Nikki Haley plans to be at the Republican National Convention in Ohio next month, despite her efforts to distance herself from the party's expected presidential nominee Donald Trump. The governor's Deputy Chief of Staff Rob Godfrey confirmed Haley would travel to Cleveland for the July 18-21 convention, but would not deliver remarks as she did in 2012. The Charleston Post & Courier first reported the news Tuesday. Haley had been invited by South Carolina's delegation, but did not immediately commit to the trip. While the governor has indicated she would vote for Trump in the general election, she has also been especially critical of his positions on refugees and immigration. She previously told reporters she would decide after the legislative session finished and next year's budget was approved. The governor backed Florida US Sen. Marco Rubio's unsuccessful campaign during this year's Republican primary.

LGBT Laws:

Washington Post: South Carolina school district agrees to accommodate transgender student after facing federal pressure

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/education/wp/2016/06/21/south-carolina-school-district-agrees-to-accommodate-transgender-student-after-facing-federal-pressure/>

Moriah Balingit and Emma Brown

Facing pressure from the U.S. Department of Education, a South Carolina school district has agreed to allow a transgender student to use the bathroom of her choice and will revise its policies to bar

discrimination based on gender identity The department's Office of Civil Rights found that Dorchester County School District Two, located outside of Charleston, violated the rights of the transgender student — who was born male and now identifies as a girl — when it barred her from using the girls' bathroom. The federal agency concluded that the district violated Title IX, which bars discrimination on the basis of sex in public schools. As part of an agreement with the government, Dorchester County school officials will allow the student to use the girls' bathroom and, if the girls' family requests it, establish a support team to ensure she has access to all programs and activities at school. Dorchester County school officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday evening.

Post and Courier: Dorchester District 2 settles bathroom suit with transgender student

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160621/PC16/160629829>

Brenda Rindge and Deanna Pan

Dorchester District 2 agreed to let a transgender elementary student use the restroom she identifies with, according to the U.S. Department of Education. The Department's Office for Civil Rights said the district violated Title IX, which protects students from sex-based discrimination, because the student was not given access to the girls' bathroom as a result of her transgender status. However, OCR determined that the district's policies and procedures complied with Title IX, according to a statement released Monday. OCR is responsible for enforcing federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination by educational institutions on the basis of disability, race, color, national origin, sex, and age, as well as the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act of 2001.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: Clyburn tries to get GOP on record on plans to schedule gun safety vote — or not

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160621/PC1603/160629824>

Emma Dumain

For the second time in a week, U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn of South Carolina spoke up during House floor proceedings to call attention to Republican inaction on gun-safety legislation. The third most senior House Democrat asked to be recognized between votes Monday night, seeking to inquire as to whether he was correct that Republicans had the authority to bring up "right now" a bill to bar individuals on the "No Fly" list from buying guns. "I believe that that bill has been filed," Clyburn said in one of multiple attempts to get an answer out of U.S. Rep. Steve Womack, R-Ark., who was managing floor activity. "It's languishing in the committee, and my inquiry is, isn't it true that we can have a vote on that bill right now?" "He has not stated an inquiry that is relevant to the proceedings before the House at this time," Womack replied. "I respectfully request that you answer the question posed," Clyburn pushed.

Post and Courier: Lindsey Graham joins bipartisan bill barring terror suspects from buying guns

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160621/PC1603/160629848>

Emma Dumain

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham — no stranger to spearheading bipartisan legislative compromises — has signed on as a co-sponsor of Congress' latest effort to keep firearms out of the hands of terrorists. The South Carolina Republican hopes that, unlike other cross-aisle collaborations of the past, this is a plan that could land on the president's desk. "If we can't pass this, it truly is a broken system up here," Graham said at a Capitol Hill news conference Tuesday. Graham helped negotiate the terms of the measure, which was introduced by moderate GOP Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, with support from some other Senate Republicans and Democrats. The bill would bar gun sales to the roughly

109,000 people, including 2,800 Americans, whose names appear on either of two most widely followed government watch lists.

SC Elections:

Herald-Journal: Bright announces endorsements in state Senate runoff

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160621/ARTICLES/160629912>

Chris Lavender

Nine state lawmakers announced their endorsement of state Sen. Lee Bright, R-Roebuck, on Tuesday in Bright's quest for a third term. Bright faces former state Rep. Scott Talley on June 28 in a runoff election after neither candidate won more than 50 percent of the vote during the primary contest last week. Bright was joined Tuesday by fellow state lawmakers and candidates at the Summit Pointe Event Center in Spartanburg to announce their support. "I think we are going to win next week," Bright said. "I believe our voters will turn out." Bright said his campaign will continue to run television ads through the runoff election, and more fundraisers are planned in the coming days. According to the State Ethics Commission, Bright's total campaign contributions for the current election cycle have reached \$195,242 while his campaign has spent \$91,824. As of June 3, Bright's campaign had \$104,488 contributions on hand.

Aiken Standard: Absentee voting for S.C. House District 81 runoff has begun

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160621/AIK0101/160629883>

Christina Cleveland

Absentee voting has started for next week's runoff that will decide the S.C. House of Representatives District 81 race. Candidates in the runoff, scheduled for June 28, are Realtor and former Aiken GOP Chairman K.T. Ruthven and local small businessman Bart Blackwell. Cynthia Holland, executive director of Aiken County Registration and Elections, said absentee voters can vote at the voter registration and elections office located at the Aiken County Government Center, 1930 University Parkway. If machines are not prepared, she said voters may ask for a paper ballot. The last day for absentee voting will be the day before the runoff election, according to Holland. The election will be held for those who live within District 81, and precincts will be open on Tuesday. Voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Greenville News: Lewis, Loftis trade jabs in sheriff's race

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/06/21/lewis-loftis-trade-jabs-sheriffs-race/86179160/>

Anna Lee

Will Lewis fired back at Sheriff Steve Loftis Tuesday, trading jabs with his former boss with just a week to go in the race for Greenville County sheriff. Lewis, who is challenging Loftis in the June 28 runoff, went on the attack after Loftis released the former deputy's personnel file that included allegations of misconduct and conduct unbecoming a deputy. "He did a little sneak attack and tried to blindside me with fictitious documents," Lewis said at a news conference in front of the Hilton Hotel. Lewis accused the sheriff of planting false records in his personnel file and said Loftis can't be trusted to run the county.

Morning News: Moore wins District 2 primary runoff, clinches Florence City Council spot

http://www.scnow.com/news/election_2016/article_14a7da6a-380c-11e6-8a38-2bbbf0d66979.html

Joshua Lloyd

Florence School District 1 Board Member Pat Gibson-Hye Moore defeated Florence County

Democratic Chairwoman LaShonda NeSmith in the Florence District 2 primary runoff Tuesday, becoming the eventual councilwoman for the district represented for more than 25 years by the late Ed Robinson. Moore took home 54.6 percent of the votes, while NeSmith held 45.4 percent --that's 346 votes for Moore and 288 for NeSmith. There will be a general election for this seat on July 26, but Moore will face no opposition on that ballot. Moore will take office after the July election – barring no hitches when election results are made official and no trouble with write-in ballots.

Opinion/Editorial:

The Herald: Hayes was a leader in the state Senate

<http://www.heraldonline.com/opinion/editorials/article85124782.html>

The Herald Editorial Board

Voters in the race for the District 15 state Senate race narrowly decided this year that they wanted new blood in Columbia. But Wes Climer, who won the primary by 350 votes, could do worse than emulate the man he beat, 25-year incumbent Sen. Wes Hayes. Hayes, who was lavishly praised by his colleagues on the floor of the Senate last week, has been conciliatory and philosophical about ending a career in the Legislature that began with a stint in the House from 1985 to 1991. He moved to the Senate the following year and has been re-elected ever since, mostly with token opposition and often none at all. Voters in the race for the District 15 state Senate race narrowly decided this year that they wanted new blood in Columbia. But Wes Climer, who won the primary by 350 votes, could do worse than emulate the man he beat, 25-year incumbent Sen. Wes Hayes. Hayes, who was lavishly praised by his colleagues on the floor of the Senate last week, has been conciliatory and philosophical about ending a career in the Legislature that began with a stint in the House from 1985 to 1991. He moved to the Senate the following year and has been re-elected ever since, mostly with token opposition and often none at all.

Post and Courier: S.C. State returns from the brink

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160622/PC1002/160629834>

Editorial

South Carolina State University is open for business — and is a lot more confident about the future than it has been in years. South Carolina's only state-owned historically black college will start the coming school year with its accreditation intact, its finances in order and its leadership determined that the school will never again be confronted with the very real possibility of being forced to close. Of course students, and potential students, will greet this news with relief. But it is important to the entire state for the Orangeburg university to succeed. It has a proud history of educating black students — many who would not have been able to afford or qualify for admission to other state colleges. The school's ascent out of a self-made hole has been a long struggle due to ineffective trustees, high turnover among administrators, insufficient alumni support, inattentive legislators and administrators who were unable or unwilling to take steps to turn things around.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Man says shark bit him off South Carolina coast

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2egQ0J1m

SC State Wire

A 42-year-old Delaware man is being treated after he says he was bitten by a shark off the South Carolina coast. A spokesman for the city of North Myrtle Beach, Pat Dowling, tells news outlets the man was bitten on the foot Tuesday afternoon by what the man said was a shark between 3 feet and

5 feet long. The unidentified man told officials he had been floating on his back when he was bitten. Dowling says the man had puncture wounds on his foot and he was bleeding. John Williford of Roxboro, North Carolina, says he and a nearby lifeguard helped the man as he ran out of the water.

Local News:

Sun News: Sidney Moorer trial: Surveillance photos show Moorer purchasing pregnancy test, cigar
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article85183747.html>

Elizabeth Townsend

As the kidnapping trial for Sidney Moorer entered its second day at the Horry County Courthouse in Conway, store video surveillance showed Moorer bought a pregnancy test and cigar the day Heather Elvis vanished, according to testimony. The state showed several instances captured on surveillance footage, including Moorer buying the pregnancy test, a truck traveling to and from the direction of Peachtree Boat Landing where Elvis' car was found abandoned and other security footage evidence and photographs. Amelia Bethea, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division agent, testified she obtained a surveillance recording from the Seaboard Street Wal-Mart where Moorer can be seen parking his truck in a handicap space and entering the store about 1:12 a.m. on Dec. 18, 2013. He then selected a test and purchased it, along with a cigar, at 1:19 a.m., according to a time-stamped receipt, Bethea testified.

Greenville News: Mother: 'Bizarre' conversations preceded deaths of children

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/06/21/mother-bizarre-conversations-preceded-deaths-children/86170966/>

Romando Dixson

Day 2 featured testimony from her mother, mother-in-law and a friend of the couple. Brown's gripping testimony summarized five phone calls with her daughter the day before the deaths of her children. Not only was it rare for them to talk so much in one day, Brown said, but her daughter seemed like a different person from call to call. In the first phone call, which Brown described as "very bizarre," Simpson asked her mother if her parents really wanted her. They adopted her as a 1-month-old. "She's always known that whole story and loved to hear it over and over," Brown said. Brown testified that Simpson didn't sound like herself in a call at 12:30 p.m., about two hours after the first call. Simpson asked if two relatives were better off in heaven, Brown said.

Greenville News: Former BJU student charged with sex, sodomy of minor

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/06/21/former-bju-student-charged-sex-sodomy-minor/86181026/>

Anna Lee

A Los Angeles attorney who attended Bob Jones University is under investigation after a 14-year-old boy was sexually assaulted, California authorities said. Benjamin Lawson Adams, 30, was charged with three counts of lewd or lascivious acts with a minor, three counts of oral copulation with a minor and two counts of sexual penetration with a minor, according to Manhattan Beach police and the Los Angeles County Detention Center. He was also charged with sodomy involving a minor, records show. Randy Page, director of BJU public relations, confirmed Adams attended the university in 2004 but didn't complete his freshman year. "Because of federal privacy laws, I am unable to comment directly on any disciplinary actions," Page said in an email.

Sun News: Former Horry detective claims rape victim suing him is a prostitute

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article85079642.html>

Audrey Hudson

A former Horry County police detective says that one of the women suing him for sexual assault is doing so for revenge, and in a counter-lawsuit claims the woman is a prostitute and drug addict and he never sexually assaulted her. Troy Allen Large filed his response to the lawsuits Monday, along with the counterclaim suing for an unspecified amount of money for financial damages he says he has suffered since losing his job with the police department. Large was dismissed from the agency on sexual harassment charges in July 2015. Large is the target of three lawsuits by women identified only as Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2, who say they were sexually assaulted by Large after he was assigned to investigate their rape cases, and by Jane Doe 3, who says she was harassed by Large. All three women claim Large coerced them to participate in sexual fetish catfight videos.

Sun News: Firing weapons on private property could soon be illegal in Horry County

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article85167937.html>

Audrey Hudson

The freedom to fire guns on some private property could come to an end, as officials signaled Tuesday night they will consider a ban on the firing of weapons in some parts of unincorporated Horry County. The Horry County Council directed the Public Safety Committee to examine the issue, after William Wood of Pine Valley Estates complained during Tuesday's meeting that his neighbor is endangering the lives of residents and making too much noise firing guns. "That large gunfire is really disturbing the peace," said Wood, who argued that a three-acre parcel of private property was too small an area for guns to be fired.

The Herald: Leaders fighting back against rising opiate, heroin use in York County

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article85195677.html>

Teddy Kulmala

Tuesday's event marked a positive milestone for Operation Medicine Drop, which has seen more than 3 million doses of unused or expired drugs turned in throughout York County since 2009. However, the rest of the numbers presented Tuesday were sobering. Drug overdose deaths have increased in York County from 28 in 2011 to 42 in 2015, according to the York County Coroner's Office. Opiate-related deaths increased from 20 in 2011 to 25 in 2015, and heroin-related deaths went from zero in 2011 to nine in 2015. Between January and May of this year, the coroner's office handled seven heroin-related deaths. Nationally, admissions to treatment for prescription opiates increased 500 percent from 2000 to 2012, according to Janet Martini, executive director of Keystone Substance Abuse Services in Rock Hill. Last year, Keystone saw the third highest number of "unduplicated opiate-related admissions" in South Carolina's drug abuse system, surpassed only by centers in Charleston and Greenville.

Post and Courier: Justice Department, North Charleston police hold second feedback session on citizens advisory board

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160621/PC16/160629820>

Melissa Boughton

About 25 people turned out Tuesday night to give their feedback to the U.S. Justice Department and the North Charleston Police Department on the formation of a citizens board to advise police officials. For the second night in a row, Walter Atkinson, a Justice Department community relations expert, presented North Charleston community members with a draft of a plan including the board's mission, purpose, responsibilities and qualifications for members. The community engagement forum was held at The Cathedral of Praise on Ashley Phosphate Road. A working group of people began meeting in May 2015, in the wake of the Walter Scott shooting, with Atkinson, North Charleston Police Chief

Eddie Driggers and Mayor Keith Summey, who was not at the event. They made the recommendations in the draft after reviewing five other police departments' citizens advisory councils from across the nation.

Post and Courier : Emanuel AME pastor moved after five months on the job

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160621/PC16/160629819>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

The first permanent pastor of Emanuel AME Church, where nine worshippers were gunned down at Bible study a year ago, has been moved to a church in Georgetown after just five months at the grieving house of worship. Bishop Richard Franklin Norris, whose district spans South Carolina, assigned the Rev. Betty Deas Clark to Emanuel AME on Jan. 23. She was the first female pastor to lead the historic church on Calhoun Street. Multiple sources confirmed to The Post and Courier on Tuesday that the bishop reassigned Clark to Bethel AME Church in Georgetown earlier in the day. They did not elaborate on why she was moved after such a short tenure. Clark declined to comment late Tuesday. The move comes in the middle of 12 days of events organized by Emanuel, with help from the city of Charleston, surrounding the June 17 massacre.

Island Packet: School board, meeting attendees decry 'sexist' comments to empty chair

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article85171542.html>

Rebecca Lurye

Paul Roth was not there to hear it Tuesday night, but his peers and several members of the public had some choice words about the incumbent school board member. The Beaufort County school board voted unanimously at the end of Tuesday's meeting to censure — or formally state disapproval of — Roth for his recent comments about another board member's appearance during an interview on Friday, calling her a "hot chick," as well as his assertions that some of his peers are "screw ups" and that his board experience eclipses any other's. They did so to an empty seat, as Roth left the Bluffton public library before the public session of the meeting began at 6 p.m. Board chair Mary Cordray was also absent.

Herald-Journal: Soda Tax: SC not likely to follow Philadelphia's lead to fund pre-K programs

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160621/articles/160629918>

Zach Fox

Upstate officials agree that funding early childhood education programs is necessary, but funding tied to a tax increase, similar to what Philadelphia has enacted, is not likely to happen here, they said. Philadelphia City Council recently approved a 1.5-cent-per-ounce tax on beverages containing sugar and artificial sweeteners. City officials expect it to raise around \$91 million annually, with most of the money dedicated to expanding pre-kindergarten programs in the city. Revenue from the tax will also be used for parks and recreation projects and for a tax credit to businesses selling healthy beverages. "I haven't seen any interest in doing anything like that so far," said S.C. Rep. Rita Allison, R-Lyman, chairwoman of the House Education and Public Works Committee.

The State: 3 firms decline comment on allegations they helped Richland commit civil fraud

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article85164377.html>

John Monk

Officials with the three private companies that allegedly acted unlawfully in handling millions of dollars of Richland County's penny sales tax said Tuesday they could not comment on the case. The accusations were made by the S.C. Department of Revenue in legal filings this week against Richland County over alleged mismanagement and "civil fraud" in the handling of millions of dollars

raised since 2013 by the county's penny sales tax, due to last for 22 years and raise \$1 billion. The \$1 billion is supposed to be spent only on transportation projects, but DOR asserts some of the millions raised to date have been spent unlawfully and gone to non-transportation projects. Officials with the county's three private firms – who together make up what is called the “project development team” – said that because of the litigation, the only thing they can say at present is that the transportation projects are going well.

The State: Forest Acres neighborhood votes to tax itself for dam repairs

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article85181707.html>

Tim Flach

Lakeside homeowners in a Forest Acres area neighborhood overwhelmingly agreed Tuesday to paying extra to repair their dam so Upper Rockford Lake can be refilled. Neighbors voted 79-6 in an election overseen by county officials to borrow money as a group to repair the lake, according to unofficial results. The “yes” vote creates a financial mechanism to repair flood damage left by record rain in October that devastated the dam and 22 others across Richland County. And it could signal a “yes” vote for three other neighborhoods in Forest Acres and Northeast Richland that want to repair or strengthen their dams. The lake “was a beautiful thing to see every day,” said Alicia Beam, who was among the affirmative voters in Upper Rockyford. “We want it back – the sooner, the better.”

Island Packet: Contractor: Boats more damaging than oil spill to Beaufort River

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article85100672.html>

Wade Livingston

Boats motoring up and down the Beaufort River are more damaging to the water than the oil that spilled into it almost a month ago, in the opinion of a contractor who's managing the clean-up effort. “This is just my opinion,” said Tim Odum of U.S. Waste Industries, the Walterboro-based company whose oil-absorbent boom rests in the river behind Beaufort Memorial Hospital, “(but) 25 boats running up and down this river, they're going to do a lot more damage than this oil.” The daily pollution from the boats' exhaust and fuel, he said, would be worse for the water than the oil spill. About 290 gallons of No. 5 fuel oil leaked into the hospital's boiler room on May 23. The leak was thought to be contained but oil was found in the river on May 29 after heavy rain. On the same day oil was discovered in Factory Creek near Lady's Island Marina. The U.S. Coast Guard tested samples from the river and the creek and, on Thursday, said the hospital was “the responsible party” for the oil spill.

The State: Sewage problems spark no-swimming advisory at Saluda River park

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article85144312.html>

Sammy Fretwell

State regulators warned Tuesday against swimming at a popular waterfront park in Irmo after finding improperly treated sewage had flowed into the Saluda River and contaminated the water with unsafe levels of bacteria. The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control blamed the elevated bacteria counts on a Carolina Water Service treatment plant at Friarsgate. The plant has a discharge pipe in the river at Saluda Shoals and wastewater coming from the pipe did not meet safe standards, the agency said. Robert Yanity, a spokesman for DHEC, said one water test result showed bacteria 12 times higher than the acceptable level for safe swimming.

Island Packet: Nonprofit kicks off campaign to connect Hilton Head homes to sanitary sewer

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/business/real-estate-news/article85184792.html>

Teresa Moss

A new \$500,000 grant from a local nonprofit, the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, is kickstarting an effort to bring sewer service to low-income homes on Hilton Head Island. "There has been a lot of promises over the years that have not been fulfilled," said Bill Stinnett, chairman of the foundation's Project Safe committee that is working to raise money to hook up homes to the town's sewer lines. He said the grant shows the foundation is ready to change that. About 1,000 Hilton Head homes lack sewer connections. Instead, the properties rely on septic tanks, which can back up and create unsanitary conditions.

Independent Mail: Drink water, take breaks in the shade to stay cool in the heat

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/drink-water-take-breaks-in-the-shade-to-stay-cool-in-the-heat-35cac2ee-73b9-1b23-e053-0100007f1dae-383871401.html>

Frances Parrish

Staying cool during the summer is important because as temperatures rise, so do the risks involving heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Heat exhaustion is when the body is straining and struggling to keep itself cool, said Bill Chiles, director of emergency medicine at the Oconee campus of Greenville Health System. Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke and death. Heat stroke is the worst on the spectrum of heat related illnesses. It occurs when your body temperature reaches 104 degrees and the body can't cool down. With a heat stroke, typically a person will become confused or experience an altered mental state. As the temperature outside gets closer to the body temperature of 98.6 degrees, the risk of overheating increases as well.

Sun News: TCU tops Coastal Carolina, sends Chants to CWS losers bracket

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/sports/college/big-south/coastal-carolina-university/article85207382.html>

Ryan Young

Just as it was for Coastal Carolina in a momentous win over Florida in its College World Series opener, the margin for error was slim Tuesday night as the Chanticleers took on TCU in the winners matchup for their side of the bracket. And unfortunately for the Chants, they weren't so crisp this time. TCU took the lead on a second-inning solo home run from surging slugger Luken Baker and then took advantage of a costly Coastal Carolina error to launch a two-run fifth while gaining some separation on the way to a 6-1 win over the Chants before a crowd of 22,704 at TD Ameritrade Park. After defeating top-seeded Florida, 2-1, on Sunday while showing they weren't just content to be making their first-ever appearance on this stage, the Chants (50-17) now move to 1-1 in the College World Series and will play Texas Tech (47-19) in an elimination game Thursday at 8 p.m. ET.

Herald-Journal: Spartanburg BMW jobs not affected by new plant in Mexico

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160621/articles/160629907>

Bob Montgomery

BMW's new auto plant in Mexico will not cause any of 8,000 workers at the company's Spartanburg plant to lose their jobs, a spokeswoman said Tuesday. The new plant will produce the next-generation 3-series sedan, while the Spartanburg plant — currently in the middle of a \$1 billion expansion — continues to produce its successful X-series vehicles, BMW spokeswoman Sky Foster said. Both plants will contribute to BMW's worldwide automotive export business that includes more than 140 global markets, she said.

National News:

Associated Press: In speech, Trump to ramp up critique of Clinton as failure

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Julie Pace and Jill Colvin

Seeking to refocus his presidential campaign, Donald Trump will lambaste Democratic rival Hillary Clinton as a failed secretary of state who is out of step with Americans on trade and immigration. Trump's address Wednesday morning at his hotel in New York's SoHo neighborhood marks his official opening salvo against Clinton, the prospective Democratic presidential nominee, in the general election. It comes as Trump faces growing questions about his readiness not just for the presidency, but for the campaign he will need to run to get there. The Trump campaign is hoping the speech can quiet those concerns and rally Republicans around their shared opposition to Clinton. The billionaire businessman plans to focus in particular on Clinton's tenure at the State Department, arguing that her foreign policy is in part responsible for the creation of the Islamic State militant group.

Associated Press: Dump Trump movement preparing fight at GOP convention

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Stephen Ohlemacher and Thomas Beaumont

The "dump Trump" movement is gaining followers among delegates to next month's Republican National Convention, an effort that could tarnish Donald Trump's coronation even if it ultimately fails. Several hundred Republican delegates are organizing to oppose Trump at the convention. That's not enough delegates to topple Trump. But it's more than enough to create turmoil at an event that is typically used to bring a political party together in support of a presidential candidate. "If Trump is the nominee, we truly believe it's the end of our party," said Kendal Unruh, a Colorado delegate who is leading the effort to dump Trump. "We're trying to save the party." There could be floor fights over convention rules and the party's platform. And instead of a coronation, the roll call to nominate Trump could be an opportunity for delegates to voice their displeasure on national television.

World News:

Associated Press: Pro-EU or no EU? Diverse London contains extremes of opinion

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Jill Lawless

When Britain decides on Thursday whether to leave the European Union, London's voice may prove decisive. But for which side? Britain's capital, home to almost 9 million people, encompasses some of the most pro-EU places in the country — and the least. In the cosmopolitan City financial district, where almost half a million people from around the globe work in Europe's biggest financial center, pro-EU sentiment predominates. But just a few miles away the borough of Havering, stronghold of working-class East Enders, topped a national survey of the most anti-EU places in Britain. The two districts represent the opposing views at the heart of Britain's EU debate. One sees the bloc's free flow of people and money as a benefit. The other sees it as a threat.

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