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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: S.C. National Guard soldiers armed to fight terror attacks

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article91800927.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

Some South Carolina Army National Guard soldiers can now carry concealed sidearms at local armories to protect themselves and others from terrorist attacks. Guard commanders, with the approval of Gov. Nikki Haley, have initiated a program that allows authorized soldiers to carry concealed sidearms in all of the state's 65 armories. Previously, Guard soldiers were not allowed to carry weapons while at work, even if they had state permits. The action stems from the 2015 terrorist shootings at a recruiting center and Naval Reserve center in Chattanooga, Tenn., that killed four Marines and a sailor. "We felt we were lacking the ability to immediately defend ourselves," said Brig Gen. Roy McCarty, South Carolina deputy adjutant general. "We would certainly much rather not have to be facing this situation. But it was a necessary level of protection until regular authorities get on the scene."

NOTE: Haley said last year she authorized soldiers to carry weapons because "there exists a threat of violence to National Guard members and facilities" in general. However, to date no specific or imminent threats have been identified, said Haley spokeswoman Chaney Adams. Haley's husband, Michael, is a captain in the National Guard.

Baltimore Sun: Hogan communications director to leave administration

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/politics/blog/bal-hogan-communications-director-to-leave-administration-20160725-story.html>

Erin Cox

publican Gov. Larry Hogan's top communications aide will leave the administration to return to his job in the private sector. Communications Director Matthew A. Clark has led Hogan's public relations staff since the governor was inaugurated. Deputy communications director Douglass V. Mayer will take over for Clark in mid-August. Mayer, like Clark a Maryland native, previously worked as a communications director for South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and for the New Jersey Republican State Committee. The communication director serves as the chief spokesman for Hogan.

Associated Press : Maryland governor names new communications director

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=LHjJ6pr

SC State Wire

Gov. Larry Hogan has named Douglass Mayer as his administration's director of communications. Hogan made the announcement in a press release Monday afternoon. Mayer has been deputy director of communications for Hogan, a Republican, since January 2015. Previously, he was communications director for South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley. Mayer will succeed Matthew Clark, who is returning to FTI Consulting in Washington.

Washington Post: Larry Hogan's top spokesman is leaving the administration

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/larry-hogans-top-spokesman-is-leaving-the-administration/2016/07/25/87c06bb8-52b3-11e6-88eb-7dda4e2f2aec_story.html

Fenit Nirappil

The top spokesman to Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) is leaving the administration to return to a business consulting job. The governor's office on Monday announced that Director of Communications Matthew Clark is stepping down and rejoining Washington-based FTI Consulting, where he spent seven years in corporate communications before joining Hogan's team. Clark will be replaced in mid-August by his deputy, Douglass Mayer. Mayer has held a variety of communications jobs for Republicans, including for South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and on former Gov. Robert Ehrlich's unsuccessful comeback bid in 2010. Both men have worked for Hogan since he took office in January 2015.

Democratic National Convention:

Associated Press : History and hostility as Clinton ascends to nomination

<http://bigstory.ap.org/d0dbc7cd58004f2da2bbd6238cde374b>

Kathleen Hennessey and Calvin Woodward

A glass ceiling is shattering at the Democratic National Convention as Hillary Clinton ascends to the presidential nomination with Tuesday's roll call of the states, making her the first woman to lead a major party into a White House race. But as history is being made, hostility is being heard, too. Rhetorically, at least, die-hard Bernie Sanders' supporters also are breaking some glass, loudly protesting his treatment by the party and still cold to Clinton even as Sanders appeals for Democrats to unify and defeat Republican Donald Trump, "a bully and a demagogue." What was expected to be a tightly orchestrated convention, run with all the professionalism and experience that were lacking at Trump's often-chaotic affair in Ohio, instead showed its rough edges in the early going, starting with chants of "Bernie" during the opening invocation and boos at numerous mentions of Clinton's name.

Associated Press: Sanders urges fans to rally behind Clinton as DNC heats up

<http://bigstory.ap.org/dbde8529b1fa49beb8662548b595ee79>

Geoff Mulvihill and Megan Trimble

Sen. Bernie Sanders urged supporters to rally behind Hillary Clinton at the Democratic convention, but ardent followers who marched for hours in punishing heat Monday and planned to do so again seemed intent on keeping his upstart campaign alive. "Based on her ideas and her leadership, Hillary Clinton must become the next president of the United States," Sanders said. "The choice is not even close." Sanders encouraged his supporters to fall in line with Clinton after dozens were cited for climbing barricades outside the convention. Many pro-Sanders demonstrators expressed disgust with party leaders after leaked emails suggested they had favored Clinton over the Vermont senator during the primary race.

Post and Courier: S.C. delegates reconcile their support for Sanders with reality of Clinton

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160725/160729586/sc-delegates-reconcile-their-support-for-sanders-with-reality-of-clinton>

Emma Dumain

Hours before the Democratic National Convention was set to begin and Bernie Sanders was scheduled to speak, the Vermont Senator and Democratic candidate for president gathered his delegates in a ballroom of the Philadelphia Convention Center. He was there to deliver a message: Support the presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, and her running mate Tim Kaine, and

vote for them both this fall. It was a request that many of Sanders' 14 pledged delegates from South Carolina received as inevitable and, at this point in the process, reasonable. "I'm all about unity and coming together, and the fact that Bernie Sanders is my candidate, what I want to do is follow his lead," said Jeni Atchley, a Sanders delegate from Dorchester County and vice president of the Young Democrats of South Carolina. "I don't want to be a part of protests," she added. "I understand there needs to be change in society, but at the same time the issue is that we need to come together as a family and unite and defeat Donald Trump." But not all shared that view. Another Sanders delegate from the Lowcountry, Jane Pulling from Pinopolis, put it this way: "I think some are not to the point yet where they can understand that going forward, the two campaigns have to become one."

Post and Courier: S.C. Democrats kick off convention festivities, live from Philadelphia

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160725/160729633/sc-democrats-kick-off-convention-festivities-live-from-philadelphia>

Emma Dumain

4:30 p.m.: The Democratic National Convention officially began on Monday afternoon at the Wells Fargo Arena in Philadelphia. Baltimore Mayor and DNC Secretary Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, who delivered remarks to the South Carolina delegation during breakfast Monday morning, gavelled in the proceedings. That job is typically reserved for the DNC Chairwoman, but Florida Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz is keeping a low profile in light of the DNC email scandal and her impending resignation from the post at the end of the week. Wasserman Schultz was also booed out of her own delegation breakfast earlier in the day, and it's not likely she'll address the S.C. delegation breakfast on Tuesday morning as originally scheduled. At 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders gathered his pledged delegates together to say they should unite behind party's presumptive nominee, Hillary Clinton. The request drew mixed reviews from delegates inside the South Carolina contingent and elsewhere. Lingering discontent spilled over during the invocation on the convention stage, when the pastor was drowned out by jeers and boo's when she suggested the Democrats had gathered to nominate Clinton. Sanders is speaking later Monday night.

The State: Columbia Mayor Benjamin gets air time during first night of DNC

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/election/article91857702.html>

Noah Feit

During the first night of the Democratic National Convention on Monday, Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin was a common sight. During speeches by Sen. Cory Booker, D-NJ., and First Lady Michelle Obama, Benjamin was pictured sitting next to former President Bill Clinton at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia. Clinton's wife, the former U.S. senator and Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton is expected to be named the Democrats presidential nominee. Benjamin's part of a contingent of six South Carolina Democrats who will address the DNC this week, along with U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-Columbia, former state Rep. Bakari Sellers, S.C. Democratic Party Chairman Jaime Harrison, in addition to Felicia Sanders and Polly Sheppard – two survivors of the Emanuel A.M.E. Church shooting in Charleston last summer. Benjamin will address the convention on Tuesday, tentatively scheduled to speak at 8 p.m. Benjamin said his speech will center on children and the impact of the United States electing its first woman president. "It's quite an honor to be asked to speak," Benjamin told WIS in an interview. "The opportunity to put Columbia on a national stage and have a chance to talk about things that are not only important to our City of Columbia but of all cities."

The State: Where to see SC natives on TV during the Democratic convention

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article91734472>.

html

Bristow Marchant

There will be a lot of South Carolinians on stage at this week's Democratic National Convention. But even when they're not behind the speaker's podium, Palmetto State natives will still be appearing on TV during convention coverage. Bakari Sellers, Andre Bauer, Eugene Robinson, Craig Melvin, and Ainsley Earhardt.

Island Packet: SC delegates make push for veterans

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/state/south-carolina/article91822952.html>

Brianna Spause

Veterans and delegates came together at the Democratic National Convention to push for additional support for military families. While the DNC is underway in Philadelphia, South Carolina delegates are championing a variety of causes, including veteran affairs. SC superdelegate and former chairman of the DNC, Don Fowler also serves as the co-chair of the Veterans and Military Families Council. The VMF held a caucus Monday afternoon at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, where Fowler outlined the council's goals of providing adequate health care, training, equipment and support for veterans. Fowler, who served 30 years in the United States Army, said support for veterans is a critical element of this election. "A lot of Americans think that when a person comes out of the military and has a family, that somehow they're all taken care of," Fowler said. "That is very far from the truth. There are massive needs within veterans. When a family gets separated, as much as military families do, it takes a special effort to make sure that family life is good."

Post and Courier: DNC delegate spotlight: William Frick

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160726/160729618/dnc-delegate-spotlight-william-frick>

Emma Dumain

William Frick, a public defender and Fairfield County school board member, didn't know he shared something in common with Hillary Clinton. Long before the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee entered the realm of politics, she was an attorney doing legal aid for the Children's Defense Fund in South Carolina. "I've learned a lot about her," Frick said recently. "I became very aware of her during this previous school board's convention. The lady who actually hired Hillary Clinton to come work in Marlboro County was one of our speakers, and she talked about what they were trying to do to improve education for our poor and rural folks in South Carolina. It's not anything I really knew about Secretary Clinton, but I have to come to learn about it and I find it very interesting, and telling." This will be Frick's first time as a Democratic National Convention delegate, though he says he has been interested in politics all his life.

Aiken Standard : DNC Day 1: Aiken's Gaines and S.C. delegates discuss troubled times with Louisiana delegates

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160726/160729692/dnc-day-1-aikenx2019s-gaines-and-sc-delegates-discuss-troubled-times-with-louisiana-delegates>

Dede Biles

Aiken's Ra Shad Gaines began Monday at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia by attending a breakfast with his fellow South Carolina delegates and delegates from Louisiana. "Both states have hospitality capitals – Charleston and New Orleans – that offer great parties, but they also share in some civil discord," said Gaines in a telephone interview. "Last year, South Carolina had the Walter Scott killing and the Emanuel AME Nine massacre. Louisiana recently had the Alton Sterling killing in Baton Rouge and the retaliation with the three police officers being killed in Baton Rouge." Those tragic events sparked a discussion during the breakfast. "The conversation we had was

centered around how do we, as people of faith and people who care about people, use our political power to help bring about change and love in these terrible situations?" Gaines said. "The best thing that I heard was that we have to stop having moments of silence and we have to start being vocal about the changes we need to see in our country."

Greenville News: S.C. Dems hail Clinton's decision to run with Tim Kaine

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/07/25/sc-dems-hail-clintons-decision-run-tim-kaine/87544548/>

Brian Tumulty

Working-class voters in South Carolina will be more likely to vote Democratic in November now that Hillary Clinton has chosen Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine as her running mate, state party officials said Monday. "Tim Kaine is one of the finest public servants in the United States," former state party chairman Don Fowler said at the Democratic National Convention, which began Monday. "He's good. He's bright. He's moderate. He has everything you would want in a very substantial highly placed public servant." Many supporters of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders criticized Kaine, a former Virginia governor and former mayor of Richmond, as not liberal enough for progressive Democrats. But South Carolinians at the convention praised Kaine for helping to turn Virginia from a red state to a swing state.

Anderson Independent: Anderson man serving as a delegate at the Democratic National Convention

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/anderson-man-serving-as-a-delegate-at-the-democratic-national-convention-387b2278-c341-5a0c-e053-010-388206682.html>

Charmaine Smith-Miles

At the last meal he ate with them before he left Anderson for the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, Trav Robertson Jr.'s parents made him promise to continue his support of presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Robertson, who has been involved in politics since he was a student at T.L. Hanna High School in Anderson, is a congressional delegate at the convention. He is there representing the 3rd Congressional District, which covers nine Upstate counties including Anderson, Abbeville, Oconee and Pickens. He arrived at the convention Saturday and was anticipating the sounding of the gavel at 4 p.m. Monday — the act that officially kicks off the convention. Robertson said South Carolina will be well-represented in the lineup of speakers at the event. He said U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, state Democratic State Party Chairman Jaime Harrison, Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, former S.C. Rep. Bakari Sellers and some of the families directly affected by the shootings at Mother Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston will all speak at the convention. "It is an exciting time to be here," Robertson said. "You are going to see a clear difference between the Republican National Convention last week, with all of the vitriolic nastiness and the hatred that was spewed, and this week. This week, in comparison, you are going to see a vision for a better America built upon everything that is good in our country."

SC Political News:

Associated Press: SC auditors can't verify business centers' success numbers

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

Seanna Adcox

State auditors say they can't verify job success numbers touted by South Carolina's Small Business Development Centers and that some workers hired to help potential employers lack a college degree. The Legislative Audit Council reported Monday that it can't fully answer legislators' questions because its auditors were denied access to the program's client database. The network's director,

Michele Abraham, contends that doing so would violate federal law. The centers answer to the U.S. Small Business Administration, which told auditors in a May letter they need written consent from each client. Still, Rep. Jonathon Hill said the denial raises questions "of whether someone's seeking to hide something." "I'm not sure this is a program we even need. There are other private organizations that provide similar services," said Hill, R-Townville, whose audit request last year was signed by 14 other House members. "If it's worth doing, it's worth paying for privately."

SC Agency News:

Post and Courier: State Infrastructure Bank to consider extending I-526 negotiations

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160725/160729617/state-infrastructure-bank-to-consider-extending-i-526-negotiations>

Diane Knich

The S.C. Transportation Infrastructure Bank board has called a special meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Columbia to discuss extending the time frame for winding down the Interstate 526 project. Members will call in and meet via conference call. Vince Graham, the bank board's chairman, said the group will discuss extending the 60-day time frame that was set at the group's Dec. 15 meeting. The bank on May 26 voted to shut down the project because Charleston County hadn't submitted a solid and binding plan to cover the project's more than \$300 million shortfall. The bank has \$420 million earmarked for the project, but the estimated cost has jumped to \$725 million. Officials from the bank, the county and the state Department of Transportation currently are negotiating how to allocate the \$420 million.

SC Elections:

Post and Courier: Summerville group collects 6,000 signatures to force form of government question onto ballot

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160725/160729605/summerville-group-collects-6000-signatures-to-force-form-of-government-question-onto-ballot>

Brenda Rindge

Summerville residents may soon get to vote on which type of government they prefer. Peter Gorman, coordinator of a group of volunteers who circulated petitions, on Monday turned in to town and county officials 575 pages filled with 6,028 signatures asking that residents be allowed to decide if they want to change the town's form of government from council to mayor-council, which would make the mayor more powerful. Gorman is an adviser to Mayor Wiley Johnson, and his former campaign manager. Gorman and the volunteers have been collecting signatures since Feb. 10, when council approved ordinance changes defining the mayor's role under its council form of government. The changes effectively gave Johnson less power than his predecessor.

SC after Police Shootings:

Greenville News: Group threatening 'sit-ins' to meet with mayor, city officials

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/07/25/protest-meeting-mayor/87539406/>

Eric Connor

The leader of a local activist group that has promised sit-in protests at downtown businesses after saying the city hasn't been responsive to conversation is scheduled to meet with officials, including the mayor and police chief. Bruce Wilson, founder of Fighting Injustice Together, said the meeting with Mayor Knox White is scheduled to occur Thursday morning — though he stopped short of saying

such a meeting would end his call for sit-ins at pre-selected businesses in response to recent police shootings of black men across the country. Three Saturdays ago, a protest movement led by Upstate Black Lives Matter brought hundreds to downtown streets and led to an attempted shutdown of Interstate 385 in front of the Bon Secours Wellness Arena, resulting in five arrests, including the professed leader of the Black Lives Matter group. The group led by Wilson associates with Black Lives Matter when interests align. Wilson last held a small protest in Falls Park that was attended by city officials.

Herald-Journal: Law enforcement, community representatives discuss how to improve relations in Spartanburg County

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160725/articles/160729796>

Zach Fox

Improving the relationship between law enforcement officers and the communities they police was the focus of a special town hall Monday night. Community policing, police conduct, race relations and reactions to recent shootings in other places across the country were all discussed in front of a largely-African American crowd at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. "We shouldn't be afraid to talk about differences. We shouldn't be afraid to talk about color," said Michael Brown, Spartanburg NAACP president and county councilman. "We shouldn't be afraid to say, hey, we need to address some of these things as it relates to those that are sworn to protect and serve us. There's nothing wrong with that." Along with Brown, Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright, Spartanburg Police Deputy Chief Jennifer Kindall and Spartanburg County Clerk of Court Hope Blackley shared their views on how to move Spartanburg forward by uniting law enforcement and community members.

Herald-Journal: Spartanburg police secure federal dollars for body cams

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160725/articles/160729799>

Daniel J. Gross

The Spartanburg Police Department will soon outfit its patrol officers with body-worn cameras now that a federal grant has been approved by the U.S. Department of Justice. The request was made almost a year ago, when the department sought federal funding to equip all of its patrol officers with body cameras. The department had already purchased 20 cameras for its traffic division officers that had been in use as a pilot program. The 85 additional cameras funded through the federal grant will allow 105 officers to record and store footage of public interactions during traffic stops and emergency responses. The Department of Justice informed the city of its approval last week, after a "deliberate, extensive and laborious" process, said Spartanburg Police Chief Alonzo Thompson. Recent fatal police-involved shootings and protests across the country have renewed an emphasis on recording police interactions with the public. A nationwide push for all law enforcement officers to be equipped with body cameras came after the fatal police-involved shooting of an unarmed man in Ferguson, Mo. in August 2014. The federal government announced grant funding would be available to departments who create body cam policies and submit applications.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: What part of 'public health' doesn't DHEC understand?

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article91719762.html>

Cindi Ross Scope

AFTER FINDING elevated bacteria levels five times between May 10 and June 1, Riverbanks Zoo decided simply cleaning its children's wading pool wasn't enough. In early June, officials closed their new attraction and started making plans to convert it to a splash park. Separately, after hearing about

a sewage leak upstream, zoo officials started testing the water in the Saluda River, which it uses for the animals and the grounds. On five occasions between June 7 and June 16, the testing found elevated levels of E. coli in the river as well. So zoo officials informed employees, had their horticulturists use rubber gloves and started watering plants at night as an extra precaution to avoid exposure to visitors. Meantime, the state Department of Health and Environmental Control was involved with its own E. coli problems on the Saluda, after being notified on May 20 by Riverkeeper Bill Stangler that he had found elevated bacteria levels at the popular Saluda Shoals Park about six miles upstream from the zoo. Mr. Stangler, riverkeeper for the Congaree and lower Saluda rivers, is certified by DHEC to sample for water pollution. It's a stunning contrast between a government agency that was doing everything it could to protect the public health and one that was not.

South Carolina News:

The Herald: Rock Hill starts one-year countdown to 2017 BMX World Championships

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article91813072.html>

Rock Hill officials started the one-year countdown to next year's UCI BMX World Championships at the city's BMX Supercross Track, which organizers expect to be the largest international sporting event in state history. City officials and others from the community partners also ceremonially raised the flag of the Union Cycliste Internationale at the BMX track. The last time the UCI BMX World Championships were held in the U.S., USA in Louisville, KY in 2001. More than 40 countries will be represented by some 3,300 riders, who will compete in front of about 20,000 fans July 25-30, 2017. Spectators will have the chance to see fierce competition among world-class amateur and elite athletes. "We intend to roll out the red carpet for thousands of visitors from around the world in 2017 and show them the true meaning of 'Southern hospitality,' " Rock Hill Mayor Doug Echols said. "This is a unique opportunity for Rock Hill and the Carolinas to be on a global stage, and prove to the world that we are ready – not only for BMX, but for a variety of tourism and business opportunities."

Local News:

The State: Warrants: Chapin bar shooter attacked woman before he killed 2 soldiers

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article91733967.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

The man charged with killing two soldiers, who officials say were trying to protect a woman at a remote Lake Murray bar, said in court Monday that he was chasing a girl who grabbed drugs and took off running. Joseph Elijah Mills, 25, of Little Mountain, is charged with two counts of murder, and a judge on Monday would not let him out of the Lexington County jail. Mills told the judge he was sorry for what happened, but he thought he was "being lynched" by people who interceded. The victims are Charles Allen Judge Jr., 40, and Jonathon Michael Prins, 29, according to Lexington County Coroner Margaret Fisher. Judge was shot twice in the left torso, Fisher said. Prins was shot three times in the left torso and neck. A U.S. Army spokesman would not name the soldiers but said that one was a Guardsman assigned to Camp McCrady on Fort Jackson, and the other is an Army active duty soldier.

The State: Jury seated Monday in Richland County convicted child sex predator case

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article91809057.html>

John Monk

Should Chuck Sullivan, a Columbia man convicted years ago in a high profile case of serial child molestation, be set free after serving some 17 years in prison? That is the question before a Richland

County jury that was seated late Monday afternoon after Circuit Judge Tanya Gee excused numerous jurors for various reasons, including that the subject matter of sexual predators was too traumatic for some to handle. Much of the testimony will center on whether Sullivan is likely to try to molest young males again. The jury is expected to hear conflicting testimony from mental health specialists. Opening arguments in Sullivan's case begin at 9 am Tuesday at the Richland County courthouse in downtown Columbia. The trial, in which some nine witnesses may testify, is expected to last until Thursday or Friday.

Aiken Standard: Administrator says Aiken County 'making do' without inmate labor

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160725/160729721/administrator-says-aiken-county-x2018making-dox2019-without-inmate-labor->

Christina Cleveland

While the cities of Aiken and North Augusta have hired temporary workers to replace labor after the recent closing of the Lower Savannah Pre-Release Center, Aiken County is currently finding its way without it. The reason simply came down to numbers, according to County Administrator Clay Killian. "At this point, with our budget being the way it is, we cannot afford to replace the inmate labor. We've estimated close to a \$1 million just for the road maintenance operation, animal shelter and solid waste," Killian said. "Just to hire the people we were using – 25 people a day at \$15 a day versus \$15 an hour. If we were paying 25 people \$30,000 a year, plus benefits, that's \$750,000, plus benefits." During budget season, Council members discussed ideas ranging from using offenders in the magistrate system to inmates at the Aiken County detention center. Killian said unless the Sheriff's Office has enough inmates, there will not currently be a roadside litter crew, and added many detention inmates are completing work at the jail to keep its operating costs down.

Post and Courier: Charleston police first in Lowcountry to train, supply officers with opioid antidote

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160725/160729604/charleston-police-first-in-lowcountry-to-train-supply-officers-with-opioid-antidote>

Melissa Boughton

Some Charleston police officers are now equipped with a drug that could give opioid overdose victims a better chance of survival. The department is the first in the Lowcountry to train officers and supply them with Narcan, generically naloxone, which can reverse an opioid overdose if administered fast enough and with subsequent emergency care. South Carolina passed the Overdose Prevention Act in June 2015, allowing first responders to administer the antidote with immunity from civil or criminal liability. The law also allows the general public to obtain a prescription for Narcan and administer it to people overdosing on opioids. Emergency Medical Services personnel have been using Narcan for decades, but they aren't always the first on the scene of an overdose, when every second counts. In South Carolina, the average response times for EMS to all 911 calls is 11 minutes and 37 seconds, according to the Department of Health and Environmental Control. Fire departments are a little quicker, at six minutes and eight seconds, but law enforcement response is usually less than three minutes.

Morning News: Grant helps Mullins PD upgrade patrol cars

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_583d79ea-5285-11e6-8465-438ee98a9d5b.html

Naeem McFadden

City of Mullins Police Department Capt. Phil Mostowski has a cool new patrol car to temporarily ride the streets during the hottest portion of the summer. Three new vehicles are added to the fleet with the help of a \$125,000 Justice Assistance Grant. "I put in for a grant we were awarded an equipment grant through the JAG program for fully equipped vehicles," Mostowski said. "We were able to

purchase three new Ford Police Interceptor Sedans along with outfitting the vehicles and having them out on the road a couple of weeks ago." Mostoski said the process took time with installation after approval. "The equipment that we have in there is all state-of-the art and so far it appears to be good and hopefully they hold up," he said. "It makes it easier for the officer and we try to get our cars this way but it's very expensive." The new cars include three mounted cameras. Mostowski said the advanced camera system will integrate with body cameras. "If the car camera is activated then the body camera will activate also with multiple views," he said. A log is kept for every officer when cameras are activated.

Associated Press: Charleston board votes to keep special needs school open

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=DaFkdAB9

SC State Wire

The Charleston County School Board has voted to keep a special needs school open for one year. Local news outlets report that the board voted unanimously to reinstate Pattison's Academy for Comprehensive Education on Monday. The board also voted to forgive PACE's \$300,000 debt owed to the district under several conditions. The school will not be allowed to ask for extra funding and PACE will meet with the district for quarterly reviews on finances. School Board Chair Cindy Bohn Coats acknowledged that the debt was a lot of money, but said the board decided to keep the school open because of the children. PACE is the only public school in the district designed to exclusively serve children with disabilities.

Post and Courier: Charleston County School Board votes to save Pattison's Academy

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160725/160729607/charleston-county-school-board-votes-to-save-pattisons-academy>

Paul Bowers

After a threat of closure sparked outcry from parents, a charter school for students with multiple and severe disabilities will remain open in the fall. The Charleston County School Board voted Monday night to reinstate the charter of Pattison's Academy for Comprehensive Education under several provisions, including that the school's charter board will not request additional funding beyond what the district has budgeted to spend. Superintendent Gerrita Postlewait said Monday that leaders from the school asked the district for \$300,000 to help pay its bills around the time of Christmas break. The board voted unanimously Monday to forgive the \$300,000 debt.

Independent Mail: Upstate drought affecting lakes and farmers

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/upstate-drought-affecting-lakes-and-farmers-387c1088-fd5d-6a66-e053-0100007fd5ac-388184582.html>

Kirk Brown

Drought conditions are worsening in the Upstate after weeks of hot weather with little rain. Lake Hartwell and the other two reservoirs on the Savannah River have entered the first drought stage, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Monday. The designation was triggered when Lake Thurmond's water level dipped below 326 feet above sea level. Discharges from Lake Thurmond were reduced Monday to a daily average of 4,200 cubic feet per second. A further reduction to 4,000 cubic feet per second is expected later this week, according to Corps spokesman Billy Birdwell. Because Thurmond, Hartwell and Lake Russell are managed as a single basin, Birdwell said, discharges from the Hartwell Dam also are expected to diminish. Drought conditions also are hurting farmers in the region. Significant damage in corn crops is occurring across much of northwest South Carolina, according to a statement issued earlier this month by the National Weather Service. The statement also said hay quality is deteriorating rapidly, and pasture lands are increasingly brown and dormant.

National News:

Associated Press : Mom: Warning didn't keep slain son safe at Florida nightclub

<http://bigstory.ap.org/ca1354c0eab7469e9d7f02f1ba5947e5>

Terry Spencer, Tamara Lush and Kelli Kennedy

Stephanie White clutched a stack of photos while sitting in a chair in her home. The television was on, loud, and turned to the local news. A story came on about the mass shooting at a nightclub that took her baby's life. "My son," said White, tired and dejected Monday afternoon. She waved a hand at the television. "There's another picture of him." Her son was one of two teenagers killed early Monday at Club Blu, the latest in a string of mass shootings across the nation this summer. With the Orlando massacre at the Pulse nightclub still fresh on her mind, White had advised her 18-year-old on what to do if there was a shooting: "Hit the floor; find a table." But when gunfire erupted in the parking lot of the Fort Myers club, 18-year-old Stefan Strawder didn't have anywhere to hide. He was killed along with a 14-year-old boy, and 17 people ranging in age from 12 to 27 were wounded during the swimsuit-themed party for teens.

World News:

Associated Press: Letter foretold Japan rampage that killed 19 disabled people

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Mari Yamaguchi and Yuri Kageyama

A young Japanese man went on a stabbing rampage Tuesday at a facility for the mentally disabled where he had been fired, officials said, killing 19 people months after he gave a letter to Parliament outlining the bloody plan and saying all disabled people should be put to death. When he was done, Kanagawa prefectural authorities said, 26-year-old Satoshi Uematsu had left dead or injured nearly a third of the almost 150 patients at the facility in a matter of 40 minutes in the early Tuesday attack. It is Japan's deadliest mass killing in decades. The fire department said 25 were wounded, 20 of them seriously. Security camera footage played on TV news programs showed a man driving up in a black car and carrying several knives to the Tsukui Yamayuri-en facility in Sagami-hara, 50 kilometers (30 miles) west of Tokyo. The man broke in by shattering a window at 2:10 a.m., according to a prefectural health official, and then set about slashing the patients' throats. Sagami-hara fire department official Kunio Takano said the attacker killed 10 women and nine men. The youngest was 19, the oldest 70.

Associated Press: German officials vow more checking of migrants after attacks

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Kirsten Grieshaber

Top security officials in Germany called Tuesday for tougher security screening of asylum-seekers and also announced that more police officers will be hired following four attacks in the country in the span of a week — two of them claimed by the extremist Islamic State group. Horst Seehofer, the governor of Bavaria — where three of last week's attacks took place — told the daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung Tuesday: "We must know who is in our country." Thomas Strobl, the interior minister of Baden-Wuerttemberg, where a woman was killed by a Syrian attacker Sunday, also demanded a tougher stance toward asylum-seekers. "Those who abuse the right to hospitality must go back to their home countries — make no mistake about it," Strobl told Funke media group.

Associated Press: 2 attackers slay priest in Normandy church, are shot dead

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Elaine Ganley

Two attackers invaded a church Tuesday during morning Mass near the Normandy city of Rouen, killing an 84-year-old priest by slitting his throat and taking hostages before being shot and killed by police, French officials said. Another person inside the church was seriously injured and is hovering between life and death, Interior Ministry spokesman Pierre-Henry Brandet said. Police managed to rescue three other people inside the church in the small northwestern town of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray, Brandet told reporters, and the two attackers were killed outside the church. The identities of the attackers and motive for the attack are unclear, according to a French security official who was not authorized to be publicly named.

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