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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Haley: MUSC board members should repay expenses

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160912/160919808/haley-musc-board-members-should-repay-expenses>

Doug Pardue and Lauren Sausser

Gov. Nikki Haley's appointee to the Medical University of South Carolina Board of Trustees has agreed to repay more than \$20,000 that he was reimbursed for pricey meals, expensive bottles of wine and luxury hotel rooms. Dr. Harold Jablon, a Columbia dentist, and other members of the MUSC Board of Trustees, routinely rack up such high expenses when they convene in Charleston for six meetings a year. In a recent investigation, The Post and Courier found the MUSC Board of Trustees spent about \$560,000 since 2011, largely on hotel rooms and food. Haley spokeswoman Chaney Adams said Monday that the governor asked Jablon to repay his share and he agreed. "His colleagues should do the same," Adams said. Haley is technically the ex-officio chairman of the MUSC Board. Jablon, who donated \$1 million to MUSC in 2008 was appointed to the board in 2011 as the governor's designee, votes in Haley's absence. He did not immediately return messages on Monday.

SC Political News:

Associated Press: VP Biden in SC to stump for former aide's House bid

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2fT0ObxO

Meg Kinnard

Vice President Joe Biden is hitting the trail in South Carolina to support a former aide's congressional bid. The White House says the vice president is appearing at a fundraising lunch event Monday for Fran Person in Fort Mill. Person worked for Biden in the U.S. Senate and continued as a staffer for the vice president until 2014. Person is challenging three-term incumbent U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney in South Carolina's 5th District. Tickets for the event start at \$250 per person. Gold sponsorships are \$2,700. Biden is spending more time in the Carolinas Monday. Before heading to Fort Mill, he was scheduled to speak at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte. Later Monday, Biden is slated to speak at a Democratic Governors Association event in Raleigh.

Charlotte Observer: Clinton recovering well, Biden says in Charlotte

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/election/article101330477.html>

Tim Funk, Steve Harrison and Mark Washburn

After a weekend health scare, Hillary Clinton is doing well, Vice President Joe Biden said after arriving in Charlotte on Monday for a speech on education. "I've had pneumonia," Biden told Clinton campaign workers. "You take antibiotics and you rest a bit." Clinton, the Democratic presidential nominee, left a 9/11 memorial service early Sunday in New York and appeared faint. Later her doctor issued a statement saying she'd been diagnosed with pneumonia and had become dehydrated at the

ceremony. "She's been transparent about her health," Biden said. "So we're in good shape." He added: "I'm encouraging her – if the doctor says take three days off, take six days off." Biden landed at about 10:20 a.m. and made a surprise appearance at a Clinton fourth's campaign office in Charlotte on West Boulevard. He began speaking at 11:30 a.m. to an invitation-only audience in the Overcash Building at Central Piedmont Community College. His speech focused on ways to improve the economy, which Biden said includes investing in infrastructure and education.

The State: The tightening continues as Trump gains on Clinton

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article101317047.html>

Bristow Marchant

The road to the White House continues to get more narrow the closer to Election Day we get. Hillary Clinton's lead in national polls steadily has decreased, even as most projections still give her an edge in the Electoral College race. Democrat Clinton continues to be dogged by questions about her use of a private email server while she was secretary of state, including questions at a national security forum this week where she shared the stage with her GOP rival, Donald Trump. Trump also raised some eyebrows at the event by claiming he would fire America's generals and, unnerving even some Republicans, praising Russian President Vladimir Putin. The most recent changes in the map don't factor in Clinton's weekend missteps, telling a fundraiser that half of Trump supporters fit into a racist, sexist "basket of deplorables," and then publicly struggling with a pneumonia diagnosis at Sunday's Sept. 11 memorial in New York. It was an active week for the race's third-party candidates as well. Libertarian Gary Johnson made headlines when he appeared unfamiliar with the city at the heart of Syria's civil war, and the Green Party's Jill Stein had a warrant issued for her arrest after a protest against a North Dakota oil pipeline.

Post and Courier : S.C. Marine Medal of Honor recipient James Livingston among 14 endorsing Trump

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160912/160919813/sc-marine-medal-of-honor-recipient-james-livingston-among-14-endorsing-trump>

Schuyler Kropf

Medal of Honor recipient James Livingston of Mount Pleasant joined 13 others in endorsing Republican Donald Trump for president, saying the New York real estate tycoon presented the best vision for turning the country around. "We need someone who has that element of leadership," Livingston told The Post and Courier on Monday, pointing to Trump's record as a businessman. "He's a frank talker. He speaks his mind. You know where he stands." Livingston, a retired major general who was awarded his medal for action in Vietnam, is perhaps the most readily identifiable face of the medal in South Carolina. The national Medal of Honor Museum is also housed here inside the aircraft carrier Yorktown at Patriots Point. Livingston said he is not worried about politicizing the nation's highest award for military bravery in an election season, saying he viewed Democrat Hillary Clinton as lacking integrity.

Post and Courier : Report: Graham stonewalling White House aid package to Israel favoring larger sum

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160912/160919846/report-graham-stonewalling-white-house-aid-package-to-israel-favoring-larger-sum>

Emma Dumain

The Obama administration wants to send Israel an unprecedented sum of money in military aid over the next 10 years — but U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham doesn't think the negotiated dollar amount is nearly enough. The South Carolina Republican, who is a foreign policy hawk and chairman of the

Senate State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, won't give his blessing for the agreement, which would increase aid to Israel from \$3.1 billion to \$3.3 billion starting in 2018. Administration officials don't need Graham to sign off on the deal for it to move ahead, per se. However, not having his blessing would complicate matters. The outspoken lawmaker plans to forge ahead with an appropriations bill that sets Israeli aid at \$3.4 billion, refusing to succumb to pressure to revert to a lower level in keeping with the administration's framework. The standoff was first reported by The Washington Post. Graham's office confirmed the disagreement Monday to The Post and Courier.

Associated Press: Bill would make site where Civil War began a national park

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

Bruce Smith

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, the first black U.S. senator from the deep South since Reconstruction, is proposing that the site where the Civil War began be raised in status to that of a national park. The Republican lawmaker has introduced a bill creating the Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Park as the nation's 60th national park and second in South Carolina. Fort Sumter, on Charleston Harbor, was bombarded by Confederate guns on April 12, 1861, in a fight that started four years of civil war. Moultrie, located on nearby Sullivan's Island, is where American patriots turned back a British fleet trying to capture Charleston days before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Both forts are part of the Fort Sumter National Monument, one of 84 national monuments among 413 sites administered by the National Park Service.

The State: SC clergy push moral agenda — raise wages, expand Medicaid

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article101402582.html>

Cassie Cope

S.C. clergy Monday urged 2016 candidates to push a moral agenda as part of a "Higher Ground Moral Day of Action" held in about 30 state capital cities. S.C. residents held signs urging the minimum wage — now \$7.25 an hour — be increased to \$15, equality in education and healthcare access for all. "We believe in a moral agenda that stands up against systemic racism, classism, poverty, xenophobia and any attempt to promote hate towards any member of the human family," said Kylon Jerome Middleton, senior pastor at Mount Zion A.M.E. Church. That national agenda includes...

Post and Courier: Clergy want 'moral issues' to be front and center in 2016

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160912/160919805/clergy-want-moral-issues-to-be-front-and-center-in-2016>

Gavin Jackson

Demonstrators stood at the Statehouse calling for an end to divisive political rhetoric and demanding improvements to wages, criminal justice reforms, access to affordable health care and better education. Several Charlestonians attended the event Monday, one of 30 held at Statehouses across the country and orchestrated by NAACP leader the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber. The gatherings are part of a strategy to advance a "moral public policy framework" that will later include religious leaders preaching a progressive agenda to church-goers before the November election. "It is our duty to be political," Barber said on a conference call from North Carolina. "It is our responsibility to be active in holding our elected officials accountable on these moral issues."

SC Agency News:

The State: Settlement in long-running SC prison mentally ill lawsuit OK'd

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article101356077.html>

John Monk

A settlement in the long-running lawsuit seeking to improve conditions for South Carolina's estimated 3,500 mentally ill prison inmates is now on its way to the state Supreme Court for final approval. The plan accepted Monday by Circuit Judge Robert Hood is a recommendation, but both sides in the lawsuit said after a hearing in Richland County courts that they anticipate speedy approval from the top court. "A lot of hard work went into this," said S.C. Department of Corrections director Bryan Stirling, noting that much work still remains before all changes are in place to make sure mentally ill inmates are diagnosed and treated. The suit was brought in 2005 by three inmates and the group Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities. Columbia law firm Nelson Mullins donated services of two lawyers, Stuart Andrews and Dan Westbrook, to handle the case for the inmates. The lawsuit turned up numerous abuses. The case cleared a big hurdle in 2014 when Circuit Judge Michael Baxley ruled the treatment given inmates suffering serious mental illness was substandard. Inmates died for want of basic mental health care, Baxley found.

Associated Press: Greenville prison authorities lock inmates in prison cells

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=VHmPA3Zm

SC State Wire

Prisoners at a maximum security prison in South Carolina are being confined around the clock as a precaution after a group of inmates initially refused to return to their cells. The Greenville News reports (<http://grnol.co/2cM1oCy>) that the prison-wide lockdown at Perry Correctional Institution in Pelzer was triggered when some inmates resisted being confined to their cells Friday evening. State Sen. Karl Allen says the lockdown was expected to last until Sunday. The Senate corrections committee member says the inmates knew that after returning to their cells they would be confined there until Saturday morning. Staff shortages at Perry Correctional mean inmates are regularly locked in their cells for long stretches. The lockdowns prompted an April riot in which an officer was beaten and taken hostage by inmates.

Associated Press : SC changing rules on residential psychiatric care for kids

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kZkL9lrR

SC State Wire

South Carolina's health agency is updating a regulation governing psychiatric institutions for children for the first time in more than two decades. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/2cnQ01x>) that the state Department of Health and Environmental Control will hold a meeting Tuesday in Columbia to address the changes for residential treatment facilities. The changes include a requirement for care centers to complete a child's initial assessment and treatment plan before entering, or within three days of their arrival. Care centers also must report "accidents and incidents" to the state and provide juvenile patients with an education that meets federal and state standards. A federal report showed South Carolina was placing its youngest foster children in psychiatric institutions at a much higher rate than any other state.

Greenville News : SLED: 929 SC vulnerable adult cases in 2015, 7 arrests

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/09/12/no-one-agency-tracks-outcomes-abuse-complaints-vulnerable-adults/90118632/>

Tim Smith

Last year, more than half of the 929 abuse, neglect and exploitation complaints and deaths involving

vulnerable adults received by state investigators were referred to various state and local agencies. But no one agency tracks the outcomes of those investigations to see if the system is doing a good job at protecting South Carolina's intellectually disabled adults. Some advocates and lawmakers think that should change. "There is no system and there needs to be," said longtime crime victims advocate Laura Hudson. Sen. Thomas Alexander, a Walhalla Republican who chairs the budget subcommittee that oversees agencies who care for vulnerable adults, told The Greenville News that until lawmakers can review the entire system, he would like agencies that are referred vulnerable cases from the State Law Enforcement Division to report back to them the outcome of their cases. "I want to do something in the interim and not have to wait on legislation," he said.

The State: Wrecks on South Carolina roads kill 10 during weekend

<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/south-carolina/article101354927.html>

Jane Moon Dial

South Carolina Department of Public Safety officials said there were 10 road deaths reported during this past weekend. Officials said nine of the deaths occurred on U.S. routes, S.C. roads and secondary roads and one occurred on an interstate. In five of the deaths, officials said a seat belt was not used. One person killed was using a seat belt, and seat belt use was unknown for another. One person killed was a pedestrian, one was an unhelmeted motorcyclist and another was a bicyclist. As of Monday, 676 people have died on state highways, compared to 661 highway deaths during the same time period in 2015. Of the 433 motor-vehicle occupants who have died in 2016, 208 were not wearing seat belts. Ninety-six pedestrians have been killed compared to 77 during the same time period in 2015. Ninety-eight motorcyclists have been killed compared to 100 this time in 2015. Seventeen bicyclists have died in 2016 compared to 12 this time last year.

SC Law Enforcement News:

The State: Man shot by S.C. Trooper calls officials to expedite sentencing

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article101405487.html>

Cynthia Roldan

A Columbia man who was shot during a 2014 traffic stop by a former state trooper is renewing his call for officials to expedite the sentencing process. Jones stressed that Wednesday will mark six months since former S.C. Highway Patrol Trooper Sean Groubert pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and battery of high and aggravated nature, and yet no sentencing date has been announced. Jones said he's been visiting officials at the Richland County Courthouse at least once a week since Groubert's sentencing in hopes of sparking progress. Jones also repeated his call for Groubert to receive the maximum sentence. He announced the creation of a website that offers a link to a petition that calls for Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor Dan Johnson to recommend the maximum sentence for Groubert.

Morning News: Crystal Moore's lawyer: town council failed to vote to terminate Moore's employment

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_f4b2d56a-7907-11e6-b6f6-d33227b9820b.html

Former Latta Police Chief Crystal Moore's lawyer is alleging that town council failed to vote in open session to terminate Moore's employment on Thursday, Sept. 8, and that Moore "still holds the position of chief." Moore was fired Thursday night, just days after her return from a five-day suspension. According to a report from the Associated Press, Moore's suspension stemmed from multiple disciplinary reprimands including failing to inform supervisors of a sexual harassment claim and revealing an officer's salary at a public meeting. Moore's lawyer Malissa Burnette sent an email to Latta Town Administrator Jarret Taylor at 11:52 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 12, saying Moore is still employed as Chief of Police because town council did not vote in open session to fire her during their

meeting on Sept. 8. According to SC Code of Laws Section 30-4-70(b), no action may be taken in executive session except to (a) adjourn or (b) return to public session. The members of a public body may not commit the public body to a course of action by a polling of members in executive session.

The Herald: Rock Hill concerned black leader: 'Legacy should be results, not existence'

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article101316792.html>

David Thackham

Brad Rawlinson has heard you, loud and clear. He's heard the criticism, the taunts, the sarcasm, the anger, the (occasional) praise and the (varied) insults. He's not frustrated or angry. If anything, it just makes him sad. "You can't actually have a real conversation about real issues without getting to these guttural, dark, deep places," said the Rock Hill lawyer. "Maybe that's a part of this, that I'm pulling back the blanket." Over the past two months, Rawlinson has become the de facto leader and spokesperson of the activist group, The Concerned Black Citizens of the City of Rock Hill. The group, spurred by the recent national shooting deaths by police of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile, has become the topic of both support and scorn across South Carolina. What began as a short march to deliver a list of 10 demands calling for greater accountability from the Rock Hill Police Department has since sparked a series of pointed discussions on race, law enforcement and the black community. After spending years operating in both major political parties, Rawlinson has seen how slow change can come from the inside. Politically correct words and closed-door conversations can only go so far, he said. Sometimes, the lawyer said, only marches and pointed letters can make people sit up and take notice.

South Carolina News:

The State: Clemson student finishes second in Miss America

<http://www.thestate.com/living/article101321662.html>

Dwuan Sellers

A Clemson University student finished as first runner-up Sunday night in the Miss America pageant. Rachel Wyatt, the reigning Miss South Carolina, finished second to Arkansas' Savvy Shields. Wyatt will earn an additional \$25,000 scholarship and would step into Shields' shoes if, for any reason, Shields was unable to fulfill her duties. Wyatt was crowned Miss South Carolina in June in her first run at that title. She was awarded a \$30,000 scholarship. The Piedmont native also won a \$2,000 scholarship for the overall talent award and a \$750 scholarship for a preliminary talent award. Before winning the Miss South Carolina title over the summer, though, she already had a proven track record, having won Miss South Carolina Teen in 2012 – where she went viral for her onstage "Tebowing" – and going on to win Miss America's Outstanding Teen. Wyatt took some time off from pageants in 2013, enrolling at Clemson and dancing as a Rally Cat, the university's elite dance team, before returning to the pageant world this year.

Greenville News: Clemson student finishes second in Miss America

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/09/11/clemson-student-finishes-second-miss-america/90250246/>

Romando Dixson

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Island Packet: USMC: Muslim-American recruit was called 'terrorist' prior to his death

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/bg-military/article101368542.html>

Wade Livingston

The drill instructor who allegedly hazed recruit Raheel Siddiqui moments before his death was the same instructor who had previously ordered a Muslim recruit into a commercial clothes dryer and interrogated him about his religion and loyalties. That drill instructor had also called Siddiqui — a 20-year-old Muslim, Pakistani-American from Taylor, Mich. — a "terrorist" at some point during the recruit's brief time at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, according to a Corps official speaking on background Monday morning. New details about Siddiqui's death — which the Corps has ruled a suicide — show he initially survived the nearly 40-foot fall he took on the early morning of March 18 at the depot. And recently released information from the Corps — stemming from three command investigations linked to Siddiqui's death — further confirms the recruit was trying to request medical treatment the morning when he was hazed and struck in the face.

Associated Press: Shaw Air Force base a finalist for new 'drone' unit

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article101359007.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter is in the running for a new Air Force wing of remotely piloted aircraft, commonly known as drones. The wing could carry 1,000 or more jobs, but the time line for making a decision is "years, not months" away, an Air Force spokesman said. The new MQ-9 Reaper wing would control from the United States remote aircraft flying combat strikes in Afghanistan and the Middle East, as well as other missions around the world. The aircraft are known as "hunter-killers" and can carry a wide range of ordnance such as missiles and machine guns. The Air Force frowns on the use of the term "drone" because the MQ-9 is a propeller-driven, fixed wing aircraft that doesn't hover. It is about the same size as a civilian Cessna airplane. The new unit could be located at one base, or split between two — one base strictly as mission control, the other also for training and maintenance. Shaw is the only base on the list of finalists for both bases.

Post and Courier: Gas prices slip again heading into fall; poised to drop further

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160912/160919844/gas-prices-slip-again-heading-into-fall-poised-to-drop-further>

Warren L. Wise

Gas prices continue to slide heading into the fall as demand declines and refineries return to cheaper winter blends. The price per gallon across South Carolina dropped 3.3 cents during the past week to an average of \$1.90, according to gas price service GasBuddy. Motor club AAA puts the price a penny higher. That's down about 4.1 cents from this time last year. The Palmetto State continues to offer the lowest gas prices in the nation, partially because of its low gas tax. Nationally, the price slipped 1.8 cents during the past week to an average of \$2.17 a gallon, according to GasBuddy. AAA puts the price about one-cent higher. That's about 17.2 cents less than one year ago at this time.

Aiken Standard: South Carolina cities losing money on minor league baseball

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160912/160909491/south-carolina-cities-losing-money-on-minor-league-baseball>

Michael Smith

With final approval still on deck for the Project Jackson development in North Augusta, profitability has eluded other local governments subsidizing similar baseball stadium projects. An Aiken Standard review of stadium figures, municipal budget documents and other public records found most

municipalities struggle with operating losses, slumping attendance or both. Charleston's stadium operating losses have reached \$3.4 million since 2011, including \$1.2 million in 2015. Myrtle Beach's minor league stadium resulted in \$1.4 million losses for local governments there. Shortfalls occurred in spite of increasing ticket sales in both markets. Stadiums elsewhere have seen mixed results, too. Lake Olmstead Stadium in Augusta has averaged less than 3,000 fans per year in each of the past six years. The city's team, the Augusta GreenJackets, plans to relocate to North Augusta when the Project Jackson deal is completed and new stadium gets built sometime in 2017.

Post and Courier: Red wolf reintroduction program halted

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160912/160919829/red-wolf-reintroduction-program-halted->

Bo Petersen

The red wolf will be all but removed from the wild on the Southeast coast, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced Monday, nearly three decades after the effort to bring back the nearly extinct species began in the Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge north of Charleston. The decision was widely expected and came after more than a year of delay. A wild population now numbering no more than 45 wolves will be effectively reduced, confined to "stable packs" in the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge, where one breeding pair among six adults and seven pups now roam, as well as nearby federal lands in eastern North Carolina. It will be managed tightly as one population along with captive wolves in the same refuge. Southeast Region Director Cindy Dohner said the Wildlife Service would double the overall captive population to 400 before attempting to reintroduce the species again and continue efforts to find other places in its native Southeast for that reintroduction.

Post and Courier: S.C. orchid listed endangered as it disappears

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160912/160919803/sc-orchid-listed-endangered-as-it-disappears>

Bo Petersen

The latest species added to the federal Endangered Species List might already be gone, at least in South Carolina. The white fringeless orchid is scheduled to be named to the list Tuesday by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The orchid is a high mountain plant that has been poached out of existence in a number of locations across the Southeast, and in South Carolina is known to have grown in recent years in only one carefully guarded secret spot. It hasn't been seen there since the drought years in the early 2000s. Its Lowcountry cousin, the orange fringeless orchid, might be running out of time too. Both have been poached so heavily that the smallest environmental disturbance to any of the few patches left could doom them. The white fringeless listing notice was filed on the Federal Register's public inspection list Monday, with a notation that the listing would be filed Tuesday. The Center for Biological Diversity, which pushed for the designation, called it a win for the region's plant-rich mountain bogs.

Local News:

The Herald: Former Rock Hill hospital guard accused of sex with teen patient

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/crime/article101348152.html>

Teddy Kulmala

A former security guard at Piedmont Medical Center is accused of raping a 16-year-old girl he met while she was a patient at the hospital, according to police. Otis Smith, 57, is charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, according to arrest warrants. He remained in the Moss Justice Center on Monday under \$60,000 bond. Officers began investigating the case in July after receiving a phone call from the 16-year-old victim's mother. She told them her daughter ran away from their home in Clover on June 30 and was picked up two

houses down by Smith, according to a police report. Smith reportedly drove the girl to his home in Rock Hill. The victim has psychiatric issues, which is how she came to know Smith, who was a security officer at Piedmont Medical Center, the mother told officers.

Post and Courier: No, Dorchester 2 schools are not closed for 'volcanic activity'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160912/160919835/no-dorchester-2-schools-are-not-closed-for-volcanic-activity>

Paul Bowers

In an apparent prank Sunday night, a fake Facebook account purporting to represent Dorchester County School District 2 announced that all schools in the district would be closed Sept. 12-17 due to "volcanic activity near Summerville High School." While the prankster took pains to make the page look authentic, there were obvious signs that something was awry. Aside from the improbability of a volcano erupting along Boone Hill Road, there is the fact that Sept. 17 is a Saturday. Regardless, people shared the post more than 200 times, and the district issued a statement on its real Facebook page within two hours after the post appeared. "It's come to our attention that a fake Facebook page is sharing that Summerville High School will be closed tomorrow. Please note that ALL schools will be open tomorrow," the school district said Sunday.

Associated Press : Toddler's late-night drive on street in toy car ends safely

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=g9Mf14pN

SC State Wire

A joy ride ended safely for a 2-year-old South Carolina boy who was found driving down the street in the middle of the night in a battery-powered toy car. Sumter County Sheriff's spokesman Ken Bell says the boy was wearing a diaper and gray jogging pants when he was found early Sunday by a woman who took him to a nearby house to call authorities. Bell said deputies followed the tracks of the toy car back to the toddler's house. He said the boy's parents were surprised when deputies showed up at their door about their son. "We're fortunate that this thing didn't end badly," Bell said. "He could have been struck by a vehicle. He could have been picked up by a person. We're very fortunate a Good Samaritan took him to a home where there was another good person who called law enforcement." Bell says deputies are working on the case with the Department of Social Services, but he said there's no sign of neglect and it doesn't appear that any charges will be filed.

Associated Press: Spartanburg sheriff's deputies search lake for suspect

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=41GDO5QV

SC State Wire

Spartanburg County sheriff's deputies are looking for an assault suspect who fell into Apalache (AP-ah-lach-EE) Lake near Greer. Sheriff's Lt. Kevin Bobo told local media that deputies were called to a home around 1 a.m. Saturday about a fight. Bobo said deputies found a man who said he had gotten into a fight with another man who ran into the woods behind the house. Deputies found the suspect in the lake on what Bobo called a makeshift boat or floating dock. Bobo said the suspect jumped into the water and went under the surface a short time later. The sheriff's dive team and the Department of Natural Resources and the Tyger River Fire Department were called to help look for the suspect. Deputies planned to resume the search Monday morning.

Associated Press: Tropical Storm Hermine delays work on Hilton Head beaches

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

SC State Wire

Officials on Hilton Head Island say Tropical Storm Hermine's effect on the town's beach

renourishment project will be felt through October. The Island Packet of Hilton Head reported (<http://bit.ly/2c5p4EU>) that town officials said Monday the \$21 million effort to rebuild the beaches has been delayed by about two weeks because of the storm. Work at Oceanfront Beach is expected to move about 300 feet toward Palmetto Dunes through late September. The program will then shift to Palmetto Dunes and move through Singleton beach into late October.

Island Packet: Hilton Head renourishment project's timeline extended after Hermine delays
<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/politics-government/article101321452.html>

Teresa Moss

Tropical Storm Hermine's effect on the Town of Hilton Head Island's beach renourishment project will be felt through October. On Monday, town officials announced the \$20.7 million project's schedule had been pushed back about two weeks following delays related to the storm. Work at Oceanfront Beach is expected to move about 300 feet toward Palmetto Dunes through late September. It will then start at Palmetto Dunes and move through Singleton beach into late October.

The State: Cayce restoring boat landing on Congaree River <http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article101262122.html>

Tim Flach

Cayce officials are preparing to rebuild a boat landing on the Congaree River destroyed in last fall's flood. Fishing and floating trip guides are happy that their long wait for the project is nearing an end. "It's way overdue," said Kevin Geddings, owner of Adventure Carolina headquartered in the Lexington County city. Until this reconstruction project, the most recent renovations to the landing were in 1993 by state natural resources officials to encourage outdoor recreation in the Midlands. It's the only landing along the riverfront in the city of nearly 13,000 residents. The 23-year-old landing off Old State Road was closed after its dock was damaged in floods that followed record rain in October. Its loss created congestion at another landing on the Richland County side of the river, fishing and floating trip guide Jason Bennett of Irmo said. "That makes things a little more inconvenient," he said.

Associated Press: Cayce officials to rebuild flood-damaged landing
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=oDVpSjf2

SC State Wire

Officials in Lexington County are preparing to rebuild a boat landing on the Congaree River that was destroyed in the flooding rains last October. Officials in Cayce think it will cost about \$180,000 to repair the landing, with most of the cost paid by the federal government, The State newspaper (<http://bit.ly/2cR0R69>) reported. The 23-year-old landing was closed after its dock was damaged in floods that followed record rain last fall. It's unclear how long the project will take. Fishing and floating trip guides are happy about the decision. "It's way overdue," said Kevin Geddings, owner of Adventure Carolina in Cayce.

Post and Courier : Charleston airport panel proposes 2 free parking days for handicapped patrons
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160912/160919838/charleston-airport-panel-proposes-2-free-parking-days-for-handicapped-patrons>

Warren L. Wise

To stem the suspected abuses of handicapped patrons parking long-term for free at Charleston International, an airport panel Monday unanimously recommended the first 48 hours at no charge with normal parking fees levied after that. The proposal, if approved by the full board of Charleston County Aviation Authority later this month, will take effect Nov. 1, when higher parking fees also will apply. People with handicapped placards or plates on their vehicles are now allowed to park for free,

but airport officials found that 15 percent to 20 percent of handicapped users stayed about 14 days with a few staying as long as 60 to 90 days. The average stay for other parking areas is no more than 2.5 days. Airport officials estimate the cost of allowing free parking at the airport annually is about \$500,000.

Post and Courier: Mechanical bull: German auto parts maker opening Charleston plant

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160912/160919935/mechanical-bull-german-auto-parts-maker-opening-charleston-plant>

German auto parts supplier Stoba tipped its hand in February that it's looking for a manufacturing site in the Charleston area. On Tuesday, Stoba — identified by Berkeley County economic development officials as "Project Bull" — will make its arrival official with a ceremony at 2301 Charleston Regional Parkway. The company plans to make components for diesel-fuel injection systems at the Charleston site, which will employ about 60 people. One of Stoba's top customers is another German company — the Robert Bosch LLC plant a few miles away in North Charleston. Berkeley County spokesman Michael Mule declined to identify the company behind "Project Bull," but Stoba blew its own cover in February when it placed several help-wanted advertisements on the state's ReadySC training program website. The company at that time was looking to hire machine operators, machine setters and quality inspectors and packers, with eight to 12 weeks of on-the-job training at its German factory.

Post and Courier: South Carolina utility to build solar farm in Jasper County

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160912/160919815/south-carolina-utility-to-build-solar-farm-in-jasper-county>

John McDermott

South Carolina Electric & Gas is adding to its investments alternative solar energy. The power company said Monday that it is working with a private firm to develop a 10-megawatt solar farm in Jasper County. The project is planned for a site in the town of Ridgeland. SCE&G's partner in the venture is Adger Solar of Bluffton. Financial terms were not disclosed. Earlier this year, Cayce-based SCE&G announced plan to add 36 megawatts of solar capacity at six locations. The expansion sites are in Allendale, Barnwell, Calhoun County, Pelion and Saluda. The Jasper project puts the utility "well ahead of schedule" to reaching its goal of adding 42 megawatts of solar power by 2020, the SCANA Corp. subsidiary said in a statement. The company has been investing in the sector since the 2014 passage of the state's Distributed Energy Resource Program Act, which established procedures and options for customers of investor-owned utilities.

Post and Courier: Big vessels create big waves, swamping container shipping industry

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160912/160919836/big-vessels-create-big-waves-swamping-container-shipping-industry>

John McDermott

The new breed of supersized cargo vessels skim in and out of Charleston Harbor almost effortlessly. But below the surface, these longer, heavier container carriers are churning up the waters of the global shipping business, leaving at least one bankrupt shipping line in their wake. It's a high-stakes, high-seas drama that's sure to be one of the key talking points at the South Carolina International Trade Conference this week at Wild Dunes Resort. As attendees of the annual gathering already know, the shipping part of the shipping industry is underwater, dragged down by a slump in global trade and 30 percent excess vessel capacity. That has led to cut-throat price wars that have sent container rates plunging to unprofitable levels. Maersk Line, the Port of Charleston's top customer and the world's largest shipping company, is a case in point. It reduced its operating costs in the

second quarter to a record low of less than \$2,000 per container, but the Danish transport giant still lost \$139 million for the April-June period. The red ink was enough to cut earnings at owner A.P. Moeller-Maersk Group by 90 percent.

Post and Courier : Dillon facility expected to open new markets for Port of Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160912/160919843/dillon-facility-expected-to-open-new-markets-for-port-of-charleston-->

David Wren

Plans to build a new inland port facility along the Interstate 95 corridor in Dillon will help the Port of Charleston expand its reach into North Carolina and take advantage of a new rail transportation hub linking the Carolinas with the Midwest, the maritime agency's leaders said Monday. "I would contend that we're the major port for both Carolinas," said Jim Newsome, president and CEO of the State Ports Authority, which operates the Port of Charleston. Newsome said many N.C. customers can ship through Charleston for less cost than they can through that state's ports, "and we need to leverage that." "We need to forge a stronger connection with North Carolina," Newsome said. First announced in April, the Dillon project — located just south of the border between the Carolinas — received the official go-ahead Monday by the SPA's board of directors, which met prior to Newsome's annual "State of the Port" speech at the Charleston Area Convention Center. The board authorized borrowing up to \$35 million for the inland port and an overall cost of \$40 million for the facility, which is expected to handle 45,000 cargo containers annually.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Pneumonia diagnosis fuels questions about Clinton's health

<http://bigstory.ap.org/d1c7fef46174d7193f7b6d2d5ec24d1>

Lisa Lerer and Julie Pace

Hillary Clinton plans to release additional health records, after an abrupt departure from a 9/11 anniversary ceremony Sunday raised concerns about her fitness to serve as commander in chief. The questions about her health were compounded by the nearly eight hours of silence from Clinton and her team about the health scare, as well as the Sunday evening disclosure she had been diagnosed on Friday with pneumonia. A Clinton spokesman acknowledged Monday that information should have been released more quickly. Clinton's doctor said the 68-year-old former secretary of state "became overheated and dehydrated" at the 9/11 ceremony in Manhattan. Dr. Lisa R. Barback said Clinton was examined at her home in suburban New York and "is now rehydrated and recovering nicely." The campaign has asked Barback to prepare Clinton's medical records to be made public, according to spokesman Brian Fallon, and the Democratic nominee is expected to back on the campaign trail by mid-week. Late Sunday, she canceled plans to travel to California for two days of fundraising, campaign events and an appearance on Ellen DeGeneres' talk show.

National News:

Associated Press: Obama, Hill leaders meet ahead of federal funding deadline

<http://bigstory.ap.org/909d1a3246df4f4db1d0cf207c26ca5a>

Erica Werner and Nancy Benac

President Barack Obama and congressional leaders plan to sit down Monday to find a way to avert a government shutdown at month's end, with money all but gone to address the worsening Zika crisis. In advance of the session, the White House gave a harsh assessment of chances for working out a solution with Republicans congressional leaders. Reasonable people could probably figure out a

solution "in a couple of hours," said White House spokesman Josh Earnest. "Unfortunately, they're stuck with Mitch McConnell and Paul Ryan," he added, referring to the Republican leaders in the Senate and House. The White House meeting Monday afternoon, which will include GOP and Democratic congressional leaders, is likely to focus on an emerging legislative compromise to address both how to keep the government open and the Zika situation. Long-sought provisions to provide money to deal with Zika look likely to be added to a must-pass spending bill to fund the government through Dec. 9. Conservative opposition remains, but negotiators worked through the weekend on the details. The Zika money has stalled since Obama first requested \$1.9 billion in February, but congressional Republican leaders seem likely to jettison provisions opposed by Democrats restricting any of the money from going to affiliates of Planned Parenthood in Puerto Rico.

Associated Press: Attorneys: Christie allies to take stand at bridge trial

<http://bigstory.ap.org/8df3302b87e74ec0b125eccd2a6a1879>

Attorneys for two former allies of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie who face criminal charges over the 2013 George Washington Bridge lane closures say their clients will testify at trial. Attorneys for Bridget Kelly and Bill Baroni said Monday their clients will take the stand in their defense. Kelly is Christie's former deputy chief of staff. Baroni was deputy executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates the bridge. Christie hasn't been charged. But he could be subpoenaed to testify about the alleged plot in which prosecutors say lanes near the bridge were closed for political revenge against a local Democratic mayor who didn't endorse the Republican governor. Jury selection is underway. Opening statements are set for Sept. 19.

Associated Press : 2nd try at jury selection begins in Georgia hot car death

<http://bigstory.ap.org/f85f88f54c5b409dbab8ea9533170ba2>

Russ Bynum

A second attempt at jury selection in the trial of a metro Atlanta man charged with killing his toddler son began Monday, at a new courthouse 275 miles (440 kilometers) from the suburban parking lot where the child died in the back seat of a hot SUV. Justin Ross Harris is charged with murder in the June 2014 death of his 22-month-old son, Cooper. Nearly three weeks of efforts to find an impartial jury in Cobb County fell apart in May, with the judge agreeing to move the trial because of pretrial publicity. Superior Court Judge Mary Staley Clark reconvened the case Monday in coastal Glynn County, where dozens of potential jurors filed into the courthouse in the morning. The total size of the jury pool was not known. But more than 80 people at one point stood in a slow-moving line stretching from the front door and up a flight of stairs to a second-floor jury room. At least 35 potential panelists asked to be excused due to various hardships, but it appeared they were going to have a tough time getting their wish. Of the six people questioned before lunch, just one was dismissed altogether: a man who claimed he was suffering from excruciating back pain and needed to take strong painkillers that made him drowsy.

Associated Press: Mosque where Orlando gunman worshipped is set on fire

<http://bigstory.ap.org/56120c5bd4ab4d37bce6b891bcd4a9fd>

Terry Spencer

The mosque that Orlando nightclub gunman Omar Mateen attended was heavily damaged in an arson fire that Muslim leaders said was the latest incident in an escalating campaign of harassment and violence against the house of worship and its members. Given the timing — Sunday's 15th anniversary of 9/11 and the start of the Muslim holiday Eid al-Adha — investigators believe the blaze that broke out shortly before midnight Sunday at the Islamic Center of Fort Pierce may have been a hate crime, St. Lucie County sheriff's spokesman Maj. David Thompson said. No one was injured. The

fire burned a 10-by-10-foot (3-by-3-meter) hole in the roof at the back of the mosque's main building and blackened its eaves with soot. A surveillance video from the mosque showed a man on a motorcycle approaching the building with a bottle of liquid and some papers, then leaving when there was a flash and shaking his hand as though he may have burned it, Thompson said.

World News:

Associated Press: Syria cease-fire enters into effect

<http://bigstory.ap.org/43118aa034d74a068d68646173f78596>

Philip Issa and Bassem Mroue

A U.S.-Russian brokered cease-fire for Syria came into effect on Monday at sunset, with monitoring groups and state media reporting clashes up until the final minutes, and the most powerful rebel groups having yet to commit to the truce. Syria's military announced at 7 p.m. (1600 GMT) that it would abide by a cease-fire until Sunday at midnight, while maintaining its right to defend itself against any violations. The cease-fire marks the latest attempt to end the five-year conflict, which has killed more than 250,000 people and driven some 11 million from their homes. The 2011 uprising against President Bashar Assad began with peaceful protests but escalated into a civil war following a brutal government crackdown and the rise of an armed insurgency. Russia and Western nations hope the truce can lead to the revival of peace talks between Assad's government and the rebels battling to overthrow him, and contribute to efforts to defeat the Islamic State group and other extremists in Syria.

Associated Press: Trial of SS medic who served at Auschwitz begins in Germany

<http://bigstory.ap.org/13f52f6f8a3f496dbdf965b1825551a7>

David Rising

The oft-delayed trial of a former SS medic who served at the Auschwitz death camp opened Monday in Germany, amid lingering questions about whether the 95-year-old is fit enough for the proceedings to continue. The trial of Hubert Zafke, scheduled to start in February at the Neubrandenburg state court in northeastern Germany, had been postponed three times after presiding Judge Klaus Kabisch determined Zafke wasn't well enough to participate, based on a doctor's assessment. Among other things, the retired farmer suffered from stress and high blood pressure and had suicidal thoughts, the court was told. Already in 2015, the Neubrandenburg court ruled against bringing the case to trial due to Zafke's health, but a higher court overturned that, saying that the trial could go ahead if the sessions were limited. Zafke was examined again Monday morning ahead of the court session, and Kabisch decided to proceed.

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