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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Yes, even South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is playing Pokemon Go

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160713/160719740/yes-even-south-carolina-gov-nikki-haley-is-playing-pokemon-go>

Caitlin Byrd

Even South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has gotta catch 'em all. Haley tweeted a picture of herself catching one of the cartoon monsters in the "Pokemon Go" app Wednesday afternoon. "Look who I caught in the Governor's Office!!" Haley tweeted. "Pokemon Go," released last week, is an augmented reality smartphone game. The game has become so popular that it is now the top-downloaded app in Apple's App Store and is the biggest mobile game in U.S. history. The photo Haley tweeted shows her catching a Poliwhg, which looks like a round blue tadpole for those who aren't familiar with the Japanese pocket monsters. But Haley isn't the only high-profile Pokemon trainer. North Charleston tweeted a photo of its Mayor Keith Summey catching a Pokemon in his office.

Aiken Standard: Gov. Haley touts Swiss Krono success at ground breaking ceremony

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160713/160719784/gov-haley-touts-swiss-krono-success-at-ground-breaking-ceremony&source=RSS>

Thomas Gardiner

Touted as one of the greatest companies in South Carolina by Gov. Nikki Haley, Swiss Krono broke ground on a new high-density fiberboard manufacturing facility in Barnwell County on Wednesday. Swiss Krono is an international company with facilities in eight countries that employ around 5,000 employees, said Swiss Krono Group Chairwoman Ines Kaindl. The new manufacturing facility will be adjacent to the current Swiss Krono complex at 1251 Osborn Road in Barnwell. It is a \$230 million investment by the company and is expected to add about 100 jobs. High-density fiberboard is made by highly compressing wood fibers, such as wood chips from processed hardwoods. The products are used in several applications including furniture construction and floor coverings.

NOTE: Haley said, "This isn't just a celebration for Barnwell County but a celebration for the state of South Carolina."

Fox Carolina: Gov. Nikki Haley proclaims "Don't Waste Food S.C. Day" to initiate campaign battling food waste

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/32436378/gov-nikki-haley-proclaims-dont-waste-food-sc-day-to-initiate-campaign-battling-food-waste>

Rachel Cumberbatch

A triple partnership between SC state government agencies has made plans to decrease food waste throughout the state. Today the SC. Department of Health and Environmental Control, SC Department of Commerce and SC Department of Agriculture announced Don't Waste Food S.C., a joint campaign aimed at reducing wasted food in South Carolina by 50 percent by 2030. Governor

Nikki Haley proclaimed July 13, 2016 as "Don't Waste Food S.C. Day" in collaboration with the launch of the initiative, inviting all South Carolinians to join in campaign efforts. Among private stakeholders who have already partnered with the campaign are Harvest Hope Food Bank, Re-Soil and Loaves & Fishes. Campaign partners are working together to connect food surpluses to those in need, improve infrastructure for composting and educate and empower individuals, businesses and communities to take action by preventing, composting or donating excess food.

WRDW: Congress, state governors and hospitals all fighting opioid abuse

<http://www.wrdw.com/content/news/Congress-state-governors-and-hospitals-all-fighting-opioid-abuse-386789711.html>

Britney Craig

A bill to prevent heroin and pain killer abuse is headed to Pres. Barak Obama's desk. Wednesday, the U.S. senate passed a bill that would create programs to help stop drug abuse and addiction. In 2014, 47,000 people died because of drug abuse, which is double the number of people who died because of it in 2000. Also on Wednesday, the National Governors Association announced 46 governors have signed a compact to help stop drug abuse. The compact asks governors to raise awareness about the problem and to encourage treatment and recovery.

NOTE: South Carolina governor Nikki Haley was one of those who signed the compact.

Associated Press: Confederate flag supporters describe how their views changed

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3sZyd7AK

Meg Kinnard

Like many other white southerners, Justin Hough used to consider the Confederate flag part of his regional heritage, not a symbol of hate. That changed when a white man who posed with the flag was charged with killing nine black churchgoers last year. Hough is one of thousands of people who felt compelled to share their feelings with South Carolina's governor after she called for removing the flag from its place of honor. "It's a tarnished, tattered image of the South," Hough told The Associated Press, and southerners who don't acknowledge this either don't understand the impact, or are "just lying about what it says to other people." The AP reached out to writers of these emails and letters after Gov. Nikki Haley's office released 10,000 pages of documents last week in response to requests for public records from last summer's flag debate.

NOTE: When Haley first campaigned for governor in 2010, she joined the ranks of South Carolina politicians who said the issue had been settled for all time by a 2000 compromise that moved the banner from atop the capitol dome to a 30-foot pole near a Confederate soldier monument.

NOTE: The photos of Dylann Roof posing with the battle flag before the killings inside the historic Emanuel AME Church reopened difficult conversations about Confederate symbols, and just five days after the shootings, Haley said the flag must come down.

SC after Dallas Shootings:

Associated Press: Officials: 3 emergency responders fired for posts online

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

Seanna Adcox

Two additional firefighters in South Carolina's capital were fired Wednesday for comments posted on social media about Black Lives Matter protesters who blocked traffic. Columbia Fire Department spokesman Brick Lewis said a senior firefighter, hired in October 2013, and a probationary firefighter hired in February were dismissed after admitting to their Facebook comments. Lewis did not know precisely what they wrote, noting that their posts have been deleted. But he said their termination was

part of the same investigation that led to Monday's firing of Capt. Jimmy Morris, a 16-year veteran of the department, for posting while on duty that he would run over protesters if they were still blocking traffic when his shift ended. The department "will not condone or tolerate this type of unprofessional behavior by any employee," Fire Chief Aubrey Jenkins said in a statement.

The State: Columbia fires 2 more firefighters, closes a station as fallout grows over Facebook postings

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article89491017.html>

Clif Leblanc

A total of three Columbia firefighters now have been fired over unprofessional Facebook postings aimed at Black Lives Matter protesters, and the city closed one fire station where the first post originated and put 31 others on precautionary lockdown, fire chief Aubrey Jenkins said Wednesday. The Eau Claire fire station closed about 1 a.m. Monday after someone circulated its address on social media following Sunday's protest, Jenkins said. It reopened at 8 p.m. Wednesday, he said. Meanwhile, Richland County announced Wednesday it had fired a senior paramedic and said other ambulance service workers are under internal investigation for making inappropriate comments on social media. County officials declined to identify the paramedic or to disclose the language in the postings or to say who they were aimed at.

Post and Courier: Hundreds march on Marion Square to protest police violence

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160713/160719713/hundreds-march-on-marion-square-to-protest-police-violence>

Deanna Pan

Hundreds rallied Wednesday night at Marion Square to demand justice following the recent deaths of two African-American men at the hands of police. Protests have gripped several U.S. cities in past week, where crowds demonstrated against last week's fatal police shootings of Alton Sterling in Louisiana and Philando Castile in Minnesota. Wednesday's demonstration in downtown Charleston also marked the one-year anniversary of Sandra Bland's death. Bland, a 28-year-old black woman from Illinois, was pulled over by a state trooper in Waller County, Texas, on July 10, 2015, for failing to signal a lane change. Tensions flared and Bland was arrested. She was found dead in her jail cell three days later. Her death, officially ruled a suicide, was yet another flashpoint in the national Black Lives Matter movement. After leading a drum circle next to the fountain at the corner of King and Calhoun Streets, activist Muhiyidin d'Baha called on other demonstrators to propose solutions for curbing police violence against black residents. Burgess Canty, 55, of North Charleston, lamented the underrepresentation of black officers in local police departments.

Aiken Standard: Residents call for justice during march in New Ellenton

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160713/160719766/residents-call-for-justice-during-march-in-new-ellenton-->

Dede Biles

Ariel Bush wasn't one of the scheduled speakers during the prayer vigil that took place after the march from Four Mile Missionary Baptist Church to City Hall on Wednesday. But she had some thoughts she wanted to express that were inspired by her concern about the recent gun violence in America. Standing beside Bush was her 8-year-old son, Alexander. "What made me come today was the fact that I have a son and this affects him," Bush said. "Hate starts when our children are taught it, and son, I'm going to break this cycle. We don't hate anybody. You play with and you love everybody." The Concerned Ministers Fellowship organized the march and the vigil, and the theme was "What Does Justice Look Like?" Chief Alesia Parks, of the New Ellenton Police Department, estimated there

were 90 to 100 people in the crowd that gathered around a stage near City Hall for the vigil.

The Herald: Rock Hill seniors thank police, show unity of black and white for those in blue

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article89389712.html>

Andrew Dys

A police officer went to talk to about 75 senior citizens Wednesday about safety, after a recent fatal stabbing of a 77-year-old man in his apartment just two blocks away. The dead man is white. It was never mentioned. A dead man in the midst scares everyone. The officer wore a blue uniform with a black band over his badge, to show his solidarity and pain for the five officers killed in Dallas last week. The audience at the senior center in Rock Hill, black and white and Catawba Indian, listened intently. And when it was over, they gave the officer an ovation. All of them, of all races, thanking this guy in uniform. But that was not enough. Several of the seniors lined up to shake hands with Officer William Andrews. Or more, give him a hug. Many of those people were white. Andrews, 21 years a cop, the last nine of them on the streets of Rock Hill, is black. Nobody cared. Maybe they did not even notice. Nobody said "black" or "white." They just said thanks. All they saw was blue, the uniform, and black, the band over Andrews' badge. They heard Andrews talk about starting in the Marine Corps and how he still today is in the Air Force. His whole life has been a uniform, and service, to Americans of all colors.

Herald-Journal: Forum examines how to improve relations between police, African Americans in Spartanburg

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160713/articles/160719868>

Allison M. Roberts

Community leaders and activists came together at The Worship Center in Roebuck Wednesday night to talk about relations between the African American community and law enforcement in Spartanburg. The panel discussion included Michael Brown, Spartanburg County councilman and president of the Spartanburg chapter of the NAACP; Lt. Kevin Bobo, spokesperson for the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office; Stephania Priester, anchor with The NOW Network; and Russell Lynch, candidate for Spartanburg County sheriff. Panel members fielded questions from the moderators, Pastor Sharome Gentry and Chris Jefferson, before taking questions from the large crowd. Jefferson opened the conversation by asking how African American parents can prepare their children for interactions with police.

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press: The Latest: Judge delays state trial in church shooting

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dBKBIRV2

SC State Wire

A judge has delayed the start of the state trial for the man accused of killing nine people at a Charleston church, giving the prosecution and defense more time to prepare. Dylann Roof is charged with nine counts of murder in the shooting deaths of black parishioners at Emanuel AME Church last year. Jury selection in the trial was to have begun in December with testimony set for January. But Circuit Judge J.C. Nicholson indicated during a hearing Wednesday he will delay jury selection until January. That would provide more time between the start of the state trial and Roof's federal trial on hate crime and other charges. Public Defender Ashley Pennington told the judge he won't be able to meet with Roof while Roof stands trial in federal court in a case beginning in November. And prosecutor Scarlett Wilson said the delay allows her more time to prepare for jury selection after another high-profile case. She is prosecuting former North Charleston police officer Michael Slager

for murder in the April 2015 shooting death of black motorist Walter Scott. That trial is set for Oct. 31.

Associated Press: Solicitor: Justice unlikely in federal church slayings trial

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Su1BoMqY

Bruce Smith

A federal trial for the man charged in the slayings of nine black church members is unlikely to deliver the death penalty and he should be tried in state court first, where there is a better chance for capital punishment, a prosecutor said. Dylann Roof, 22, faces possible death sentences in state court, where he is charged with murder, and in federal court, where he is charged with hate crimes and other counts. The charges stem from the slayings of nine black parishioners during a Bible study at Emanuel AME Church in June 2015. Roof, who is white, posed with the Confederate battle flag before the killings and talked of trying to start a race war. Currently, the federal trial is set for November while the state case is scheduled for January. "The federal government's track record suggests an unwillingness to carry out a death sentence," prosecutor Scarlett Wilson wrote in court documents filed late Tuesday.

Post and Courier: Judge refuses to set state's Dylann Roof trial before feds' case

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160713/160719764/judge-refuses-to-set-states-dylann-roof-trial-before-feds-case>

Andrew Knapp

A judge on Wednesday refused to "take up the state's battle" and try Dylann Roof before federal authorities. Circuit Judge J.C. Nicholson denied a prosecutor's request to move up the trial date, keeping the federal proceeding on track to begin Nov. 7, just ahead of the holiday season. The judge said that "the horse was out of the barn," and it was likely too late to change that schedule now. The state's trial is set to start Jan. 17. "I'm not the one to fight with the federal government on who tries it first," Nicholson said during an afternoon hearing in downtown Charleston. "That's not my job. ... I'm not going to do it." Ninth Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson had sought the move to avoid back-to-back trials for the survivors and the families affected by the slayings last year of nine black worshippers at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church. To ease their ordeal, Nicholson said he would likely further delay the state's trial. Both Wilson and Roof's defense lawyers agreed. The judge was expected to later issue a written order calling for jury selection to start in mid-January with opening statements and testimony weeks later.

Emanuel 9 News:

Greenville News: Emanuel Nine families meet with lawmakers

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/07/13/emanuel-nine-families-meet-lawmakers/87059582/>

Mary Orndorff Troyan

Family members of the black parishioners killed in last summer's Charleston church shooting shared their stories of grief and forgiveness Wednesday night with members of Congress who themselves are wrestling with racial and gun violence issues in the wake of other recent shootings around the country. The Faith and Politics Institute, a bipartisan interfaith nonprofit focused on racial and political reconciliation, led a congressional visit to South Carolina in March that included a stop at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, where police say a white man opened fire during an evening Bible study, killing nine. Many of the 14 members of Congress who made that trip reunited with family members of the victims, known as the Emanuel Nine, on Capitol Hill to screen a documentary about the trip and discuss progress, or lack thereof, in preventing such tragedies in the future.

Wilson-Pascoe Dispute:

Post and Courier : S.C. Supreme Court ruling could affect political futures of attorney general, solicitor

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160713/160719737/sc-supreme-court-ruling-could-affect-political-futures-of-attorney-general-solicitor>

Maya T. Prabhu

"It's difficult to argue (the ruling is) going to help Wilson and his future political ambition," said College of Charleston political scientist Gibbs Knotts. "It depends on if it just dies down after this, or if it continues to be in the news." The Supreme Court on Wednesday issued a 4-1 decision declaring Pascoe had the authority to continue as the special prosecutor and convene a grand jury — something Wilson argued only he had the authority to do. Wilson, a Republican, had recused himself from the case in saying he had a conflict of interest. Knotts said the high court's slam dunk against Wilson could create a setback for any potential 2018 gubernatorial plans. Already the GOP field is expected to be crowded, with at least six hopefuls considering bids. John Crangle, director of the South Carolina branch of the public watchdog group Common Cause, said he thinks Wilson hurt himself by blocking Pascoe from convening a grand jury.

Associated Press: Court favors solicitor over atty general in corruption case

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

Meg Kinnard

South Carolina's highest court has handed a big defeat to the state's top prosecutor, ruling Wednesday that a local solicitor was correct in thinking he had the authority to open a state grand jury investigation into allegations of legislative corruption. The 4-1 ruling went against Attorney General Alan Wilson, who had argued that Solicitor David Pascoe had overstepped his authority when he sought to empanel the grand jury. A spokeswoman for Wilson said the office respects the court's decision "and will abide by it." Pascoe didn't immediately return an email. The ruling caps months of public feuding between the prosecutors over an ongoing investigation into corruption at the South Carolina Statehouse. Their working relationship began in 2014, when, citing a conflict, Wilson picked Pascoe to head up the investigation of former House Speaker Bobby Harrell. The Republican ultimately pleaded guilty to misdemeanor campaign-spending violations and resigned, pledging to cooperate in any ongoing investigations.

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The State: SC Attorney General Wilson loses bid to stop Pascoe from investigating General Assembly

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article89305172.html>

John Monk

The S.C. Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that Attorney General Alan Wilson can't stop his special prosecutor, David Pascoe, from investigating possible corruption in the General Assembly. Although Wilson tried to stop Pascoe – and apparently halted Pascoe's investigation several months ago – the Supreme Court made it clear in its Wednesday ruling that Wilson acted unlawfully in trying to keep Pascoe from continuing his probe. Pascoe was working with SLED on the investigation. "...the Attorney General's Office's purported termination of Pascoe's designation was not valid," the Supreme Court ruled in a 4-1 opinion. The Supreme Court's decision means that Pascoe now is the effective acting Attorney General for the purpose of Pascoe's General Assembly investigation – and Wilson can't stop him from proceeding. Wilson's office released a statement after the decision came out. "We respect the court's decision and will abide by it," said the statement, forwarded by Wilson communications director Hayley Thrift. Pascoe released a statement saying, "I am gratified by the S. C. Supreme Court's decision today. I'm currently in Virginia dealing with a family illness, but expect to return to South Carolina tomorrow to meet with Chief Keel and his agents to resume work on this matter."

Post and Courier: S.C. Supreme Court rules in favor of Solicitor Pascoe in dispute with AG Wilson over corruption probe

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160713/160719765/sc-supreme-court-rules-in-favor-of-solicitor-pascoe-in-dispute-with-ag-wilson-over-corruption-probe>

Gavin Jackson

The state Supreme Court ruled in favor of 1st Circuit Solicitor David Pascoe to continue his Statehouse corruption probe with the use of a state grand jury, sending a stinging rebuke to Attorney General Alan Wilson. In a 25-page ruling, the court said Pascoe has the clear authority to continue the power over the probe, discounting Wilson's attempt to wrestle it back. The key finding was that since Wilson had made Pascoe his appointed substitute, then control of the investigation was to stay in Pascoe's hands throughout. "Since we find Pascoe was acting with the authority of the Attorney General when he signed the initiation of the state grand jury investigation, we hold the initiation was lawful and valid," the justices wrote in a 4-1 decision. "Because we find Pascoe lawfully authorized the initiation of the state grand jury investigation, the Attorney General's purported termination of Pascoe after the initiation of the state grand jury was ineffective," the decision also said.

Greenville News: SC Supreme Court rules for Pascoe, against Wilson

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/07/13/sc-supreme-court-rules-pascoe-against-wilson/87026712/>

Tim Smith

A state grand jury probe of legislative corruption will resume soon following a South Carolina Supreme Court ruling that State Attorney General Alan Wilson had recused himself from the probe and his removal of Solicitor David Pascoe from the case "was not valid." The justices, in a 4-1 decision on Wednesday, found that Pascoe lawfully sought to initiate a state grand jury probe earlier this year of legislative corruption, that the law does not limit those who can seek such a probe to the attorney general, and that an attempt by Wilson to remove Pascoe as special prosecutor was therefore "ineffective." "We conclude the General Assembly intended that the individual acting with the authority of the Attorney General may lawfully seek to impanel a state grand jury," wrote Chief Justice Costa Pleicones. "Accordingly, since we find Pascoe was acting with the authority of the

Attorney General when he signed the initiation of the state grand jury investigation, we hold the initiation was lawful and valid. Because we find Pascoe lawfully authorized the initiation of the state grand jury investigation, the Attorney General's purported termination of Pascoe after the initiation of the state grand jury was ineffective."

SC Political News:

The Herald: Exclusive to The Herald: Despite leadership changes, South Carolina pension fund still troubled

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article89416542.html>

James Varney

South Carolina's teachers, police and other state employees paid more than \$1.8 billion in fees to Wall Street pension managers who turned in disastrous performances between 2011 and 2015. A longtime critic of the funds' management calculates that the combined costs of fees and bonuses to outside money managers have drained a staggering \$7 billion from public employees' nest eggs since 2007. And the fund's returns have been subpar throughout that period, said South Carolina State Treasurer Curtis Loftis. When measured against the Bank of New York/Mellon benchmark, its three-year, five-year and 10-year returns all fall short. In February, South Carolina's one-year negative return of -5.58 percent also trailed BNYM's -5.12 percent for the same period. Although Palmetto State officials have blamed "conservative asset allocation" for low returns, the breathtaking expenses and marked underperformance have put South Carolina at the center of a growing debate about the extent to which massive public pension funds serve as a piggy bank for Wall Street professionals.

NOTE: "If anyone else underperformed by \$7 billion [as in South Carolina], they'd have been fired," Loftis said, claiming all his warnings over the years have come true. "But nobody lost their jobs." Technically, Loftis is correct that no one lost their jobs as a direct result of South Carolina's lackluster yet pricey portfolio. Yet the same people are not in charge.

Breit Bart News: Clyburn: Trump's Law and Order Claim Was a 'Dog Whistle' to White Supremacists
<http://www.breitbart.com/video/2016/07/13/clyburn-trumps-law-and-order-claim-was-a-dog-whistle-to-white-supremacists/>

Pam Key

Wednesday on MSNBC, Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-SC) said presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's claim of being "the law and order candidate" was a "dog whistle" to white supremacists. Clyburn said, "Mr. Trump needs to get serious about this issue and stop making light of it. No system is rigged against him because of his skin color. That's what race is all about. We must be serious about that, have a conversation with each other about that and see what we can do to solve this problem. And not hide behind what may or may not have happened to you as a person because of some ordinances affecting your investments or how much taxes you pay, if at all." He added, "When I heard Mr. Trump several days ago saying that, 'I am the law and order candidate,' that, to me, was more a dog whistle. That, to me, was using the bull horn to send messages out to people. When I see an avowed white supremacist thanking Mr. Trump saying in those things, 'We get your hints, we understand what you're saying.' This says to me that there's a lot going on in this campaign that we had better be conscious about because this country is too great a country for us to allow it to be pulled under with this strong current of what may be racial tensions. So I would say to Mr. Trump, let's have adult discussions about this very serious problem and not make it about any one of ourselves."

Associated Press: Capitol Hill Buzz: GOP Sen Scott gives floor speech on race

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tSvUX1mh

SC State Wire

South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott, one of just two black members of the U.S. Senate and the only black Republican, said Wednesday he has been repeatedly pulled over by law enforcement and was once even stopped by a Capitol Police officer who apparently did not believe he was a senator. "I have felt the anger, the frustration, the sadness and the humiliation that comes with feeling like you're being targeted for nothing more than just being yourself," Scott said in a powerful floor speech reflecting upon the killings of police and by police that have shaken the nation. He implored colleagues to "recognize that just because you do not feel the pain, the anguish of another ... does not mean it does not exist."

Post and Courier: In Senate floor speech, Tim Scott recalls 'sadness and humiliation' of being targeted by police

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160713/160719732/in-senate-floor-speech-tim-scott-recalls-sadness-and-humiliation-of-being-targeted-by-police>

Emma Dumain

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott was stopped by police officers seven times in one year. He's frequently told that he's suspected of driving a stolen vehicle. While a local official back in Charleston, the hosts of a public event were reluctant to invite him inside. And as a six-year member of Congress, the South Carolina Republican has on multiple occasions been denied entry into congressional office buildings even though he wears an identification pin on the lapel of his suit jacket. "The pin I recognize. You, I don't," Scott recalled being told by one member of the U.S. Capitol Police. Scott was forced to produce further identification. "Keep in mind," Scott quipped, "I'm one of the easier senators to recognize." Scott is one of only two black lawmakers currently serving in the U.S. Senate. After last week's fatal confrontations between black men and law enforcement officers in the nation's heartland, he felt compelled to do something in response.

Washington Post : The Senate's only black Republican just got real on race

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2016/07/13/the-senates-only-black-republican-just-got-real-on-race/>

Amber Phillips

Of the 100 senators in office right now, two are black. In a remarkable moment of raw honesty on the Senate floor Wednesday, one of those senators — GOP Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina — said that even in the highest levels of governance, being black can still get you stopped by the police. In a speech on the Senate floor on Wednesday, Scott shared that when he comes to Washington, he's sometimes felt more like a suspect than a member of the nation's most exclusive club. He said he's been stopped by police seven times in one year. Scott went on to criticize law enforcement in America that he indicated too often treats people differently because of the color of their skin. (We'll post a full video of the speech as soon as it becomes available.) Wednesday's speech was part of a three-part series Scott says he's delivering. On Thursday, Scott plans to give his third and final speech on race and law enforcement.

Washington Post: On the Senate floor, black GOP senator talks of disrespect from police

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/on-the-senate-floor-black-gop-senator-talks-of-disrespect-from-police/2016/07/13/db67c7de-4949-11e6-bdb9-701687974517_story.html

David Weigel

South Carolina's Tim Scott, the sole black Republican in the Senate, delivered a bristling and

personal speech Wednesday in which he talked of being questioned by police simply because of his race. "There's a deep divide between the black community and law enforcement — a trust gap," Scott said. "I do not know many African American men who do not have a very similar story to tell, no matter their profession, no matter their income, no matter their disposition in life." Scott, whose political career began 21 years ago on Charleston's City Council, joined Congress in 2010 by defeating one of the sons of former senator Strom Thurmond. He served just one term before being elevated to the Senate by Gov. Nikki Haley (R), the state's first female and nonwhite governor. After they both endorsed Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) for president, Haley joked that the future of the Republican Party "looked like a United Colors of Benetton ad." But Scott, the first black Republican in the Senate since the 1970s, did not leap forward to be a spokesman on race. As recently as last September, Scott defended the use of the term "All Lives Matter," which the Black Lives Matter movement views as yet another way to diminish the threats that black people live with in America, telling CNN that "if that is somehow offensive to someone, that's their issue, not mine."

McClatchy DC: Scott, Clyburn to co-host panel with Charleston shooting families at Capitol

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/congress/article89360027.html>

Vera Bergengruen

Sen. Tim Scott and Rep. Jim Clyburn will co-host a panel discussion on racial reconciliation at the U. S. Capitol on Wednesday evening, joining survivors and family members of victims of the Charleston shooting a year ago. Scott, South Carolina's junior Republican Senator and Clyburn, the third-ranking House Democrat, will speak about the bipartisan civil rights pilgrimage they led to South Carolina in March with the Washington-based nonprofit Faith and Politics Institute. They will also remember the nine black parishioners who were killed at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston by a white supremacist last June, and discuss next steps to move the country towards racial reconciliation. Four family members of the Charleston shooting victims will join Scott and Clyburn on the panel. Nadine Collier, the daughter of Ethel Lance, was the first to speak out and forgive the gunman, Dylann Roof, at the bond hearing after the shooting. Melvin Graham, the brother of Cynthia Graham, and Daniel and Alana Simmons, the son and granddaughter of Rev. Daniel Simmons, will also participate.

Herald-Journal: Trey Gowdy to be part of group examining practices, perceptions of police

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160713/ARTICLES/160719876>

Daniel J. Gross

U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., is part of a newly formed congressional group that is meeting this week to examine police practices in the nation. Gowdy is one of the 10 congressmen who make up the group. House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., and ranking member Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., will lead the group, which will hold a private roundtable discussion Thursday in Washington, D.C. The country was shocked last week by the fatal police shootings of black men in Louisiana and Minnesota, followed by the shooting deaths of five police officers during a protest in Dallas, Texas. The goal of the working group is to discuss issues of police accountability and aggression toward law enforcement and work toward solutions.

SC Agency News:

Associated Press: Illness impacts 120 Lexington Co. Jail inmates

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=wwLA6Ki6

SC State Wire

State health officials are investigating an illness that is affecting a large group of inmates at the Lexington County Detention Center. Capt. Adam Myrick of the Lexington County Sheriff's Department

tells local media that about 120 inmates have been treated for a gastrointestinal illness in the last two days. The Department of Health and Environmental Control responded to the jail Wednesday to try to determine what is causing the illness, where it's coming from and how it's spreading. Myrick says the jail cells, restrooms and other common areas have undergone "extensive cleaning" to slow the spread of the illness. At the start of Thursday, the jail was housing 762 inmates.

The State: Illness sickens scores at Lexington County jail

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article89494087.html>

Rachael Myers Lowe

State health officials are investigating an illness that is affecting detainees at the Lexington County Detention Center. About 120 inmates have been treated for some sort of gastrointestinal illness in the last 2 days, Capt. Adam Myrick of the Lexington County Sheriff's Department said in an email. The Department of Health and Environmental Control was on scene Wednesday to try to determine what is causing the illness, where it's coming from, and how it's spreading. The detention center, which on Wednesday housed 762 detainees, has been scrubbed down. "Detention Center cells, restrooms and other common areas have undergone extensive cleaning to slow the spread of the illness, " Myrick said.

Aiken Standard: Georgia, South Carolina sign agreement for \$75M I-20 bridge replacement

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160713/160719807/georgia-south-carolina-sign-agreement-for-75m-i-20-bridge-replacement-->

Dan Brown

A joint signing ceremony Wednesday on the edges of the Savannah River between the South Carolina and Georgia Departments of Transportation means construction can begin on the Interstate 20 bridge replacement. The project will replace four bridges to two twin bridges over the Augusta Canal and the Savannah River. Officials said the bridges that will span the Savannah River and Augusta Canal will bring a projected 87,000 vehicles daily onto the bridge into the CSRA by 2037. DOT Commissioners Russell McMurray, of Georgia, and Christy Hall, of South Carolina, signed the agreement at the Georgia Welcome Center. The construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2018, with a complete date expected in 2021.

Opinion/Editorial:

Post and Courier: Clearing the way for Pascoe

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160714/160719718/clearing-the-way-for-pascoe>

Editorial

The resumption of the investigation by the state grand jury, as intended by Mr. Pascoe, should finally put this case on course for a resolution. That would serve to settle long-standing ethics questions and, in doing so, remove a cloud over the Legislature. In his petition to the Supreme Court, Mr. Pascoe said the initial findings indicated the potential for "alleged finance crimes and ethical violations." One of the primary responsibilities of the grand jury is investigating public corruption. In doing so, the grand jury has subpoena power and the ability to compel testimony. The deck is now clear to put the grand jury to work on resolving ethics questions that were first raised almost two years ago. It's time to tie up the loose ends from this already extended investigation.

Post and Courier: Charleston tour guide ordinance unlikely to stand up in court

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160714/160719727/charleston-tour-guide-ordinance-unlikely-to-stand-up-in-court>

Editorial: Noah Feldman

In a case called *Reed v. Town of Gilbert* — which is gradually coming to seem like a landmark decision (although I didn't fully realize it at the time) — the court held that a town ordinance treating different yard signs with different rules based on the purpose of the communication, amounted to content-based discrimination. The justices required the town to justify such a law in the face of strict scrutiny, which means the town would have had to show that it had a compelling interest in the ordinance and that it had achieved that interest by means of a narrowly tailored law. Almost no town ordinance can survive such scrutiny — certainly not Charleston's. The lower courts are still trying to figure out how broadly the *Reed* precedent applies. But given how other courts are going, the precedent will most likely apply to the Charleston tour guide ordinance because the law treats tour guides differently from other speech. The upshot is that tour guides are very likely to be free from the Charleston ordinance as soon as the judge gets to work on the case. That's probably good for free-speech, even if it might be bad for historical accuracy. Let the tourist beware.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Initiative will help coastal SC towns with climate change

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SC State Wire

A new initiative will help South Carolina coastal communities prepare for the effects of climate change including sea level rise and more frequent flooding. A news conference Thursday at the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston is announcing the Resilience Initiative for Coastal Education. The goals of the three-year effort include increasing public awareness of the need for climate change planning, developing an advanced storm surge modeling system and working with local governments on long-term solutions. The aquarium is currently working with the Medical University of South Carolina, South Carolina ETV, the Department of Energy and Allen University hosting a series of town hall meetings. The next is Saturday in Charleston with a meeting next month in Myrtle Beach and one in Savannah in October.

Local News:

The Herald: Gang member pleads guilty to accessory, conspiracy charges in Chester councilman's death

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/crime/article89364902.html>

Teddy Kulmala

One of the four remaining co-defendants in the 2014 killing of Chester councilman Odell Williams was sentenced Wednesday to five years in prison after pleading guilty to accessory and conspiracy charges. Quinton McClinton, 27, pleaded guilty to charges of accessory after the fact to murder and conspiracy to commit armed robbery. Circuit Court Judge Brian Gibbons sentenced him to five years in prison on each charge, with the sentences running concurrently. Police originally charged McClinton with accessory before the fact, but prosecutors allowed him to plead guilty to the lesser charge of accessory after the fact. McClinton was driving the four-door Dodge Ram that carried triggerman Christopher Moore and three other co-defendants the night of Nov. 4, 2014, Deputy Solicitor Julie Hall said. The defendants had planned to rob a home on Holmes Road, but the attempt fell through because no one was home.

Island Packet: Loaded gun found buried on Hilton Head Beach

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/crime/article89390462.html>

Lucas High

A loaded .22-caliber Ruger pistol was found buried in the sand Tuesday afternoon by a Hilton Head beachgoer. The weapon, which had 10 rounds in its magazine, was discovered near beach marker 103 at Folly Field Beach, according to a Beaufort County Sheriff's Office report released Wednesday. A lifeguard was alerted and police were called, the report said. Deputies ran the pistol's serial number through a database "to determine if the hand gun had been reported lost or stolen," according to the report. Eventually deputies determined that the gun likely belonged to an Ohio man vacationing on the island. Police were able to make contact with the man's girlfriend, who told deputies that he "became very belligerent" earlier this week and returned to Ohio, according to the report.

Associated Press: Laurens police chief suspends captain over off-duty conduct

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SC State Wire

An Upstate South Carolina police officer is suspended from his job while his boss investigates his conduct while off-duty and on vacation in Myrtle Beach with fellow officers. Multiple media organizations report that Laurens police Chief Sonny Ledda says Capt. Scott Satterfield was placed on suspension with pay pending the outcome of the investigation. Ledda did not return phone calls Wednesday to The Associated Press. WSPA reports (<http://bit.ly/29EyUcq>) Satterfield is being investigated for whether he called a black bar patron by a racial slur and later drove while intoxicated. The TV station says the basis for the investigation is statements from fellow Laurens police officers vacationing with Satterfield and 911 calls to police in coastal Horry County.

Sun News: School board members won't comment on ethics hearing

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/article89397807.html>

Rebecca Lurye

Two Beaufort County school board members are refusing to answer questions about an upcoming ethics hearing for district Superintendent Jeff Moss, citing an "order" and a "directive" as the reasons why they cannot talk. But no entity — including the S.C. State Ethics Commission that is holding the hearing on Aug. 17 — has issued any such restriction. "As the ethics commission directed, there is to be no comments or talk about this. Period. I will not break this order," board member Evva Anderson wrote in an email June 27. Board member Bill Payne gave a similar statement. "I am under a directive, and have been instructed not (to) make any public comments pertaining to the upcoming ethics commission's hearing of the BCSD Superintendent of Schools," Payne emailed the same day. "It is important that I follow the directive."

Herald-Journal: Ex-NewSpring pastor Perry Noble to check into rehab

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160713/articles/160719877>

Zach Fox

In his first public statements since being removed as senior pastor, NewSpring Church founder Perry Noble said he will check into a rehab facility to beat alcohol dependency. "I just wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for the unbelievable support you guys have showed me," Noble said in a video he uploaded to Facebook on Wednesday afternoon. "I want you to know I felt those prayers, I felt encouraged, and I am taking steps to get better." In the video, Noble thanked his followers for praying for him and the future of the church he founded. NewSpring officials removed Noble on July 1. In a statement, church officials said "Perry's posture towards marriage, increased reliance on alcohol and other behaviors, were of continual concern. Due to this, the Executive Pastors confronted Perry and went through the steps of dealing with sin in the church."

Associated Press: Columbia VA, National Guard meeting for military veterans

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=htlhE4YV

SC State Wire

The South Carolina National Guard and the Columbia VA Regional Office are pairing up to hold a forum for military veterans who need help obtaining medical care, benefits and job information. The event is being held Thursday at the South Carolina National Guard Armory on Ehrenclou Drive in Camden. VA Regional Office Assistant Director Woody Middleton will meet with veterans and their families. VA staffers are planning to help veterans enroll for benefits and answer queries about individual claims. Members of the National Guard's service member and family care group are attending to offer information on jobs for veterans, where to obtain educational assistance, and sources of financial and legal guidance.

Sun News: Expanded VA clinic coming to Myrtle Beach

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article89449092.html>

Chloe Johnson

A new Veterans Affairs clinic could be coming to Myrtle Beach within 3 years. Though the timeline for an opening is unclear, the new clinic will include 89,000 square feet of usable space, regional VA spokesperson Tonya Lobbestael said. The VA's headquarters in Washington, D.C. are close to soliciting bids for the project, and will select a contractor between April and June of next year. "The VA was approved to build a consolidated clinic, which is a much larger clinic than what we currently have," she said. "It's part of the VA reform legislation we have that was passed in 2014." The medical system currently operates two outpatient locations in the city: one at 3381 Phillis Blvd., and another a few blocks away at 1101 Johnson Ave.

Associated Press: Airline repair company to bring 180 jobs to Horry County

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SC State Wire

An Arizona-based aircraft maintenance company is setting up shop in Horry County and needs to fill about 180 jobs. Myrtle Beach regional economic development officials said Wednesday that Kingman Airline Services will establish operations at the Myrtle Beach International Airport. The company plans to invest about \$2.5 million and lease existing space for an aircraft maintenance and repair operation. The company revamps and repairs Embraer, Bombardier, SAAB and Boeing aircraft. Local officials say the company will hire airframe and power plant technicians, operators, craftsman and office staff. Myrtle Beach Mayor John Rhodes says the city has been building toward these new manufacturing and technology jobs through local investments on the former Air Force base.

Post and Courier: Airbus crashing Boeing's birthday bash with single-aisle orders

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160713/160719766/airbus-crashing-boeings-birthday-bash-with-single-aisle-orders>

Boeing Co. will turn 100 years old during this week's Farnborough International Airshow in England, but rival Airbus is doing most of the celebrating. France-based Airbus notched 288 orders for commercial planes during the first three days of the air show, which ends Sunday. That is more than the 179 orders Boeing tallied during the period, according to the aviation news and data firm FlightGlobal. Those figures don't include options for future orders. Airbus also leads Boeing in that category, 115 to 1. Boeing — which celebrates its 100th anniversary on Friday — holds the edge in wide-body orders, including those for the 787 Dreamliner it makes in North Charleston and Everett, Wash. Ruili Airlines, a low-cost carrier based in China, said Wednesday it ordered six 787-9 models to establish long-range services to complement its fleet of single-aisle planes.

'Pokemon Go' News:

Associated Press: Pokemon players are trespassing, risking arrest or worse

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

SC State Wire

The "Pokemon Go" craze across the U.S. has people wandering into yards, driveways, cemeteries and even an off-limits police parking lot in search of cartoon monsters, prompting warnings that trespassers could get arrested or worse, especially if they cross paths with an armed property owner. Since the release of the smartphone game last week, police have gotten a flurry of calls from residents about possible burglars or other strangers prowling the neighborhood. So far, few tickets have been issued, and there have been no reports of arrests or assaults on trespassers playing the game, whose object is use the phone's GPS technology to find and capture animated creatures in real-world places.

NOTE: Capt. Michael Fowler with the Hanahan, South Carolina, police said his department in the city of about 20,000 has gotten a few suspicious-activity reports related to "Pokemon Go," including multiple calls from a woman who feared for her safety as she watched cars go in and out of a church parking lot across from her house.

Associated Press: The Latest: The 'Pokemon Go' home for sex offenders

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=UDR0cYmS

SC State Wire

The addictive cellphone game "Pokemon Go" has led people to unlikely places to collect digital monsters - including the gates of a Central California ranch that houses alcoholics and sex offenders. KSBY-TV reports that the game has a "Pokestop" at the outdoor sign of Sunny Acres, a San Luis Obispo sober-living facility for the homeless, recovering drug and alcohol addicts, the mentally ill and released sex offenders. Founder Dan De Vault tells the Los Angeles Times that no "Pokemon Go" players have shown up, and he doesn't want them there, especially children. De Vault says some residents might be put at risk of violating parole conditions. Many Pokestops were originally submitted by players of "Ingress," an earlier game by "Pokemon Go" developer Niantic Inc. An email to the company wasn't immediately returned.

National News:

Associated Press: Fear Factor: Americans scared of their presidential options

<http://bigstory.ap.org/b67ef4dfe83742038f3b1ead6d9c9639>

Lisa Lerer and Emily Swanson

The vast majority of Americans say they are afraid of at least one of the two major candidates — Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump — winning the White House, a remarkable finding that reflects an unsettled nation unhappy with its choice. Eighty-one percent of Americans say they would feel afraid following the election of one of the two polarizing politicians, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll. That includes a quarter who say it doesn't matter who wins: they're scared of both. Three-quarters of voters say their pick for president is motivated by a desire to cast their Election Day ballot against Clinton or Trump, more than those who say they're voting for the candidate who shares their positions on the issues or is the most qualified to hold the office. Said Dennis Fernandez, 67, of Florence, Arizona: "If Hillary Clinton won, I'd probably consider suicide. I'm definitely not a fan." And Lawrence James, 55, of Durham, North Carolina, said: "If Trump wins, well, we've already checked out Malta and New Zealand. I'm just not comfortable that he's not going to make rushed, uninformed

decisions."

Associated Press: Large number of GOP senators skipping Trump's convention

<http://bigstory.ap.org/caad6da7881a478c96820ca4aaea42e3>

Erica Werner and Mary Clare Jalonick

Sen. Steve Daines of Montana will be fly-fishing with his wife. Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona said he has to mow his lawn (yes, he has one even in Arizona). Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska will be traveling her state by bush plane. And Sen. John McCain of Arizona will be visiting the Grand Canyon, and joked that his friend Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina would be coming along and might even fall in (just kidding, an aide later clarified). All are among the GOP senators who will be skipping next week's convention in Cleveland where Donald Trump will claim the Republican Party presidential nomination. A majority of Republican senators do plan to attend, and it's not unusual for lawmakers to skip their party's convention, especially if they're up for re-election and need to spend time campaigning. But the level of rank-and-file congressional defections from this year's Republican convention is unusually high.

Associated Press: Vigil held to mark 1-year anniversary of Sandra Bland death

<http://bigstory.ap.org/4e56d9829bf9495cb97e1126efb76574>

A candlelight vigil was held in Chicago's Federal Plaza late Wednesday to mark the one-year anniversary of the death of Sandra Bland, a black woman who died in a Texas jail cell after a traffic stop. Bland was pulled over by a Texas state trooper and taken to the Waller County jail in Hempstead, Texas. Three days later, she was found hanging from a jail cell partition. A plastic garbage bag was around her neck, and a medical examiner ruled her death a suicide. Dashcam video of her arrest and the circumstances of her death provoked national outrage. The vigil Wednesday evening was hosted by Women's All Points Bulletin, which supports female victims of police violence, and Black Lives Matter Chicago. It was attended by Bland's mother, Geneva Reed Veal, and other family members.

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