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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WPDE: Gov. Nikki Haley designates today "Chanticleer Baseball National Champions Day"
<http://wpde.com/news/local/gov-nikki-haley-designates-today-chanticleer-baseball-national-champions-day>

Gov. Nikki Haley has issued a proclamation recognizing the Coastal Carolina University Chanticleers for winning the College World Series NCAA national championship. The proclamation designates today, Friday, July 1, 2016, as "Chanticleer Baseball National Champions Day" throughout the state of South Carolina, according to a news release. It also "encourages all South Carolinians to join together in congratulating the Chanticleer baseball team and Head Coach Gary Gilmore for their outstanding performance in the 2016 College World Series," the release said. On Thursday, Haley ordered a Coastal Carolina University flag be flown over the Statehouse to honor the Chanticleers and issued the following statement: "Michael and I are proud to congratulate Coastal Carolina University on winning its first national championship in school history. This team embodied so many of the things we love about our state - and the fact that the Chanticleers are bringing the College World Series championship trophy back to South Carolina is something we can all celebrate. Cinderella is a Chanticleer!"

Sun News: Haley declares July 1 as day to honor national champion Chanticleers
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article87125557.html>

Chloe Johnson

Gov. Nikki Haley issued a proclamation Friday morning declaring July 1 "Chanticleer Baseball National Champions Day." The proclamation is meant to encourage South Carolinians to congratulate the team and head coach Gary Gilmore on their recent win in the College World Series, according to a press release. On Thursday, Haley also ordered that a Chanticleers flag be flown over the statehouse in Columbia. The flag will be flown until sunset Friday. "This team embodied so many of the things we love about our state - and the fact that the Chanticleers are bringing the College World Series championship trophy back to South Carolina is something we can all celebrate. Cinderella is a Chanticleer!" Haley wrote in a statement on Thursday.

WBTW: Gov. Haley orders CCU flag to be flown over Statehouse

<http://wbtw.com/2016/06/30/gov-haley-orders-ccu-flag-to-be-flown-over-statehouse/>

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley called for the Coastal Carolina University flag to be flown over the Statehouse to honor the Chanticleer's national championship win over the University of Arizona in the College World Series. "Michael and I are proud to congratulate Coastal Carolina University on winning its first national championship in school history. This team embodied so many of the things we love about our state - and the fact that the Chanticleers are bringing the College World Series championship trophy back to South Carolina is something we can all celebrate. Cinderella is a Chanticleer," Haley said. The flag will be flown over the Statehouse until sunset on Friday.

WIS: Coastal Carolina flag raised atop SC State House

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32350578/coastal-carolina-flag-raised-atop-sc-statehouse>

Emery Glover

Shortly after the final out of the College World Series, the celebration was on. Fans across the Palmetto State celebrated Coastal Carolina's 4-3 win over Arizona to capture their first national championship. "Michael and I are proud to congratulate Coastal Carolina University on winning its first national championship in school history," said Gov. Nikki Haley in a statement. "This team embodied so many of the things we love about our state - and the fact that the Chanticleers are bringing the College World Series championship trophy back to South Carolina is something we can all celebrate. Cinderella is a Chanticleer!" Haley also ordered a Coastal Carolina flag be flown over the State House until July 1 to honor the Chants' title.

CCU wins 2016 CWS:

Associated Press: Chanticleers' title brings closure after 2010 disappointment

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bBJwP2PX

Eric Olson

Until this week, Gary Gilmore didn't know if he would ever have as good a Coastal Carolina team as he did in 2010. That 55-win club was the No. 4 national seed for the NCAA Tournament but lost a pair of one-run games to South Carolina in super regionals. For six years, Gilmore was dogged by memories of watching the Gamecocks celebrate on his home field before they went on to win the first of two straight national championships. "Losing in 2010 was the hardest gut-wrenching loss of my life," he said. On Thursday, Gilmore was holding the championship trophy. He and his Chanticleers won their school's first national title in any sport, validation for a baseball program that ranks eighth in wins since 2000 but until this year couldn't break through to make the College World Series.

Post and Courier: Coastal Carolina fans welcome back baseball heroes

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160701/160709871/coastal-carolina-fans-welcome-back-baseball-heroes>

Andrew Miller

When Coastal Carolina pitcher Andrew Beckwith stepped off the plane late Thursday night at the Myrtle Beach airport, he expected a few dozen people to welcome home the new NCAA national baseball champions. Beckwith, who was voted the most outstanding player at this week's College World Series, got a whole lot more. The celebration lasted throughout the night and into Friday afternoon as more than 8,000 Coastal Carolina fans crowded into Springs Brooks Stadium to honor the team that brought the school its first national title in any team sport.

Post and Courier: Cinderella? All CWS champs since 1995 had more or earlier picks at top of MLB Draft than CCU

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160701/160709934/cinderella-all-cws-champs-since-1995-had-more-or-earlier-picks-at-top-of-mlb-draft-than-ccu>

Baseball America insists Coastal Carolina was "no Cinderella" at the College World Series after winning the national championship Thursday with a Game 3 finals victory over Arizona. Indeed, head coach Gary Gilmore's Chanticleers have been knocking on the Omaha door for a while and long ago became known as one of the top mid-major programs in the country. But it was Coastal Carolina's first-ever trip to the College World Series. The Chanticleers did advance without hosting a regional, winning the Raleigh Regional in dramatic rain-delayed fashion and stunning LSU at the Baton Rouge Super Regional.

Associated Press: Baseball title making Coastal Carolina pride of mid-majors
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Nhv0Q14V

Eric Olson

Coastal Carolina showed that a baseball program from a school outside the power conferences can play with the best, and be the best. "All my brothers in arms at the mid-majors, they've been wearing my telephone out the whole week: 'Wear the banner for us. Show us it can be done,'" Chanticleers coach Gary Gilmore said after his team beat Arizona 4-3 in the deciding Game 3 of the College World Series finals Thursday. Coastal Carolina won its first national championship in any sport, and it came in the Chanticleers' 14th national tournament appearance in Gilmore's 21 seasons at the school. The title also was the first in a team sport in the 33-year history of the Big South Conference. The Big South could savor the accomplishment for only about eight hours. The Chanticleers became members of the Sun Belt Conference on Friday.

Associated Press: Champion Chanticleers: Coastal Carolina wins CWS vs. Arizona
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=V4MPfE8Y

Eric Olson

Coastal Carolina coach Gary Gilmore often said he just wanted his team to reach the College World Series. Until this week, he never imagined the Chanticleers would do so much more: They're heading back to Conway, South Carolina, with the school's first national championship in any sport. The Chanticleers defeated Arizona 4-3 in the deciding Game 3 of the College World Series finals on Thursday, capitalizing on two errors on the same play to score four unearned runs in the sixth inning of a game delayed a day by bad weather. It was worth the wait.

Sun News: Coastal Carolina wins national championship, knocks off Arizona in CWS finale
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/sports/college/big-south/coastal-carolina-university/article86947762.html>

Ryan Young

Gary Gilmore had said at times this postseason that he felt as if his Coastal Carolina baseball team was one of destiny. Other coaches reached out to him with similar thoughts during this incredible, inspiring and seemingly improbable run. And perhaps they were all correct. The Chanticleers capitalized on back-to-back Arizona errors in the top of the sixth inning Thursday to score four runs and break open what had been a scoreless pitchers' duel to that point, and from there they held on through a dramatic bottom of the ninth for a 4-3 win over the Wildcats in the College World Series championship game before a crowd of 18,823 at TD Ameritrade Park. The Chants (55-18) – who were down to their last strike in the NCAA regionals at N.C. State, who won the super regionals on a walk-off single at LSU and then won five potential elimination games on the biggest stage of all – are now national champions.

Sun News: Chanticleers cheered by thousands on return from College World Series
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article87080112.html>

Emily Weaver

Thousands of Coastal Carolina University fans made the pilgrimage to the General Aviation Terminal at Myrtle Beach International Airport Thursday night to welcome their champions home. The Chanticleers were due to return by midnight on a redeye flight from Omaha, Neb., where the team beat the University of Arizona Wildcats in a nail-biting epic battle for the 2016 NCAA College World Series trophy. Flags waved. Banners flew and cheers erupted with the chant "C-C-U, C-C-U, C-C-U" as the plane taxied from the runway to the gate. "Congratulations to the sac-bunt-getting, homerun-

hitting, complete-game-pitching Chanticleers of Coastal Carolina University. Way to go, baby," said Jay Martin of CCU's Class of 2011.

Charleston 9 News:

Associated Press: Charleston church shooting victims sue FBI over gun buy

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

Meg Kinnard

The FBI is being sued by survivors of the Charleston church shooting, who say federal negligence enabled Dylann Roof to buy the .45-caliber handgun he used. Lawyers for three people who survived the attack and the estates of five who were slain inside the Emanuel AME Church say the FBI negligently failed to thoroughly check Roof's background before he bought the gun last year. If the agency had done its job, Roof's prior drug arrest would have shown up, and the bureau would have denied his purchase, the lawsuits filed Thursday allege. Attorney Andy Savage said Friday that his clients hope the litigation will lead to improvements in gun safety.

Post and Courier: Emanuel victims' families, survivors file federal lawsuits over background check error

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160701/160709950/emanuel-victims-families-survivors-file-federal-lawsuits-over-background-check-error>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

Relatives of the nine Emanuel AME Church shooting victims have filed multiple wrongful death lawsuits against the federal government over clerical errors that allowed the shooter to purchase the gun used in the killings. The five survivors filed similar complaints. Accused gunman Dylann Roof, 22, should have been barred from purchasing a gun because he previously admitted using an illegal drug. However, his federally required background check wasn't completed within the three days licensed gun dealers must wait for them. After that window closed in April 2015, a West Columbia gun store owner sold Roof a .45-caliber Glock. Authorities say Roof used the weapon to kill nine worshippers at Emanuel's Bible study two months later. "The victims' civil suit against the FBI seeks to hold the government accountable to the law and demonstrate it's not above the law," says attorney Mullins McLeod Jr., who represents several victims' relatives.

Savannah River Site/MOX News:

The State: Drone reports at SC nuclear weapons site spark federal scrutiny

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article86984572.html>

Sammy Fretwell

Reports of drones over the Savannah River Site nuclear weapons complex are drawing scrutiny from the federal government. Agents with the FBI interviewed a prominent nuclear watchdog this week about drones at the site. Meanwhile, the SRS "protective force" has confirmed several sightings of drones in June over the complex near Aiken, the U.S. Department of Energy said Thursday afternoon. "SRS takes these reports very seriously and is coordinating with appropriate federal, state, and local authorities," an Energy Department statement said. Agency spokesman Monte Volk said he did not know who was flying the drones over SRS or why they were being brought into the site's air space. He declined further comment.

Aiken Standard: Savannah River Site working with authorities after several drone sightings over airspace

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160630/160639978/savannah-river-site-working-with-authorities-after-several-drone-sightings-over-airspace>

Maayan Schechter

The Savannah River Site is taking reports of Unmanned Aerial Systems, better known as drones, flying in SRS airspace "very seriously" after several sightings were reported in June. Monte Volk, with the U.S. Department of Energy, confirmed the sightings on Thursday. Volk said SRS takes these reports very seriously, and is coordinating with appropriate federal, state and local authorities.

SC Agency News:

Associated Press: The Latest: DOJ won't comment on Charleston victims' lawsuit

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7lh088r5

SC State Wire

The federal government is declining to comment on lawsuits filed against the FBI by survivors of some of the Charleston church shooting that killed nine people. Agency spokesman Patrick Rodenbush said Friday the U.S. Department of Justice wouldn't comment on the lawsuits. The cases filed Thursday accuse the government of errors that enabled Dylann Roof to buy the .45-caliber handgun used in the shootings at Emanuel AME Church. FBI Director James Comey has said Roof shouldn't have been able to buy the gun and promised a full review. Lexington County Sheriff Jay Koon told The Associated Press last summer that a clerk entered incorrect information for Roof's prior drug arrest, which prevented an FBI examiner from finding the documents necessary to deny the gun purchase.

Associated Press: Both sides claim victory in Richland sales tax lawsuit

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=zcwlosB2

SC State Wire

The South Carolina Revenue Department and Richland County are each claiming victory in a judge's ruling in a lawsuit over the 1 penny sales tax for transportation projects in the county. Media outlets reported that the 20-page order was released Thursday by Circuit Judge Thomas Cooper Jr. Richland County sued the revenue department for its threat to withhold sales tax collected because of allegations of misuse of the money by county officials. Cooper ordered the revenue department to release about \$17 million to the county in the next few weeks, saying the agency had no authority to withhold the money. But Cooper said the revenue department can pursue its allegations that Richland County has misused the money. The State Law Enforcement Division is investigating those allegations.

The State: DOR, Richland both claim victory in judge's full penny tax ruling

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article87038122.html>

Sarah Ellis and John Monk

Both sides claimed victory late Thursday after a state judge released his order in a historic dispute that pits the S.C. Department of Revenue against Richland County over the spending of millions of taxpayer dollars raised by the county's transportation penny sales tax. For the county, the 20-page ruling by G. Thomas Cooper Jr. of Camden was a win because Cooper ordered DOR to release some \$17 million of Richland County penny sales proceeds to it in the next few weeks. That portion of the ruling was made public Wednesday when Cooper's clerk alerted parties to it. DOR has no authority to withhold the money, Cooper said in the full ruling released Thursday. "We are very happy with the court's ruling that validates the county's authority over the penny tax revenues and ensured that the July money will come to the county and the CMRTA (bus system)," said Ned Nicholson, a

private attorney hired by Richland County to argue the case. For DOR, the judge's ruling was a victory because Cooper said the state tax agency has "standing" to pursue its claims that Richland County has misspent some of the penny tax revenues in what DOR has called ways that involve "civil fraud."

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford open to looking at 'Charleston loophole'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160701/160709907/us--rep-mark-sanford-open-to-looking-at-charleston-loophole>

Schuyler Kropf

Republican U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford said closing the so-called "Charleston loophole" is the "lowest hanging fruit" of the on-going gun debate but was noncommittal on whether he'd actively support legislation to do it. During a meeting with gun law reform advocates who showed up at his Mount Pleasant office Friday, Sanford said there is merit in looking at proposals to tighten the procedures that allowed Dylann Roof to buy the weapon used to kill nine parishioners at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church last year. "I'm going to be open-minded, I'm going to look at whatever comes along," Sanford said during the sit-down he had with about 10 reform advocates, including some from the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

The State: S.C. Ethics Commission chief to retire

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article87226937.html>

Avery G. Wilks

Ethics Commission director Herb Hayden will retire at the end of the year, and the search is on for his successor. For 17 years, Hayden has led the state agency responsible for enforcing S.C. ethics laws. Hayden, 72, of Gilbert said he is stepping away after a 34-year career in state government. "It's just time to stop working and start taking it easy." Retirement offers more time for traveling and spending time with family, he said. Hayden was paid \$72,736 a year. An online posting for the job is set to close at the end of July.

Associated Press: Washington flummoxed over federal Confederate flag displays

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=SjIFtU2M

Andrew Taylor

A year after South Carolina removed the Confederate flag from its capitol grounds, official Washington is struggling with further restrictions on the flag's display on federal property, including the U.S. Capitol complex. The National Park Service, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Army have longstanding guidelines for its cemeteries that permit the display of the Confederate flag one or two days a year. This is particularly true in Southern states that celebrate Confederate Memorial Day, giving descendants of Southern soldiers the chance to use the flag to commemorate their ancestors. In recent weeks, Republicans quietly dumped a provision preventing the flag from being flown over mass graves of Confederate soldiers from broader legislation to fund the Department of Veterans Affairs. Flag displays would still have been allowed over the graves of individual soldiers.

SC Elections:

The Herald: Mulvaney takes fundraising lead in 5th District race

<http://www.heraldonline.com/latest-news/article86963277.html>

Bristow Marchant

U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney has taken a strong lead in fundraising in the 5th District congressional race, thanks largely to money from political committees. Mulvaney, R-Indian Land, had raised \$579,559 in his race against Democrat Fran Person, who had raised \$222,338 this year, according to Federal Election Commission filings through May 25. At the end of the first quarter, Mulvaney trailed Person in fundraising for the 11-county district, which stretches from the North Carolina border to Sumter County. Through the end of March, the Tega Cay Democrat, a former USC football player and aide to Vice President Joe Biden, had raised \$177,757 to \$164,127.21 for the three-term GOP incumbent.

Greenville News : Voter discontent, well-funded opponent cost Fair senate seat

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/06/30/voter-discontent-well-funded-opponent-cost-fair-senate-seat/86559186/>

Amanda Coyne

It was a perfect storm of factors that swirled together and helped 32-year-old William Timmons unseat Sen. Mike Fair in Senate District 6. Fair, who's represented the district for 21 years, has fended off many a primary opponent during his tenure. He walloped challenger Chris Sullivan in the 2012 Republican primary, winning 78.4 percent of the vote. In that year's general election, Fair quashed Republican petition candidate Tommie Reece by nearly 40 percentage points. Incumbent legislators are often considered safe from challengers in South Carolina, said Brent Nelsen, a Furman University political science professor who lives in Senate District 6. "(Constituents) will vote for their senator until their senator decides they're done. There's a loyalty, and I think South Carolinians are generally loyal to their elected officials," Nelsen said. "But every once in a while, there is a historic moment when the elites don't look responsive to their constituents, and we're in one of those moments. That allows the pressure on the incumbent to grow."

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina awarded \$340K to fight Zika, \$9.2M in emergency preparedness funding

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160701/160709888/south-carolina-awarded-340k-to-fight-zika-92m-in-emergency-preparedness-funding>

Derrek Asberry

South Carolina is receiving \$343,552 to combat the Zika virus, and another \$9.2 million in emergency preparedness funding that could also be used. The money is being awarded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Zika money is part of \$25 million given to states, cities and territories. The money may be spent to investigate a future outbreak or to help families impacted by Zika. The \$9.2 million awarded to South Carolina comes from the Public Health Emergency Preparedness program and may be spent to respond to outbreaks, such as Zika, as well as natural disasters and other emergencies. The Zika virus is transmitted by the *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes — both of which are found in South Carolina. There is no evidence of Zika in this state.

Local News:

Associated Press: Man sentenced to life for killing girlfriend, Laurens deputy

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

SC State Wire

A man has been sentenced to life in prison for killing a Laurens County sheriff's deputy as he tried to arrest him on a murder charge in the death of his ex-girlfriend. Local media outlets report that Benny Brown was sentenced Friday after being found guilty of two counts of murder. Authorities say Brown first shot and killed Nicole Kingsborough in the parking lot of the plant she worked in at Fountain Inn in 2011. He shot 29-year-old Deputy Roger Rice several hours later as he worked with several officers to arrest Brown at his Clinton home. Investigators say Brown was out on bail at the time on a criminal domestic violence charge that happened two weeks before the killings.

Associated Press: Richland County coroner wants you to see spacious new headquarters

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article87137397.html>

Tim Flach

Richland County Coroner Gary Watts is overjoyed at having a much bigger headquarters. "We'll really be able to stretch out our arms at this new facility and house all of our materials in one place," he said in statement Friday. The new facility has been a long-time goal of Watts, coroner for 16 years. The 20,000-square-foot quarters at 6300 Shakespeare Road is a converted warehouse that will allow Watts to centralize records previously scattered at other locations. He and aides had shared offices with deputies. Extra space is needed to expand evidence storage and allow examinations that couldn't be done in former cramped quarters, he said. His staff investigates violent and unexpected deaths.

Post and Courier: Charleston County joins White House effort to reduce jail population

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160701/160709947/charleston-county-joins-white-house-effort-to-reduce-jail-population>

Andrew Knapp

Charleston County officials announced Friday that they had joined a White House program aimed at reducing jail populations. The Data-Driven Justice Initiative gives city, county and state governments alternatives to locking up low-level offenders with mental health issues and substance abuse problems. The county's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council had already received a \$2.25 million grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to help reform various court processes. Chanda Brown, co-vice chairwoman of the council, and Project Director Kristy Danford visited the White House ahead of this week's announcement.

The State: 50 Columbia officers stepping up to a new rank

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article87070332.html>

More than 50 Columbia police officers were promoted during a ceremony Thursday at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

Morning News: Timmonsville police chief suspended, termination pending

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_ee834caa-3fb0-11e6-b063-77e62943c2b2.html

Timmonsville Police Chief Gregory Palmer was suspended today, according to Town Administrator Mary Bines. Bines said Palmer's termination is "pending final approval from the council." The town mayor and council members will discuss the matter at their regularly scheduled council meeting on Tuesday, July 5, Bines said. Bines would not comment further on the decision to suspend Palmer.

Post and Courier: Clemson dismisses women's golf coach after player complaints

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160701/160709891/clemson-dismisses-womens-golf-coach-after-player-complaints>

Aaron Brenner

Clemson women's golf coach J.T. Horton was fired Friday, after player complaints. The Anderson Independent-Mail reported Tuesday Horton was being investigated by the Office of Access and Equity at Clemson University, quoting multiple parents of past and present Clemson golfers on Horton fostering "a hostile environment" for the team. One letter from a parent indicated Horton touched a player on her shoulders during a tournament, and had a questionable overall coaching relationship with the golfers. Although the investigation did not find sufficient evidence of violations by Horton, per the Independent-Mail, Clemson made the decision this week to relieve Horton after three seasons of competition.

Greenville News: Clemson's transit agency seeks more electric buses

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/07/01/clemsons-transit-agency-seeks-more-electric-buses/86550524/>

Rudolph Bell

Twenty more battery-powered, zero-emission transit buses will be operating in the Upstate if the bus systems in Greenville and Clemson get federal grants they're seeking. Clemson Area Transit, or CAT, hopes to buy 12 more electric buses to serve Clemson University and the city of Clemson. It already operates six electric buses in the city of Seneca – manufactured in Greenville by Proterra Inc. – and is pleased with their performance, said Al Babinicz, CAT's general manager and CEO. Greenville's bus system, Greenlink, is still trying to cobble together financing to buy its first electric bus — six years after Proterra relocated to Greenville from Golden, Colorado, as a startup company. NOTE: The expenditure was one of numerous items vetoed by Gov. Nikki Haley, but lawmakers overrode her objection.

National News:

Associated Press: Attorney general wishes she hadn't met with Bill Clinton

<http://bigstory.ap.org/dde305412b0e4c37ad15615e46428b4f>

Eric Tucker

Attorney General Loretta Lynch is expressing regret that she sat down with Bill Clinton while his wife is under federal criminal investigation, a chance encounter she acknowledges "cast a shadow" on the public's perception of a case bound to influence the presidential campaign. "I certainly wouldn't do it again," Lynch said of the meeting. For Hillary Clinton, the presumptive Democratic nominee, the episode raised the risk that voters will see her anew as half of a power couple that makes its own rules. Lynch hastened to add that she would follow the recommendations of career prosecutors on whether to file criminal charges at the close of the investigation into Hillary Clinton's emails, removing herself from that decision.

Associated Press: In VP search, Trump and Clinton eye different priorities

<http://bigstory.ap.org/0c07832b82e54ccb8b44451da00d8cd4>

Julie Pace, Jonathan Lemire and Jill Colvin

Donald Trump wants a running mate who has what he lacks — political experience. Hillary Clinton is putting a premium on diversity as she searches for a No. 2. Yet the presidential rivals are running strikingly similar processes for tapping their vice presidential picks: relying on prominent Washington lawyers to comb through the background of top contenders, seeking guidance from a small circle of trusted advisers and family members, and weighing their personal chemistry with prospects. Trump, a wealthy businessman who has never held public office, is mulling a small number of political veterans. He's seriously considering former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, according to people with direct

knowledge of the vetting process.

Associated Press: US: Up to 116 civilians killed in drone, other air attacks

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2ba0067d56e242b796b1f6eefc09f8aa>

Deb Reichmann

The White House said Friday that as many as 116 civilians have been killed by drone and other U.S. strikes in Pakistan, Yemen and Africa since President Barack Obama took office in 2009. In its first public assessment, the administration said the death toll was between 64 and 116 civilians between January 2009 and December 2015, which is significantly lower than civilian casualty estimates by various human rights groups. Those range as high as 1,100 killed. The number of combatants killed in those 473 strikes was between 2,372 and 2,581.

World News:

Associated Press: Gunmen take hostages at Bangladesh restaurant; 2 dead

<http://bigstory.ap.org/b07a5737f4414e299e6e9bb34b9908bb>

As many as nine gunmen attacked a restaurant popular with foreigners in a diplomatic zone of the Bangladeshi capital Dhaka on Friday night, taking hostages, killing two officers and wounding at least 26 people in a gunbattle with security forces, authorities and a witness said. Police said the two officers died at a hospital after being wounded in the exchange of gunfire with the attackers, who also hurled bombs. Ten of the 26 wounded were listed in critical condition, six of whom were on life support, according to hospital staff, who said the injuries ranged from broken bones to gunshot wounds. Only one civilian was among the wounded. A huge contingent of security forces cordoned off the area around the Holey Artisan Bakery in Dhaka's Gulshan area. A local resident Lutful Amin told the AP he heard several explosions, the last of which went off around 10:45 p.m.

Associated Press: Police say 2 officers killed in Bangladesh attack

<http://bigstory.ap.org/c60c6791d95c4053ba00f6877e8f71c3>

Police say two officers have been killed by attackers who stormed a restaurant popular with foreigners in a diplomatic zone in the Bangladeshi capital, Dhaka, taking dozens of hostages and exchanging gunfire with security forces. Hospital authorities said another 25 officers and one civilian were being treated for injuries, including 10 people listed in critical condition. The injuries include bullet wounds and broken bones, they said. The Islamic State's Amaq News Agency said the attack on the restaurant was carried out by "Islamic State commandos," according to the SITE Intelligence Group which monitors jihadist activity. Bangladesh authorities did not immediately respond to the claim. As many as nine gunmen attacked the Holey Artisan Bakery in Dhaka's Gulshan area on Friday night.

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