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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Gov. Haley to headline Atlanta fundraiser for GOP women

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article95760782.html>

Jamie Self

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley is headlining a fundraiser for Republican women in Atlanta next month, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution is reporting. The invitation was sent out by Eric Tanenblatt, one of the largest GOP bundlers in the South and a principal with Dentons, a global law firm headquartered in Atlanta, according to the Journal-Constitution. The \$2,500-a-ticket event will raise money for the “Women Winning Victory Committee 2016.” The committee’s Republican beneficiaries, who also will attend, are U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire; Liz Cheney, daughter for former Vice President Dick Cheney; and U.S. Reps. Barbara Comstock of Virginia, Martha McSally of Arizona and Elise Stefanik of New York, according to a note accompanying the invitation.

Post and Courier: Haley to headline Atlanta GOP event

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160815/160819589/haley-to-headline-atlanta-gop-event>

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley will headline a fundraiser for female GOP congressional candidates next month in Atlanta, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The paper obtained a copy of the invitation to the “Winning Women Victory Committee” that originated from Eric Tanenblatt, an Atlanta lawyer and major fundraiser-bundler in the South. Tanenblatt served as a political adviser and national finance co-chair for 2012 Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, whom Haley endorsed. Ethics records show Tanenblatt donated \$2,500 to Haley’s campaign between 2011 and 2013. The \$2,500-a-plate luncheon will take place Sept. 16. Other guests include former Vice President Dick Cheney’s eldest daughter Liz Cheney, who is running for Wyoming’s at-large U.S. House seat against seven Republicans and two Democrats.

Bloomberg: Food Stamp Rolls Drop as States Decline Federally Funded Benefit

<http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2016-08-16/food-stamp-rolls-drop-as-states-decline-federally-funded-benefit>

Alan Bjerga

Food-stamp enrollment in the U.S. is declining from record levels, in part because some states are ending benefits earlier than they have to. Seven states, all led by Republicans, have decided this year to end waivers for some able-bodied recipients that were made available in the 2009 federal stimulus bill -- even though the benefits are federally funded. Enrollment in what’s formally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is still nearly twice the level it was before the recession. But the most recent data, for May, showed 43.5 million people were receiving food stamps, down 9 percent from a 2012 peak and the fewest since 2010. Much of the drop comes from an improving economy, but efforts to reduce enrollments among able-bodied adults are also accelerating the

decline. Under federal law, food stamp benefits are cut off after three months for adults under the age of 50 who don't have dependents unless they find work or engage in a volunteer or job-training activity. The stimulus bill permitted states to waive that provision in areas with high unemployment. NOTE: A build up of its job-training programs and growth in jobs means South Carolina doesn't need the waiver, its governor, Nikki Haley, said in an April news conference announcing the move. "We are in a position where we don't want that waiver anymore," Haley said. "We see this as an opportunity to give more people work." Some recipients who have had aid cut off say the disruption is significant.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: Can the pace of the S.C. Senate go from tortoise to hare?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160815/160819588/can-the-pace-of-the-sc-senate-go-from-tortoise-to-hare>

Maya T. Prabhu

In the halls of the South Carolina Statehouse, it's the Senate chamber where the pace of legislating slows to a snail's pace. Some say that's a good thing, because it keeps taxpayer money safe. Others say it's a model for inefficiency, where doing nothing has become a well-honed art. Now, some lawmakers say, it's time for a kickstart. A group of seven state senators in the coming weeks will review if their process needs to move more quickly after some say the "deliberative body" is spending too much time deliberating. By this fall they plan to recommend rule changes to Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, who said he hopes to make the work of the Senate "more expeditious." Already there are objections. Hartsville Democrat Sen. Gerald Malloy, a member of the working group, said any changes made should actually be done to slow the process down, not speed it up. He pointed to the fact that Republicans are in firm control of the Legislature, as well as just about all of state government.

Greenville News: McMaster in Greenville: Trump won't be liability in a gubernatorial race

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2016/08/15/mcmaster-greenville-trump-wont-liability-gubernatorial-race/88767124/>

Rudolph Bell

Republican Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster said in Greenville Monday that he doesn't think his early and enthusiastic support for Donald Trump will be a political liability if he decides to run for governor in two years. Some Republicans aren't so sure, and Democrats are certain it will be. The South Carolina Democratic Party singled out McMaster in a recent news release, saying he was in for a "rude awakening" if he sees Trump's "dangerous divisiveness" as his "path to the governor's mansion in two years." McMaster, the first elected official to back Trump, the GOP's highly controversial presidential nominee, was in Greenville Monday to speak to members of the Upstate Republican Women. During an interview with The Greenville News at the Poinsett Club, McMaster said he'd "love" to run for governor a second time if the opportunity comes along. He also said he doesn't see his support for Trump as problematic if he does.

Greenville News: Meadows, Mulvaney, Arpaio to attend Jeff Duncan's Faith and Freedom BBQ

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/08/15/meadows-mulvaney-arpaio-attend-jeff-duncans-faith-and-freedom-bbq/88771574/>

Amanda Coyne

Rep. Mark Meadows of North Carolina, Rep. Mick Mulvaney of South Carolina and Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa County, Arizona, will headline Rep. Jeff Duncan's annual Faith and Freedom BBQ in Anderson on Aug. 22. Meadows, Mulvaney and Duncan are all members of the far-right Freedom

Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives. Members of that caucus opposed former Speaker of the House John Boehner, and Meadows filed a motion to remove Boehner from the position. That motion is seen by some, including Duncan, as a key factor in Boehner's eventual resignation. Mulvaney and Duncan are both Republican congressmen from South Carolina, and Duncan called Mulvaney a "great spokesman for the conservative movement" in Monday's announcement. Arpaio is sheriff of Arizona's Maricopa County, which is the most populous in the state and sixth most populous in the nation. Arpaio is best known for his hard line against illegal immigration and the aggressive practices he has employed to arrest undocumented immigrants, including sweeps of neighborhoods and businesses. Some of those tactics have been cited in charges of racial profiling, but Republicans, including presidential nominee Donald Trump, have praised him as being tough on illegal immigration and other crimes.

Post and Courier: 'America's toughest sheriff' to headline Jeff Duncan's annual fundraiser BBQ
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160815/160819591/americas-toughest-sheriff-to-headline-jeff-duncans-annual-fundraiser-bbq>

Emma Dumain

Sheriff Joe Arpaio, billed as "America's toughest sheriff," and two of Congress' most conservative members will headline U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan's sixth annual Faith and Freedom barbecue. Duncan, a Republican from Laurens, promotes the yearly summer gathering as a personal fundraiser and a gathering of conservative luminaries from around the country. Arpaio of Maricopa County, is likely to be this year's most celebrated headliner in keeping with the 2016 theme of "honoring those who protect us both at home and abroad." Arpaio, who spoke on behalf of Donald Trump at the Republican National Convention in July, has attracted national controversy for his hard-line tactics to control immigration and secure the U.S.-Mexico border.

The State: Controversial sheriff, Trump ally headlining SC Republican event

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article95775437.html>

Jamie Self

A controversial Arizona sheriff and Donald Trump ally whose immigration policies have drawn court rebukes is among the special guests headlining a popular S.C. Republican event next week. Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio is one of three special guests – with U.S. Reps. Mick Mulvaney, R-Indian Land, and Mark Meadows, R-North Carolina – attending U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan's annual Faith and Freedom Barbecue on Monday in Anderson, the Laurens Republican's office announced Monday. Arpaio has faced criticism for harsh immigration tactics. He also was found in contempt of court in May for violating an order to stop racially profiling Latinos. "As you know, Sheriff Arpaio has built a reputation for being one of America's toughest sheriffs," Duncan said in a news release. "Like myself, he has consistently brought attention to the need to secure our borders and combat illegal immigration. He also knows that Blue Lives Matter, and is all too familiar with the dangers that law enforcement face on a daily basis." Duncan's barbecue, in its sixth year, has drawn speakers from GOP presidential hopefuls and the state's most prominent Republicans. The ticketed event will be held at the Anderson Civic Center at 6 p.m.

The State: NBC News moves SC to "leaning" GOP

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article95743187.html>

Bristow Marchant

The latest national projections in the presidential race continue to put a spotlight on South Carolina's

potential to become a competitive battleground in the race between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. A new electoral projection from NBC News shows Clinton gaining steam in several battleground states – and how the spillover is affecting South Carolina. The network's updated election map on Monday moved the Palmetto State from solidly Republican to "leans" Republican. It's one of several traditionally red states NBC shows moving into more competitive territory. The same update shifts Kansas from "likely GOP" to "lean," and Georgia has gone from leaning toward Trump to being a "toss-up." The same projection also lists enough states at least leaning toward Hillary Clinton to give her 288 electoral votes, or enough for an outright majority in the Electoral College. Last week, two separate projections showed a tightening race in South Carolina. The website FiveThirtyEight's "now"-cast suggested a possible Clinton win in South Carolina last Monday, while a poll commissioned by the S.C. Democrats showed Clinton within two percentage points of Trump in the Palmetto State.

SC Agency News:

Associated Press: SC regulators warn against eating bass from 2 upstate lakes

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

Bruce Smith

People should only eat limited amounts of bass from two upstate lakes because of mercury found in the tissue of those species, state regulators cautioned Monday in their annual fish consumption advisory. The Department of Health and Environmental Control added spotted bass from Lake Keowee and Lake Hartwell as well as largemouth bass from Lake Hartwell to its advisory for rivers, lakes and coastal waters. The advisory suggests eating no more than one meal of spotted bass from Lake Hartwell a month and no more than one meal per week of spotted or largemouth bass caught in Lake Keowee. One meal is considered 8 ounces of uncooked fish, about the size of two decks of playing cards. Regulators recommend that pregnant women, women who might become pregnant, infants, and children do not eat any fish from areas included in the advisory. "Fish caught in the state's waters are safe to eat if people follow the fish consumption advisory guidelines," David Baize, chief of DHEC's Bureau of Water, said in a news release.

Post and Courier: DHEC issues new fish consumption advisory

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160815/160819652/dhec-issues-new-fish-consumption-advisory>

Lauren Sausser

The state health department issued its annual fish consumption advisory on Monday, offering residents detailed guidelines regarding which fish are safe to eat from certain South Carolina waterways. For example, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control placed no restrictions on largemouth bass or blue catfish caught in the "west fork" of the Cooper River from the Lake Moultrie Dam to The "T," but it warned residents to limit their consumption of chain pickerel and largemouth bass caught in other sections of the river. The department also warns residents against eating any bowfin, also called "mudfish," caught in the Ashley River but placed no restriction on other species caught in that waterway, including channel catfish and redear sunfish.

Dylann Roof Case:

The State: Anti-death penalty veterans added to Roof's legal team

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article95818827.htm>

John Monk

Two lawyers with long records of death penalty defense have joined the legal team of accused mass

killer Dylann Roof. Roof is facing the federal death penalty in the June 2015 killings of nine African-Americans at a historic downtown Charleston church. The lead attorney is still nationally-known death penalty expert David Bruck, who practiced more than 20 years in South Carolina before setting up an anti-capital punishment project center in Virginia. In recent weeks, Bruck has been joined by...

SC After Recent Violence:

The Herald: Tuesday public forum set for black men's group demanding answers from Rock Hill police

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article95783097.html>

Andrew Dys

A forum is set for Tuesday night for the public to hear from a group of black men who have made demands of the Rock Hill Police Department about accountability and the way black residents are treated. The group, called Concerned Black Men of the city of Rock Hill, marched to the police department July 16 and submitted a list of demands. The letter contained 10 demands the group says the department needs to respond to within 30 days. The 30 days are now up. The group's leaders since have met with Mayor Doug Echols, and met Monday afternoon with Chris Watts, the police chief. The forum, free and open to the public, is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at 147 Oakland Ave. The building at the corner of Oakland Avenue and Wilson Street is the former Pix Theater that is now used by a church.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: Scoppe: Why we shouldn't arrest kids, or adults, for cursing or being obnoxious

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scoppe/article95772347.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

I HAD JUST LEFT the home of a friend who lives in one of those gated communities that rents a security guard to enforce its speed limit when I saw the blue lights flashing behind me. I pulled over, and the security guard walked up and asked if I realized I was driving 35 in a 30 zone. "Oh my goodness; you must be kidding," I said, allowing him to believe that I meant, "I can't believe I was driving so ridiculously fast." Of course what I actually meant was: "I can't believe you're wasting my time stopping me for driving five miles over the speed limit, when we both know that you're not going to write a ticket because I would go to court and the magistrate would laugh you out of the courtroom. "But I didn't say that because you just don't say such things. I also wanted to make sure I didn't get carried away and throw in a profanity, which would have invited him to get carried away with South Carolina's ridiculously overbroad disorderly conduct law.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier : Charleston named nation's friendliest city

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160815/160819654/charleston-named-nations-friendliest-city>

Dave Munday

Charleston is the nation's friendliest city, according to the readers of Conde Nast Traveler. The "Friendliest and Unfriendliest Cities in the U.S." leads the magazine's website. "People speak to each other," the summary for Charleston points out. "It has the charm of the South, the sophistication of the city, and a warmth and friendliness that is unmatched," another reader says. "Everything in Charleston is perfectly designed for visitors to be comfortable, safe, and well taken care of," according to another reader. "In short, even as the city grows, Southern hospitality lives."

Associated Press: Using emojis, new SC ad argues that drinking + driving = :(

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

SC State Wire

Keeping South Carolina's roadways safe is always a top priority for the state's law enforcement agencies. On Tuesday, the Department of Public Safety is kicking off its Sober or Slammer campaign at its Troop One office in Columbia. Along with local law enforcement agencies, the department is previewing a new public service announcement that uses emojis to drive home the message that drinking and driving don't mix. South Carolina Highway Patrol spokesman Sgt. Bob Beres has gained national attention for his use of emojis on social media platforms encouraging people to be safe while on the state's roadways.

Local News:

Sun News: Police respond to alligator at the beach, but it wasn't done swimming

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article95861972.html>

Emily Weaver

Sharon Martin and Nancy Thompson were walking their dogs on the beach Monday evening when the longtime beach residents saw a sight they hadn't seen before... an alligator emerging from the surf. "We were doing our daily walk. We had come down off of 38th (Avenue North) and we hit about 43rd Avenue, looked up and there was an alligator walking out of the ocean," Martin said. It "stopped and just kind of sat there." She estimated the alligator was about three- or four-feet long. "It was pretty frightening to see an alligator coming out of the ocean," Martin said. She and Thompson said seeing a beach-bound gator was a first. "We called 911 and we waited until they all got here to try to catch it," Martin said. But then, after soaking up some sun, the alligator turned to the waves and high-stepped back into the surf.

Associated Press: Waste company owner sentenced to prison for illegal dumping

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

SC State Wire

The owner of a Greer waste company will spend over a year in federal prison after pleading guilty to illegal dumping. The Greenville News reports (<http://grnol.co/2aX6Y8I>) Acting U.S. Attorney Beth Drake said in a statement Friday that 51-year-old Timothy Howard was sentenced to 18 months behind bars in Anderson federal court for violating pretreatment standards of the Clean Water Act. He'll also pay a \$10,000 fine. Prosecutors say Howard, who owned and operated American Waste Inc., used a hauling truck to dump septic waste into a grease trap once outside a Greenville County supermarket in 2011 and again behind a closed restaurant in Lyman in 2013. They say Howard lied to local authorities and submitted hauling log records to state officials, omitting over 85 percent of his septage handling activities.

Associated Press: 2 fetuses found at wastewater treatment plant

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

SC State Wire

Authorities in South Carolina say two fetuses were found at a wastewater treatment plant on James Island. Local news agencies report that Charleston police say a Plum Island Wastewater Treatment Plant employee discovered the remains Aug. 8. Arriving officers were taken to a pump station where they found what appeared to be two "preterm" babies that had been recovered from the wastewater. Charleston County Coroner Rae Wooten says the age of the fetuses was hard to tell, but they were

probably second trimester. She says it's unlikely they could have survived on their own outside the womb. Authorities say it's impossible to tell how long they were in the water. Wooten says there's no way to track exactly where the fetuses came from, referring to it as an "isolated situation."

Associated Press: Body found in truck of garbage picked up in South Carolina

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

SC State Wire

Authorities are investigating after a body was found in a truck of garbage picked up in South Carolina. Local news outlets report that the body was discovered Friday inside a garbage truck in Edgefield County. Authorities determined that the body had been picked up with trash in neighboring Saluda County. Sheriff's offices from both counties are investigating and combing through missing persons reports. Investigators have not released details about the body, including whether it was a male or female. An autopsy was performed over the weekend, and evidence was sent to the State Law Enforcement Division.

Associated Press: Muffler flies into stands, hits fan in mouth

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

SC State Wire

A man says he has been injured after a muffler flew into the stands and hit him in the mouth during a race at the Anderson Motor Speedway. Jared Griffith tells WSPA-TV (<http://bit.ly/2bjClS7>) that he's grateful to be alive after getting stitches on his lip, losing teeth and suffering a shattered bone in his mouth following the incident Saturday night. Griffith says he was looking down at his phone when suddenly he heard a loud pop and a white flash. Representatives from the track say they believe a muffler detached and flew into a fan area, striking two people, one of whom was Griffith. Griffith says the car part came through a fence meant to protect fans. He's facing weeks of recovery and possibly surgery. Officials are investigating the incident.

The State: Relatives and friends say goodbye to Lewis Simpkins

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article95786052.html>

Lewis Simpkins left an impact far beyond the football field at River Bluff High School, friends said at his funeral Monday. His moving devotion to God inspired teammates to follow in his footsteps, said his trainer and former coach Chris Wooten in noting that ten teens asked to be baptized Sunday. "A 14-year-old boy has changed everybody's life here," Wooten said. That comment was shared with more than 200 friends and relatives who attended the funeral at Word of God Church and Ministries in St. Andrews. Simpkins died Wednesday after football practice at school, almost two weeks shy of his 15th birthday. Tests that will determine the cause of the death of the outgoing teen are expected later this week, Lexington County Coroner Margaret Fisher said.

Island Packet : School district: No evidence of wrongdoing by Hilton Head High School principal

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/education/article95847647.html>

Wade Livingston

The Beaufort County School District said Monday it could find no evidence of wrongdoing by Hilton Head High School principal Amanda O'Nan. District spokesman Jim Foster said the district's investigation was done "long before" Sunday's reporting of the claims in a sheriff's office investigative report, but he would not answer questions about the complaints it had received, when it received them or any specifics about the investigation or how it was conducted. "I can tell you we investigated the allegations and found no evidence of any inappropriate activity," Foster said when asked what the district had done — or planned to do — about claims made by O'Nan's husband that his wife used

the high school to facilitate an adulterous relationship. The school district's human resources division handled the investigation, but Foster said he would release no other details because the district feared disclosure could impede future investigations. The district protects the privacy of its employees, he said, and doesn't involve itself in their private lives unless there is an issue that interferes with job performance.

Island Packet: Moss' ethics case is done, but the school district is still waiting for his attorney's bill
<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article95784397.html>

Rebecca Lurye

The Beaufort County School District will not discuss how much money it anticipates spending on legal fees for the superintendent's South Carolina Ethics Commission case. While Moss himself must pay the ethics commission \$3,000 in fees and fines, the school district has previously said it is responsible for picking up the tab on his legal representation. On Monday, however, spokesman Jim Foster would say only that the district has not yet been billed for Moss' representation in the case that ended with a plea deal last week. Columbia attorney Greg Harris, who represented Moss, said Monday he and the superintendent had a retainer agreement for his services, and that he sent Moss a bill. He declined to comment further. Moss did not return calls or emails about the legal fees Monday.

The Herald: SC appeals court upholds \$7 million verdict against roofer in 2010 Winthrop fire
<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/education/winthrop-news/article95754312.html>

Andrew Dys

The S.C. Court of Appeals has upheld a jury verdict of more than \$7 million to Winthrop University against a contractor from a 2010 roof fire that caused millions of dollars in damages. The case went to trial in March 2014 in York. The jury found against Pickens Roofing and Sheet Metals for both breach of contract and negligence, awarding \$7,223,343.14 in damages. Winthrop has yet to recover any of the money, as the roofing company appealed the verdict. However, any damages accrue interest. The March 2010 fire started on the flat roof connecting Owens Hall and Bancroft Hall and burned for more than 24 hours, causing extensive fire and water damage to both buildings and forcing the relocation of classes and offices for months. Winthrop filed breach of contract and negligence lawsuits against Pickens, a contractor doing work on windows of Bancroft Hall the week before the fire. The cause of the fire was never determined, but both sides stipulated that roofing materials were stored on the flat section of roof connecting the two buildings, court documents show.

The Herald: York County Library director on leave amid investigation into allegations
<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article95786267.html>

Jennifer Becknell

Colleen Pappas, director of the York County Library for nine years, has been placed on administrative leave pending an investigation into wide-ranging allegations about her management. Anita Rookard, the library's human resources director, confirmed Monday that Pappas has been placed on leave "until the investigation is completed." Rookard would not say whether the leave was paid or unpaid. Jason Hyatt, manager of the library's Rock Hill headquarters, has been named interim director of the country library system, said Rookard. Nik Bramblett, a member of the York County Library Board of Trustees, said Monday the investigation was sparked by a two-page anonymous email sent Aug. 7 to library trustees, local and state government officials, state library officials and others. The email, which was sent from an anonymous email address and which lists 14 allegations against Pappas, said the county-funded library "is in a state of a crisis" and that Pappas "is a major liability for York County," due to management practices that it said "are unethical at best, and potentially illegal at worst."

Sun News: Fourth woman charges sexual abuse by former county police detective

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article95788012.html>

Audrey Hudson

A fourth woman has come forward claiming she was sexually abused by a former Horry County Police detective and says he helped her obtain illegal narcotics and coerced her to videotape nude catfights. The victim is identified only as Jane Doe 4 in the lawsuit filed Monday in the Court of Common Pleas. She is represented by the same law firm handling similar sexual abuse cases brought by three other women identified as Jane Does against the police department. All four cases allege abuse by former Detective Allen Large, who was dismissed by the police department in July 2015 after he was investigated internally on a sexual harassment claim. In the Jane Doe 4 case, the woman claims Large called her cell phone in the fall of 2014 and said he was aware that she was using drugs and that he was concerned about her. The lawsuit said Large visited her home on a regular basis, and in October engaged in a non-consensual sexual act.

Greenville News: Pickens County moves ahead on new detention center amid concerns about funding

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/08/15/pickens-county-moves-ahead-new-detention-center-amid-concerns-funding/88770910/>

Ron Barnett

Pickens County Council on Monday authorized the design, bid and building process for a new detention center, but questions arose as to whether it would be able to protect the \$23 million it had set aside from reserves to pay for the project and meet other obligations. Councilman Neil Smith, who was voted out of office in the Republican primary, asked to put an advisory referendum on the ballot in November to gauge public support for a Tri-County Technical College construction project that would cost Pickens County \$6.75 million which, along with other projects in the works, could threaten to cut into the money the county had set aside for the jail. Smith's opponent, Roy Costner, and two other winning council candidates, ran on supporting the Tech project, while Smith and the majority on the council have opposed it after tentatively committing to it last fall. "I've heard that there is a mandate that the community wants this," Smith said of the new Tri-County Tech student center and other upgrades at the Pendleton campus. "So this is a way for them to get an opportunity to say."

Post and Courier: Charleston airport panel votes to raise parking fees

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160815/160819660/charleston-airport-panel-votes-to-raise-parking-fees>

Warren L. Wise

Passengers parking at Charleston International may soon have to dig a little deeper into their wallets. A Charleston County Aviation Authority committee voted unanimously Monday to boost fees by \$2 a day for surface parking and \$3 a day for valet service at the state's busiest airport. The daily fees are currently \$8 and \$18, respectively. That's a 25 percent increase in surface parking and a 16.7 percent jump to park using a valet. The fee of \$15 a day for deck parking will remain the same for now. The full board is expected to sign off on the recommendations Thursday. If approved, the rate hike would take effect in November, according to Aviation Authority CEO Paul Campbell.

Associated Press : Lockheed Martin hopes to assemble jets in Greenville

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3B99bjJs

SC State Wire

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham is visiting the Greenville area for a ribbon cutting for a new Lockheed

Martin production facility. Graham is scheduled to join other officials Tuesday for a ribbon cutting as the company tries to win an Air Force contract to assemble 350 supersonic jets during the next decade. The Greenville News reports the company plans to start flying two of the new T-50A supersonic aircraft out of its Greenville County facility by early next year. The company is vying for the Air Force contract said to be worth as much as \$12 billion.

Associated Press : A Bargain: Coastal flea market adds solar panels to save

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ANchuW9N

SC State Wire

The owners of the Coastal Carolina Flea Market in Ladson know a bargain when they see one. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/2aX1Qvj>) the flea market recently installed almost 750 solar panels at its 47-acre site - an installation expected to cut electric costs more than 80 percent. The newspaper reports it's the largest private, self-financed solar installation on the South Carolina Electric & Gas grid that takes part in the utility's bill credit program. That program allows customers to credit solar production to power bills. The array at the flea market generates enough power for 45 homes. The Solar Industries Association says that statewide about 17 megawatts of solar capacity has been installed in South Carolina - enough to power 1,900 homes.

Post and Courier: Coastal Carolina Flea Market state's largest bazaar to go green

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160815/160819585/coastal-carolina-flea-market-states-largest-bazaar-to-go-green>

David Wren

Indoor flea markets — with their long, narrow buildings full of bric-a-brac and tchotchkes — have been some of the earliest adapters of solar power, and the Coastal Carolina Flea Market in Ladson is among the latest to go green. The flea market off U.S. Highway 78 recently installed 737 roof-mounted solar panels atop several buildings at its 47-acre site. The installation is designed to reduce electricity costs by as much as 82 percent, or about \$45,000 per year and makes Carolina Flea Market the state's largest solar-powered flea market. The facility also is the largest privately owned, self-financed solar installation on the South Carolina Electric & Gas grid to take part in the utility's bill credit incentive, said Daniel Kassis, SCE&G's vice president of renewables. The incentive lets the power provider credit all of a business customer's solar-generated electricity production directly to that customer's bill.

The State: Rucker could play Horseshoe if Gamecocks win six

<http://www.thestate.com/entertainment/local-events/article95826612.html>

Noah Feit

Music star Darius Rucker and University of South Carolina president Harris Pastides are trying to provide the USC football team with extra incentive to become bowl eligible. It could come in the form of a concert on campus by the country star, who rose to fame as lead singer of the band Hootie and the Blowfish. Last Wednesday, on Twitter, someone wrote that if the Gamecocks win six games this season, Rucker, a USC alum, should "have another concert on the horseshoe." The Grammy winner, who played the historic Horseshoe last September as part of a celebration of the opening of the new USC Journalism school, responded, "I'm dying to play the horseshoe. Start a petition tell them I'm in!!"

The State: USC will help LSU recover from massive flooding

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article95857417.html>

Avery G. Wilks

The University of South Carolina is offering to help the LSU community recover from massive flooding over the weekend. The school is finalizing plans to send donated items to Baton Rouge flooding victims after heavy rains and flooding battered southern Louisiana and the LSU campus over the weekend, USC announced Monday on its athletics department Twitter account. The move would repay kindness LSU showed South Carolina after the Palmetto State was wrecked by record storms last fall. The Oct. 4 storm caused USC to move its game against LSU to Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge. But LSU fans did their best to make the Gamecocks at home (<http://www.thestate.com/sports/college/university-of-south-carolina/usc-football/article38295864.html>), including playing USC's music and hype video in Tiger Stadium and raising money for S.C. flood relief.

Post and Courier: More than 40 S.C. Red Cross volunteers helping with Louisiana floods

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160815/160819590/more-than-40-sc-red-cross-volunteers-helping-with-louisiana-floods>

Melissa Boughton

More than 40 American Red Cross volunteers from South Carolina have deployed to the Baton Rouge area to help with flooding. Volunteers include the regional CEO, Louise Welch Williams, and more will be leaving in the coming days, according to a Monday news release. Thousands of people in southern Louisiana were hunkered down Monday in shelters, forced out of their homes by intense flooding that took many people by surprise, according to The Associated Press. Heavy rain in the area poured close to 2 feet over a 48-hour period. Rescuers evacuated more than 20,000 people since the flooding started Friday and at least six have died. The Red Cross said the flooding was likely the worst natural disaster since superstorm Sandy. Volunteers are providing shelter, food and comfort to families in Louisiana who have lost everything. Sunday night more than 10,600 people sought refuge in nearly 50 Red Cross and community shelters in Louisiana.

The State: Heavily hit by flood, Forest Lake Fabrics plans re-opening

<http://www.thestate.com/news/business/article95842362.html>

Roddie Burris

Forest Lake Fabrics will re-open in a couple of weeks in the same — albeit stronger — building, making it one of the last businesses on a small stretch of Forest Drive at Gills Creek to recover from last fall's historic floods. "To know that things will be back to normal in two weeks is the best feeling in the world," said Michael Marsha, Forest Lake Fabrics owner. An opening date has not been set, but he hopes the store will be ready to go by early September. On Oct. 4, as more than a foot of rain fell on the Columbia area, huge tree logs and other debris washed down Gills Creek and crashed out the back wall of Marsha's building. A calvacade of water moved through the building and burst out the front windows. Days afterward, Marsha said bolts of fabric were found long distances away. The lost inventory was valued at \$1 million, he said.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Analysis: Trump nation-building view not in line with Bush

<http://bigstory.ap.org/af96c6e40d034b58a4f3698009a9b27c>

Robert Burns

Donald Trump says that as president he would end "our current strategy of nation-building and regime change" because they don't work. His dislike for nation-building is shared by many, including none other than the target of his criticism, President Barack Obama. In fact it was Obama's predecessor, Republican George W. Bush, who committed the U.S. to large-scale nation-building projects in Iraq and Afghanistan. Obama discarded that strategy while trying to keep enough U.S.

influence there to prevent those two countries from crumbling. Obama's approach may not have worked, but it's not Bush-like "nation-building." And while the Republican presidential nominee argued against nation-building in a foreign policy speech Monday, he advocated for something even more grandiose: seizing Iraq's oil wealth in the aftermath of the U.S. invasion in 2003 that toppled Saddam Hussein. "I have long said that we should have kept the oil in Iraq," he said in Youngstown, Ohio. "I said, 'Keep the oil. Keep the oil. Keep the oil. Don't let somebody else get it.'" It would have required U.S. troops to protect the oil, he said, but the benefit would

Associated Press: The Latest: Clinton taps ex-Interior chief for transition

<http://bigstory.ap.org/64fcbd30f8c440e29fe2d4dafcabd184>

Hillary Clinton has tapped former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to lead her White House transition team. Salazar will chair a team that also includes former National Security Adviser Tom Donilon, former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, and longtime Clinton allies Neera Tanden and Maggie Williams. The team will oversee planning for a potential Clinton administration should the Democratic nominee win in November. Republican Donald Trump has tapped New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie to lead his transition efforts. By law, both nominees have access to offices in Washington and other resources to begin planning for their potential administrations.

Associated Press: Democrats seek repeal of ban on federal funding of abortion

<http://bigstory.ap.org/7476652b8d1a4f17bc2da2edab2c10b6>

David Crary

The law that bans federal funding for Medicaid coverage of most abortions is now in the spotlight some 40 years after it was passed by Congress, emerging as an election issue in the national debate over the procedure. First approved in 1976, and renewed annually ever since as part of the congressional appropriations process, the Hyde Amendment makes exceptions in cases of rape or incest, or when a pregnancy endangers a woman's life. For most of its existence, the amendment had broad bipartisan support in Congress, but that's now changed. At their recent national convention, Democrats for the first time included in their platform a call for the Hyde Amendment to be repealed. Their presidential nominee, Hillary Clinton, is embracing that stance, even as it risks creating friction within the party.

National News:

Associated Press : Black police recruit hopes to shatter perceptions

<http://bigstory.ap.org/77ab9e993a73402194cf200de0445a68>

Amanda Lee Myers

Renata Phillip was 11 years into a satisfying teaching career when she shocked her friends and family last August by deciding to make a drastic career change: become a police officer. Her decision came amid growing concern over police tactics in the wake of a number of deaths at the hands of officers of unarmed black men across the country. Most recently, the fatal police shooting of a black man who had a gun in his hand sparked violent unrest in Milwaukee. Phillip, a black woman who grew up in a mostly white, upper middle class neighborhood 30 miles east of Los Angeles, said she wasn't motivated by race. But race is a motivation now as she completes her training to become a Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy. "Everything that's going on, it drives me to work a little harder," the 36-year-old said during a break at the department's grueling training academy.

Associated Press : Police chief was surprised by violence after fatal shooting

<http://bigstory.ap.org/288476af99f4466cb55a6e46a77f5617>

Todd Richmond

Following a night of violence that left half a dozen businesses in flames, the Milwaukee police chief expressed surprise at the level of unrest that erupted after the fatal shooting of a black man by a black officer. "This was, quite frankly, unanticipated," Police Chief Edward Flynn said Monday, two days after the worst of the rioting hit the Sherman Park neighborhood on the city's economically depressed and largely black north side. The city was calmer on Monday evening after two nights of unrest. Six arrests were made after some "heated confrontations" but there was no destruction of property or rioting, Flynn said. A 10 p.m. curfew for those under the age of 18 appeared to be honored with the aid of community leaders and parents, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett said. The chief's statement raised questions about whether authorities could have taken steps to curb the violence, perhaps by sharing details of the shooting earlier, including

Associated Press: Louisiana: Flood danger persists, body pulled from waters

<http://bigstory.ap.org/d25093775ff848d38294fdecc7e8b204>

Michael Kunzelman, Melinda Deslatte and Rebecca Sanatana

As waters begin to recede in parts of Louisiana's capital city, some residents struggled to return to flood-damaged homes on foot, in cars and by boat. But though the rain had mostly stopped, new places in the state faced flood dangers from the deluge that has sent thousands into shelters. Rivers and creeks were still dangerously bloated in areas south of Baton Rouge as people filled sandbags there to protect their houses, bracing for the worst as the water worked its way south. In one area, Ascension Parish, officials said some small towns have already been inundated. Seven deaths have been reported and more than 20,000 have had to be rescued since Friday in some of the worst flooding the state has ever seen. And at least 11,000 have hunkered down in shelters to wait out the floods. The slow-moving, low-pressure system that dumped more than 20 inches of rain on some parts of Louisiana was crawling into Texas, but the National Weather Service warned the danger of new flooding remained high due to the sheer volume of water flowing toward the Gulf of Mexico.

World News:

Associated Press : Russian warplanes take off from Iran to target IS in Syria

<http://bigstory.ap.org/08f1ea9e849a49c5a741bf0e1582b616>

Nataliya Vasilyeva

Russian warplanes took off on Tuesday from a base in Iran to target Islamic State fighters and other militants in Syria, Russia's Defense Ministry said, widening Moscow's bombing campaign in a major development in the country's civil war. The long-range bombers took off from near the city of Hamedan, around 280 kilometers (175 miles) southwest of the Iranian capital, and struck targets in three provinces in northern and eastern Syria. It is virtually unheard of in Iran's recent history to allow a foreign power to use one of its bases to stage attacks from. Russia has also never used the territory of another country in the Middle East for its operations inside Syria, where it has been carrying out an aerial campaign in support of President Bashar Assad's government for nearly a year. The announcement suggests cooperation on the highest levels between Moscow and Tehran, both key allies of the embattled president.

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