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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley in Marion for event to help Hurricane Matthew victims

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SC State Wire

Gov. Nikki Haley is scheduled to host a special event to help Pee Dee residents affected by flooding and other destruction caused by Hurricane Matthew. Haley is slated to be in Marion on Friday for Team South Carolina Pee Dee Day. Her office says the event serves as a one-stop where people can find out about resources available to families and businesses to aid recovery. Representatives will be on-hand to help people register for financial assistance from FEMA, apply for disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration and learn about repairing their homes. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Marion County Administrative Building. There will also be information about applying for unemployment benefits as well as help from the Department of Social Services.

Morning News: Gov. Haley visits Marion County for Team South Carolina

http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_5e3746a8-9d3c-11e6-a99d-db62fbc99a7c.html

Naeem McFadden

Gov. Nikki Haley met a massive crowd gathered inside the Marion County Administration Building Friday for the first Team South Carolina Hurricane Matthew relief event. "This is something we had to do," Haley said. "We had complete devastation in the area and I don't want people searching to go for what they don't know to find. I want to bring all of the resources to them. This is our way of bringing Team South Carolina to them." The event serves as a one-stop where residents can find out about resources available to families and businesses to aid recovery and includes a list of representatives from more than a dozen state and federal agencies along with non-profit organizations to assist those in need in the wake flooding and other destruction caused by Hurricane Matthew. Haley the event covers a variety of needs from insurance claims, food, blankets and other supplies during the ongoing process of recovery. "What we're trying to do is give as much comfort as we can," Haley said. "I want them to know is there is someone that can answer their questions."

WIS: Haley brings Team SC Day to help Marion Co. residents recover after Matthew

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33509029/haley-brings-team-sc-day-to-help-marion-co-residents-recover-after-matthew>

Ashleigh Holland

Hundreds packed Team South Carolina Day in Marion County on Friday, hoping state agencies can help them recover from the disastrous flooding after Hurricane Matthew. Gov. Nikki Haley was there to assure neighbors help is on the way. She encouraged people to apply for whatever help they can and to appeal if they aren't approved. Team SC day brought out many Marion County residents trying to rebuild their lives after the devastating flood over Nichols and other areas of Marion County. FEMA was there helping people apply, agencies were signing businesses up for loans, farmers getting help, people filing for unemployment and food stamps, even getting help with insurance claims. However, also came was a slow realization that the government won't help all recover from the ground up. "You know, I wish I had a miracle, and that's the painful part, is I don't and I wish I could tell them that we're going to make them whole and I can't," Haley said. "What I can tell them is, we're not going to leave them. What I can do is give them a hug. What I can do is tell them where the resources are that

we can help and I can try and explain the process.”

WMBF: Gov. Haley to attend Team SC Day in Marion

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33506429/gov-haley-to-attend-team-sc-day-in-marion>

Matt Corpening

Governor Nikki Haley will be at the Team South Carolina Day to take place Friday in Marion. According to Marion County Emergency Management's Facebook page, the resource and assistance event for recovery from Hurricane Matthew will be held at the Marion County Administration Building at 2523 East Highway 76 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. About 16 state agencies, five to 10 volunteer agencies, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Small Business Association and Red Cross will have tables to assist participants. FEMA's mobile disaster recovery center will be on hand as well to register for participants to register for assistance.

Associated Press: Richland recreation board won't give Haley harassment report

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=R1OLPIII

SC State Wire

The Richland County Recreation Commission has refused Gov. Nikki Haley's request to turn over an internal report into possible sexual harassment by the commission's indicted former leader. Haley requested the report and other documents earlier this month, saying she needs the information because she thinks she has the legal authority to follow a request from several Richland County lawmakers to remove five members of the board who supported ex-director James Brown III. Brown resigned after he was indicted on a misconduct in office charge. Prosecutors say Brown tried to coerce female employees to have sex with him. The commission is also fighting several lawsuits over Brown's behavior. Several media outlets report that the commission turned over other documents requested by the governor, who asked for records about the hiring of relatives of Brown and an explanation of his \$40,000 raise.

The State: Recreation board refuses Haley's request for sexual harassment report

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article110964787.html>

John Monk

A document that could provide crucial evidence on whether board members governing the Richland County Recreation Commission have grossly mismanaged commission affairs and personnel is being withheld from Gov. Nikki Haley. Board members made the decision to keep the document secret from the governor in a three-minute special public meeting Thursday evening at the commission's Adult Activity Center on Parklane Road. But first, they met out of public view in a small conference room near the larger room. However, the commission did vote to turn over some 500 pages of documents the governor requested in an Oct. 19 letter to commissioners. The documents will be delivered to Haley's State House office Friday morning. Haley is trying to decide whether to fire five of the seven board members, including board chair J. Marie Green. Haley requested the report allegedly detailing the results of an internal sexual harassment investigation – as well as other information – to help her decide what to do.

WIS: Rec Commission documents to be hand-delivered to Governor Haley

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33502978/rec-commission-documents-to-be-hand-delivered-to-governor-haley>

Jack Kuenzie

The Richland County Recreation Commission will be handing over requested documents to the Governor's office, however, they are refusing to hand over a key report. Thursday night's special meeting with the board followed a request from Governor Nikki Haley. The request was for a variety of documents from the Commission, including the results of an internal sexual harassment investigation, that could help the governor's office respond to demands from most members of the county's legislative delegation who want Haley to remove five Commission board members. Thursday night, the board decided it will hand over documents, however, the sexual harassment

investigation results will not be included. Senator Joel Lourie issued a statement, saying, " The actions tonight are again a blatant example of why this board needs to be removed. They are holding back information and covering for themselves and their former director. The people of Richland County deserve full transparency and accountability and with this board, they have neither. I hope the Governor will respond appropriately and put an end to this craziness."

WACH: Rec Commission board to give Haley most of requested documents

<http://wach.com/news/local/rec-commission-board-to-give-haley-most-of-requested-documents>

Matthew Stevens

The Richland County Recreation Board will be handing over documents requested by Gov. Nikki Haley, minus one key document. The board decided to give the governor all documents she requested, except the internal investigation report on sexual harassment claims against former executive director James Brown III. Board members said they are withholding that information due to pending litigation. That document was the first piece of evidence Haley asked for in her request she sent to the board October 19. "The actions are tonight again a blatant example of why this board needs to be removed. They are holding back information and covering themselves and their former director. The people of Richland County deserve full transparency and accountability and with this board, they have neither. I hope the governor will respond appropriately and put an end to this craziness," said Richland County Senator Joel Lourie in a statement.

WLTX: Recreation Commission Denies Governor's Full Request

<http://www.wltx.com/news/local/recreation-commission-denies-governors-full-request/343365568>

Chuck Ringwalt

The Richland County Recreation Commission will not share the internal investigative report into the commission and its former executive director with Governor Nikki Haley. On Thursday the board of commissioners who oversee the commission met for a special called meeting. Within five minutes the group adjourned. In that time they voted to approve the information compiled by the commission's staff and to give that information to Governor Haley on October 28. On October 19 the Governor wrote to the commission and asked for more information as she considers a request by legislators to remove several of the board members from their positions. She specifically asked for additional documentation about how they handled harassment claims, potential nepotism, allegations of intimidation and the Executive Director James Brown III's salary.

Lancaster News: Gov. Haley, GOP throng back Faile

http://m.thelancasternews.com/lancasternews/db_322927/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Qk0quydv

Greg Summers

Gov. Nikki Haley came to Lancaster County on Tuesday night to stump for Sheriff Barry Faile at a rally in Buford community. The governor received a warm welcome from about 650 GOP partisans at Hal and Tami Crenshaw's home on Tabernacle Road. Under Faile, she said, the county's crime rate has dropped, response times have improved, and gangs and drugs have been targeted. "The reason why I'm really here is he doesn't call himself a public servant, he acts like a public servant," Haley said. Faile, running for his third term but his first time as a Republican, is in a testy battle with Democratic challenger William McCoy. They traded personal barbs at political forums in Indian Land on Oct. 20 and Monday night at the University of South Carolina Lancaster. Haley said the best way to thank Faile and his staff is to show up on Election Day. "I know he's a public servant and is going to continue to do great things for you and the state of South Carolina," she said.

Associated Press: Permitting begins for massive joint Georgia-SC Port

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=omzsqrG4

Bruce Smith

Almost a decade after the project was first proposed, federal regulators are beginning the process of reviewing permits for a \$4.5 billion container ship terminal to be built by Georgia and South Carolina on the Savannah River. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has issued a public notice that it plans to

prepare a draft environmental impact statement on the proposed terminal in Jasper County on the South Carolina side of the river. The Oct. 21 notice lists a number of issues, from air quality and noise to sea level rise and impacts on scenery and historic properties, that may be addressed in the study. A website has been set up - www.JasperOceanTerminalEIS.com - and a public meeting will be held early next year to discuss other issues that regulators should consider in reviewing the project. It was in March 2007 that the governors of both states, Mark Sanford of South Carolina and Sonny Perdue of Georgia, came together on the windy riverfront to announce the shared project.

South Strand News: BBC documentary will highlight Plantersville sewer tax woes

http://www.southstrandnews.com/news/bbc-docudrama-will-highlight-plantersville-sewer-tax-woes/article_03e08128-9c7a-11e6-b139-cf94aafc3b6f.html

Eileen Keithly

What started out as a local story in the Georgetown Times, about a group of Plantersville residents claiming that a yearly sewer tax assessment has unfairly led to homes and property being seized in public auctions, has gone international after the British Broadcasting Co. arrived in Georgetown earlier this week. The arrival of the BBC may bring global awareness to a decade-long issue that many residents of the Jackson Village community say is robbing them of their homes and their heritage. Veteran BBC broadcast journalist Brian Wheeler, along with BBC video journalist Anna Bressanin, arrived in Georgetown Wednesday, Oct. 26, to begin filming a documentary film and radio production, which was first spotlighted in a Georgetown Times' ongoing investigative series, originally titled "A Community in Crisis." "Four years ago I did a story in Birmingham, Alabama, about a community that had been cut off from their water service," Wheeler told the Times.

NOTE: "We came here to bring awareness to our state lawmakers about the sewer tax that was unfairly and unjustly imposed on the people of Jackson Village," said the Rev. Benjamin Grate, the group's organizer at the Columbia event. After the protest, Grate met with Hal Peters, Gov. Nikki Haley's policy analyst.

NOTE: "I thought we were going to make some progress after I met with Mr. Peters at the state house in Columbia," Grate said during an interview with the BBC Wednesday, "but I am so happy to see these folks from the BBC here ... I think our story is going to finally be told and our South Carolina politicians won't be able to continue to turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to the people in Jackson Village."

Hurricane Matthew:

Associated Press: Aftermath: Removing Florence debris could take rest of year

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

SC State Wire

City officials in Florence say it could take until the end of the year before the piles of broken tree trunks, limbs and other debris left by Hurricane Matthew are cleaned from city streets. Local news outlets report the city announced a plan Thursday to remove an estimated 150,000 cubic yards of material. The plan is to have the work done by the start of 2017. It's going to take two weeks to get bids from contractors. The bulk of the cleanup should be underway by mid-November. The total cleanup cost is pegged at about \$2 million with the federal government expected to pick up about 75 percent of that. Because of the piles of debris, the city is urging children to only go trick-or-treating during daylight hours.

Associated Press: Storm scammers claim to be FEMA, target North Myrtle Beach

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=BR2KZOpm

SC State Wire

Authorities are urging residents in North Myrtle Beach to be wary of scammers who claim to be part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and offer to help remove debris in the wake of Hurricane Matthew. The North Myrtle Beach Department of Public Safety wrote on its official Facebook page Wednesday that a black pickup truck bearing a sign that read "FEMA" was seen

traveling through neighborhoods in the north end of the city. Officials say the truck's occupants were telling residents they would remove hurricane debris for \$1,500. Officials say FEMA personnel do not operate in this manner. Anyone who sees the truck is asked to record its license plate number and call police at [843-280-5511](tel:843-280-5511).

McClatchy DC: Frequency of coastal floods increasing in South Carolina because of sea level rise

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/national/article111068917.html>

Most of the coastal floods in South Carolina during the past 66 years caused problems for residents only because of sea level rise, a new study indicates. The report, titled "Unnatural Coastal Flooding," puts the blame on human activity, the same notion behind the debate in the United States over climate change. The report isn't referring to major storms, such as Hurricane Matthew, which produced sea surges and storm tides that would have washed over large areas of land with or without the recorded 8 inches of rise in the Atlantic waters. Instead, it looks at what is called "nuisance flooding." The report says: "Just as sea levels have been rising, so too has the frequency of coastal floods, in particular recurrent minor or 'nuisance' floods, often tidal in nature. Nuisance floods do not cause major damage, but do cause material harm, inconvenience and economic drag." One of the study's authors said it would be a mistake to dismiss sea level rise from any coastal-flooding conversation.

Post and Courier: Storm recovery a haul for thousands

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/storm-recovery-a-haul-for-thousands/article_2168bdf2-9b97-11e6-b8f9-6fe2847d5b70.html

Bo Petersen

She walks stiffly from the debris pile to the electric line connection torn from the wall, rubbing her hands fretfully as she talks. "They came by my house today to pick up leaves, took a look and said, 'We'll be back tomorrow,' " Ann Lowther said, trying to grin about it. When a tree fell on her house during Hurricane Matthew three weeks ago, it poked holes through the roof and collapsed the siding like a ladder, compounding the mess. Lowther is 70 years old and arthritic. Her husband died two years ago. Her insurance has too high a deductible to meet and she just can't do everything anymore, she said. The Hanahan resident is one of more than 900 Berkeley County residents who registered for Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance by Wednesday, the day after the county was made eligible. By Thursday, more than 3,850 people were registered across Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties. In eligible coastal counties across the state, the number was 29,359.

Sun News: The long, muddy road to recovery begins

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article110966897.html>

Emily Weaver

"I'm salvaging what I can, but I'm at the point right now where it hurts. It hurts real bad and, you know, we have to start over again. It's hard," said Linda June Cancer. Tears welled up in her eyes as she looked at some of the furniture she had just made her last payment on now heaped in a pile of soggy debris outside her home on Rosewood Drive. Dozens of residents in Rosewood Estates were tossing out furniture, tearing up floors and ripping out walls in homes that were inundated with flood waters for days after Hurricane Matthew struck. Cancer had lived in the home for two years. The historic floods of October 2015 pushed water to her house, but the flood water didn't come inside. "It came in this time," she said. "You can't imagine and I'm just a renter. Half of these people out here, they have to live with this. I don't. ... I can move." That's what she planned to do as she and others cleaned out the house that had once been home.

Morning News: Florence officials say debris cleanup could last into 2017

http://www.scnw.com/news/hurricane_matthew/article_89d1669e-9ca7-11e6-944f-2b7c5700431c.html

Joshua Lloyd

Hurricane Matthew downed thousands of trees in the city of Florence, many of which remain piled in yards, along roadways and sidewalks, and residents are wondering how long it will take to clean up. On Thursday, city officials announced their plan to tackle the more than 150,000 cubic yards of debris in the city, with a goal of returning to a normal schedule by the start of 2017. They have divided the city into six sections, four of which will be handled by contracted debris cleanup crews. Officials say cleanup should be in full swing by mid-November. "In the areas that have the largest amount of debris, we're going to use contract work for those areas," said City Manager Drew Griffin. "We're trying to get bid proposals out by [Friday] or Monday, and give contractors about two weeks to submit a bid, then we will choose a contractor or multiple contractors." Griffin said city debris crews have been running routes but the sheer volume of debris—about four years' worth of normal waste—is too much to handle.

Morning News: Marion County disaster recovery efforts coming from various levels

http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_e043d790-9c85-11e6-a9ea-8382f0ea8ccf.html

Naeem McFadden

Marion County residents affected by Hurricane Matthew have a few places to visit to seek assistance. Two disaster recovery centers opened in the county this week. Mullins City Hall on Front Street and the Safford Building along SC 908 are the locations to help residents with damages and losses. FEMA media relations specialist Renee Bafalis said the centers include representatives from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Small Business Administration and other public and private agencies to explain disaster assistance programs and help survivors with applications for aid. "We're kind of a one-stop shop for people that are registered with us and we encourage people to do that before they come in," she said. "It expedites the process and they come in with questions about the status of their claim and help with individual assistance and mitigation."

South Strand News: Plans call for state park to reopen Oct. 28

http://www.southstrandnews.com/community/plans-call-for-state-park-to-reopen-oct/article_3735fb4e-9611-11e6-b57f-df40ed97cddd.html

Eileen Keithly

Following Hurricane Matthew, Huntington Beach State Park personnel have been removing debris and repairing minor damage throughout the park in anticipation of the park's reopening Oct. 28. State Park officials said HBSP was closed when Gov. Nikki Haley issued a Zone A evacuation Oct. 6, and the park has remained closed for damage assessment and repairs. "Everyone was safely removed from the park after the governor issued her evacuation order," South Carolina State Park Director of Corporate Communications Dawn Dawson-House said. "There was some beach erosion along the jetties, and we are having to shore up the causeway because it was impassable. We had quite a bit of debris along the beach, as well as throughout the park, and we also had to make a few minor repairs." HBSP Manager Brenda Magers said the majority of the damage within the park occurred when the salt marsh overflowed at the causeway, causing erosion under the road and on the causeway sidewalks.

South Strand News: Pawleys Island totaling beach restoration costs

http://www.southstrandnews.com/news/pawleys-island-totaling-beach-restoration-costs/article_bf89931a-9cd9-11e6-a2a2-c36e307d7cc2.html

Chris Sokoloski

In the three weeks since Hurricane Matthew ravaged Pawleys Island, the town has spent more than \$230,000 on cleanup and beach restoration. Town Council approved paying R.E. Goodson Construction \$230,170 for its work so far at an emergency council meeting on Thursday evening. R.E. Goodson, which scraped the town's beach to restore the dunes after Hurricane Joaquin in October of 2015, began cleanup work even before the island was reopened to property owners. The company was brought in to help the National Guard clear Springs Avenue, which was covered with several feet of sand and left impassable after the storm. The National Guard did not have equipment large

enough for the work, but R.E. Goodson did."They really expedited getting folks back into their homes," Mayor Bill Otis Jr. said.R.E. Goodson billed the town \$46,500 for the Spring Street work.

Lancaster News: Duke Energy donates \$100,000 to hurricane-relief efforts in S.C.

http://m.thelancasternews.com/lancasternews/db_322927/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=VEmMYGuw

Duke Energy has donated \$100,000 to help charities providing S.C. disaster relief in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. It gave \$225,000 more in North Carolina and Florida."While the men and women of Duke Energy have worked nonstop to restore power to customers in Florida and the Carolinas, we know our communities need more," said Lynn Good, Duke Energy's president and CEO."Disaster-relief agencies are on the front lines helping families and communities recover and rebuild. We are glad to make this contribution to help support that good work."Three organizations in South Carolina will receive donations totaling \$100,000.

NOTE: Duke is donating \$50,000 to the One SC Fund, which was established by Gov. Nikki Haley in November 2015 after flooding affected residents across the state. The fund is supporting nonprofit organizations providing relief and recovery assistance to those affected by Hurricane Matthew.

WMBF: FEMA: Over \$15M disbursed to those impacted by Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33507617/fema-over-15m-disbursed-to-those-impacted-by-hurricane-matthew>

Matt Corpening

More than 30,000 people have registered for individual assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency so far, and over \$15 million has been disbursed.According to a FEMA news release, 282 inspectors have completed 15,664 inspections of the 20,771 issued.The Small Business Administration has approved 59 loan applications worth \$2,464,100 of the 545 received.

WMBF: SCDOT: 39 roads, 7 bridges remain closed due to Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/33507360/scdot-39-roads-7-bridges-remain-closed-due-to-hurricane-matthew>

Matt Corpening

The South Carolina Department of Transportation's Hurricane Matthew status of operations report released Friday morning said 39 roads and seven bridges remain closed statewide.According to the release, SCDOT crews are focused on repairing infrastructure as well as removing debris. Crews have removed 224,462 cubic yards of storm-related debris.Areas with known damage have been assessed, with the exception of areas where water must recede before they can be assessed.

WPDE: Debris clean-up underway in Florence

<http://wpde.com/news/local/debris-clean-up-is-underway-in-florence>

Rosalia Fodera

Piles of debris still line the streets of Florence, but the city is taking steps to clean them up."We want to ensure we protect the interest of the citizens by doing this correctly as efficiently as we can," City Manager Drew Griffin said.Officials said the total cost for picking up and getting rid of the debris will be around \$2 million. They say it will take crews some time to get it all because they have to strictly follow FEMA guidelines."We want to make sure that we get full reimbursement for FEMA, because our match is 25 percent of that amount, and that means that's half a million dollars," Griffin said.For the clean-up, the city has been divided into six zones.Starting Monday, crews will begin cleaning Zones 1 and 6. They will start working on Zones 2 through 5 after a contractor bid is accepted. Officials said they're expecting that bid to go out by Monday at the latest.

WACH: SC Forestry Commission estimates \$205 million in damages from Matthew

<http://wach.com/news/local/sc-forestry-commission-estimate-205-million-in-damages-from-matthew>
Matthew Stevens

The South Carolina Forestry Commission estimates that Hurricane Matthew cause \$205 million to the

state's timber resources. The majority of the damage happened in the eastern half of South Carolina. Officials said that lessons learned from the flooding last year helped them limit the amount of seedling damage throughout the state. "On a statewide basis, a \$205 million timber damage estimate represents less than once percent of the state's total timber value, and the economic impact from the storm will only be small percentage of forestry's \$18.6 billion annual contribution to the state's economy," said State Forester Gene Kodama. Kodama added that the industry will bounce back from the hit.

Townville Shooting:

Independent Mail: Townville Elementary starts healing process month after shooting

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2016/10/27/townville-elementary-starts-healing-process-month-after-shooting/92785388/>

Frances Parrish

In a classroom at Townville Elementary School, Jacob Hall's desk remains empty. It's a reminder of the tragedy a month ago, when Hall, another student and a teacher were shot at the school. Hall, 6, died three days later. Other reminders of that day, Sept. 28, adorn the school. Posters line the halls, students carry stuffed animals and the phrase "Townville Strong" is everywhere. But the kids are back on the playground and laughter is heard in the hallways. It is all part of the healing. "I feel like it's a process," said Denise Fredericks, Townville Elementary's principal. "And we're not healed. We're just in the beginning stages of that and we've had so much support to help us with that."

Independent Mail: 13-year-old boy fights for his life after a series of shootings

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/crime/2016/10/27/anderson-police-disclose-identities-people-hurt-shootings/92825446/>

Nikie Mayo

As a 13-year-old boy fought for his life Thursday, new information emerged about a series of shootings that has gripped Anderson. One line from a police officer's report begins to detail the horror at a home on Montague Street: "Upon arrival, I entered the house and observed a lot of blood," officer Kristin Brady wrote. That shooting would be the first of several, all of which occurred during a little more than a three-hour period between late Tuesday and early Wednesday. Police have named no suspects and have made no arrests. Police made public Thursday the identities of several adults who were wounded in the shootings. Court records show that two of the men who were shot have charges of attempted murder pending against them in separate cases.

Michael Slager Case:

Post and Courier: Citing double jeopardy, Michael Slager's defense team seeks dismissal of murder charge

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/citing-double-jeopardy-michael-slager-s-defense-team-seeks-dismissal/article_60d319f6-9bb5-11e6-a754-bf084b1b1878.html

Andrew Knapp

When Michael Slager's murder trial starts next week, the presiding judge will have a fresh proposal to consider: a plea to dismiss the case entirely. That's what attorneys for the former North Charleston policeman said should happen because state and federal authorities have been "double-teaming" Slager to prosecute him in Walter Scott's shooting death. Their argument is based on a bid to upend the "dual sovereignty" doctrine, a precedent that has allowed both governments to prosecute someone if the alleged misconduct falls under their jurisdiction. Slager's defense team on multiple occasions leading up to the trial have alleged that the authorities have been colluding on joint interviews of witnesses rather than investigating on their own.

Post and Courier: Judge may take up concern over court openness, motion for dismissal in Michael Slager case

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/judge-may-take-up-concern-over-court-openness-motion-for/article_60d319f6-9bb5-11e6-a754-bf084b1b1878.html

Andrew Knapp

A judge on Friday might take up a First Amendment lawyer's request to reveal details of closed-door testimony last week in the Michael Slager case, along with a defense motion to have the former officer's charge dismissed altogether. The hearing, scheduled for 10 a.m., is the last chance for attorneys in the case to bring up legal issues before the trial starts Monday with jury selection. The presiding judge, Clifton Newman, also will listen to arguments from an attorney for The Post and Courier, whose objection to his closure of prosecutors' testimony last week had gone unheard. Slager, 34, a former North Charleston patrolman, is charged with a state murder count in 50-year-old Walter Scott's shooting death, which was filmed by a witness. He also faces three charges, including a civil rights violation, in federal court. Slager has insisted that he got into a fight with Scott after the April 2015 traffic stop and that the motorist snatched his Taser and turned it against him. He fired in self-defense, he said, as Scott turned away. The bystander's video showed Scott running when Slager fired eight shots, hitting him five times from behind.

General Assembly News:

Associated Press: Ethics Commission reprimands state treasurer for 2011 hire

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

Seanna Adcox

The State Ethics Commission says state Treasurer Curtis Loftis violated ethics law when he helped in hiring a long-time friend to represent his office in a lawsuit against the Bank of New York. In an order released Thursday, commissioners publicly reprimanded Loftis and told him to pay \$500. Loftis says he will appeal the decision. His critics have long questioned a 2013 settlement of \$9 million to the state's two contracted attorneys. Of that, \$2 million went to Michael Montgomery, who Loftis helped bring aboard soon after taking office in 2011. Beyond being a long-time friend, Montgomery was a board member of a charity Loftis founded. The commission found that violated state law barring public officials from using their position to economically benefit an associate, even if it was unintentional.

Post and Courier: Ethics Commission finds Treasurer Loftis violated law

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/ethics-commission-finds-treasurer-loftis-violated-law/article_8e7aac8e-9c7d-11e6-90b8-cfb3a97a7fd1.html

Gavin Jackson

State Treasurer Curtis Loftis was fined and reprimanded by the state Ethics Commission on Thursday for helping hire a friend to represent his office in a lawsuit. Weeks after a seven-hour State Ethics Commission hearing, the panel found Loftis violated ethics law by hiring lawyer Michael Montgomery to assist in a suit against Bank of New York Mellon. Montgomery received \$2 million in legal fees for his work on the case. Loftis and Montgomery served on the Board of Trustees of the Saluda Charitable Foundation together, a connection the ethics panel said created the conflict. "It is undisputed that the decision to hire Montgomery was a governmental decision and Montgomery had an economic interest in his retention as special counsel for the state treasurer," Regina Hollins Lewis, chair of the ethics hearing panel, wrote.

The State: Ethics officials reprimand Loftis for role in hiring of friend

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article110858902.html>

Tim Flach

State ethics officials reprimanded State Treasurer Curtis Loftis but didn't fine him for helping steer \$2 million in legal work to a longtime friend. The decision made public Thursday concluded Loftis failed to tell other officials of his association with the lawyer chosen. Public officials "should err on the side of disclosure" when their actions made raise questions about "the appearance of impropriety," the decision by the State Ethics Commission said. Loftis contended that his failure to do that was inadvertent instead of intentional, according to the decision. The decision followed a private review by

the panel after Loftis, who campaigned on opening more of state government to scrutiny, did not ask that it be conducted publicly. Leaders of a state retiree group questioned a hiring that they said cost their members \$2 million in legal fees paid as part of a settlement of a dispute with a bank.

The State: Senator vows to introduce gun-reform legislation during final legislative hearing

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article110980927.html>

Cynthia Roldan

Gun-rights and gun-reform advocates expressed their frustrations during the final of four meetings of the Senate's Gun Issues Special Committee, which has traveled the state taking testimony from citizens to determine if the state's gun laws should be reformed. The final meeting was held Thursday at the State House's Gressette Building, in a room with a capacity of 140 people; the largest available, but far smaller than during previous meetings held in larger halls. The lack of space forced many speakers to arrive early and tension from ardent supporters on both sides was visible in the faces of attendees. Some debated the merits of making changes to state law even before the meeting started. About 40 attendees were sent to an overflow room set up on a separate floor, where the meeting was streamed. The meeting lasted until almost 9 p.m., with senators making closing remarks.

Post and Courier: Lawmakers hoping to tighten gun laws have a fight ahead of them

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/lawmakers-hoping-to-tighten-gun-laws-have-a-fight-ahead/article_d5ee7bac-9c5c-11e6-928c-0be7d68bd8d9.html

Maya T. Prabhu

After four hearings across South Carolina drew emotional testimony from hundreds of witnesses about the state's gun laws, the chairman of the Statehouse gun committee said it's time for a "full and frank" discussion on the issue. But gun rights advocates say the hearings were a waste of time and taxpayer dollars, insisting there will be no changes made to restrict the state's gun status quo. "All this is, is a feel good law," Gerald Stoudemire, president of Gun Owners of South Carolina, told The Post and Courier about the effort. "What they're trying to introduce will do nothing to prevent crime," he added. "It will do nothing to deter the mass murders we had in Charleston and other areas." Many reform advocates have focused on the errant background check process that allowed accused Emanuel AME Church shooter Dylann Roof to buy a pistol two months before nine worshipers inside the church were gunned down during Bible study last year in Charleston.

Herald-Journal: Candidates discuss refugees, state pension

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161027/candidates-discuss-refugees-state-pension>

Allison M. Roberts

Candidates for state House District 37, Senate District 11 and Spartanburg County sheriff fielded questions from potential voters Thursday night during a forum in Boiling Springs. The forum, sponsored by the Boiling Springs Business Association, gave Democratic state Sen. Glenn Reese of Spartanburg and his Republican challenger, Inman Mayor Cornelius Huff, to answer questions about how they would address certain state issues if elected. Attendees also had the opportunity to ask political newcomers Republican Steven Long and Democrat Michael Pratt, both vying for the House District 37 seat, what they would accomplish that seasoned politicians haven't. Russell Lynch, who is challenging Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright for his position, fielded questions about active shooter situations, cold cases and low pay for deputies. Wright was unable to attend the forum due to a previously scheduled event.

NOTE: Huff told the audience that he would support Gov. Nikki Haley's position opposing Syrian refugee resettlement in the state.

The Herald: NAACP, others outraged over York Tech hosting event for pro-Confederate flag group

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article111052567.html>

Andrew Dys

Opposition is growing to an agreement by York Technical College to host a March 2017 convention

for the Sons of Confederate Veterans, a pro-Confederate flag group. The incoming leader of the S.C. legislative black caucus, the Rock Hill NAACP and others say they will meet Monday with York Tech President Greg Rutherford to voice their displeasure. The Rock Hill and Western York County branches of the NAACP released a statement on the SCV event at York Tech late Thursday. In the statement, the groups called it "an underestimation of the current racial tensions in America," adding that it "seems like a blatant disregard for the historic decision" by South Carolina last year to remove the Confederate flag from its Statehouse. Those opposed to the flag, and to the Rock Hill campus hosting a convention by a group that supports the Confederate flag, say they have been holding strategy sessions. They plan to voice outrage to elected leaders, including the Rock Hill City Council, York County Council and others.

SC Agency News:

Post and Courier: DHEC: Infant mortality back up in S.C.

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/dhec-infant-mortality-back-up-in-s-c/article_64b0b522-9d47-11e6-ab8f-6bdca1fc380d.html

Lauren Sausser

South Carolina's infant mortality rate inched up last year, according to a new report published by the state health department. In 2015, an average seven babies per 1,000 died before their first birthday. The new rate is slightly higher than it was in 2014, when an average 6.5 infants per 1,000 did not survive their first 12 months. The mortality rate was also significantly higher for black infants in 2015 compared to the previous year. The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control blamed the overall increase, in part, on "a high number of sleep-related accidents and an increase in deaths due to birth defects." The agency is urging pregnant women to take a multivitamin that includes folic acid and for new parents to practice "safe sleep habits" with their babies.

WFXG: Need for foster homes growing in S.C.

<http://www.wfxg.com/story/33503257/need-for-foster-homes-growing-in-sc>

Diana Watson

Cathy Farr has been a foster mom for 17 years. Some children have stayed with her for a few days. Others have lived with her for years. In her Piedmont home, she says the secret to being a good foster parent is love. She said, "Every time I take in a child, it's like, that's one more child that's not going to get hurt. I can guarantee him as long as he's in my house and I have control over it, he won't be hurt and I can take care of him as good as I can, as best as I can and I know they're safe." Cathy is an example of how successful fostering can be, but the need for more parents is great. South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley and DSS Director Susan Alford kicked off a state-wide effort to recruit more foster parents earlier this year. They said too many children were having to go to other counties or group homes. Their hope is that more families would open their doors to foster children. They have even worked to make the application process a little easier and shorter.

The State: Corrections czar says SC prisoners not participating in nationwide protests

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article111126607.html>

Cynthia Roldan

South Carolina's prison chief says state prisoners have not participated in protests held in more than a dozen states despite repeated reports by several news organizations that strikes have taken place. Perry Correctional Institution in Anderson County was named in a Los Angeles Times article that published Friday, as one of South Carolina's prisons where inmates participated in a strike during the past month. Several outlets have reported the strikes are inspired by the 45th anniversary of the Attica Prison riot in New York in 1971. Prisoners took staffers hostage and demanded better living conditions during that riot that ended with more than three dozen dead. But Department of Corrections Chief Bryan Stirling stressed Friday no strike or protest has taken place. "There have been no strikes at the Perry furniture plant, and we have had no reports of strikes in the South Carolina correctional system," Stirling said. Perry is a high-security facility in Pelzer touted as a "working prison" by its

warden, Larry Cartledge. .

SC Delegation News:

The State: 2nd District debate will be shown live on YouTube <http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article111089077.html>

Avery G. Wilks

South Carolina's 2nd District constituents can watch their congressional candidates debate live on the Internet next Friday. River Bluff High School, home of the 9:30 a.m. debate, will broadcast the showdown on YouTube Live, according to Michael Burgess, the event's organizer and a teacher at River Bluff's Center for Law and Global Policy Development. Republican U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, Democrat Arik Bjorn and American Party candidate Eddie McCain months ago agreed to the debate, set four days before election day. Lexington 1 Teacher of the Year Meg Huggins will moderate the student-centered debate, which features three 20-minute segments. The first segment will focus on national security, the U.S. military and foreign policy; the second on job creation, the economy and trade; and the third on social and constitutional issues.

SC Political News:

The State: Democrats release details of Vice President Biden's SC stops

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article111071047.html>

Avery G. Wilks

Vice President Joe Biden will appear next Tuesday at "Get Out the Vote" events at Morris College in Sumter and at the AME Zion Transformation Center in Rock Hill. The Democrat will headline the events with U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn of Columbia, 5th District candidate Fran Person, and other Democratic leaders and candidates. The Sumter event starts at 8 a.m. at Morris College on 100 West College St. Biden will appear at the Rock Hill event at 1:30 p.m. at the center on 745 Saluda St. The timing of Biden's visit – a week before the Nov. 8 election – indicates Democrats think the S.C. vote could be closer than expected. Recent polls have shown GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump leading in South Carolina by anywhere from 2 to 15 percentage points.

Post and Courier: Joe Biden to stump in S.C. one week out from Election Day

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/joe-biden-to-stump-in-s-c-one-week-out/article_2a80285c-9d32-11e6-822f-4fbce2b4a7af.html

Emma Dumain

South Carolina Democrats will host Vice President Joe Biden on their home turf Tuesday, exactly one week from Election Day. In the morning, he'll visit Morris College in Sumter, and from there he'll travel to AME Zion Transformation Center in Rock Hill. It's being billed as a "get out the vote" event in a state where polls show it is unlikely Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton will take its nine electoral votes over Republican Donald Trump. But the margin could be close. Biden's scheduled appearance Tuesday is in keeping with a couple of promises. First, he will be in the 5th Congressional District, where his former aide, Democrat Fran Person, is challenging incumbent Republican U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney. The duel may be South Carolina's only truly competitive congressional race of the cycle.

The Herald: Biden Rock Hill visit for Democrat candidates set for Tuesday at AME center

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/politics-government/election/article111069852.html>

Andrew Dys

Vice-President Joe Biden will campaign in Rock Hill Tuesday for Democrats, including a former aide running for Congress, at the Kenneth Monroe AME Zion Transformation Center, party officials announced. Doors open at the center at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday for the public appearance, Democratic party officials said, which is billed as a get out the vote event. Biden was in Fort Mill and Rock Hill in

September - he tipped a waitress \$20 for a milkshake - but neither appearance was public. The event follows a similar stop in Sumter, also in the 5th Congressional District. The event features Biden and Fran Person, who worked for Biden before challenging incumbent Republican South Carolina 5th District Congressman Mick Mulvaney in the Nov. 8 election. Person has raised significant money but trails Mulvaney in the polls.

Greenville News: Voter intimidation concerns Greenville party officials

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/10/27/voter-intimidation-concerns-greenville-party-officials/92842454/>

Nathaniel Cary

Some voters in Greenville may have to “walk the gauntlet” past representatives of candidates who are allowed by state law to greet voters on their way into their polling place on Election Day. And in an election year where many expect to see attempts to intimidate or cajole voters on their way into the polls, local election officials have instructed poll workers to keep an eye out for those standing outside of precincts talking to voters who are waiting to cast their ballot to make sure they behave. Anyone can campaign on Election Day outside of 200 feet of a polling place. They can hold signs or hand out material. But representatives of candidates may also campaign within 200 feet though they can’t wear anything related to a candidate or party and can’t hand out materials, said Conway Belangia, director of Greenville County voter registration and elections.

Associated Press: Some in Greenville worry about voter intimidation

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gYYkKba7

SC State Wire

Some voters in Greenville County say they are worried about intimidation on Election day. The Greenville News reported (<http://grnol.co/2eLAK9U>) that election officials have instructed poll workers to make sure that those supporting candidates follow the state's rules. Anyone can campaign on Election Day more than 200 feet away from a polling place. They can hold signs and hand out material. Greenville County election director Conway Belangia says people can also campaign within 200 feet of a polling location as long as they don't wear anything related to a candidate or party and do not hand out materials. Belangia says some people don't like being approached about their vote just before they go in to cast their ballots. He says there's a fine line between solicitation and intimidation.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: President Obama commutes sentences of 98 felons, including 6 South Carolinians

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/president-obama-commutes-sentences-of-felons-including-south-carolinians/article_1ad9062e-9cad-11e6-bfb0-0bff117c730e.html

Gregory Yee

President Barack Obama commuted the prison sentences of 98 people Thursday, including six South Carolinians...

The Herald: Prosecutor outraged: Chester, Lancaster felon sentences among 98 shortened by Obama

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/crime/article111064447.html>

Andrew Dys

The prosecutor for Chester and Lancaster counties is outraged after a Chester mother and a Lancaster man linked to drug-dealing killers in the 2000s are among 98 drug felons who had sentences commuted Thursday by President Barack Obama. Both Olynthia Lousie Hinton and Antonio Hood faced state charges, and had prior state convictions, for drugs before they were prosecuted federally, 6th Circuit Solicitor Randy Newman said. Newman said that even though Obama and advocates for early release call the defendants non-violent drug offenders, drug

trafficking under South Carolina law is a violent crime. Hood was arrested with five kilograms of cocaine. "Law and enforcement and prosecutors work tirelessly to target these repeat offenders, to try and provide safe streets and neighborhoods for people, and it is like a slap in the face when the commander-in-chief decides that he doesn't believe in the way the criminal justice system handles them," Newman said.

Sun News: Obama changes Myrtle Beach man's prison sentence

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article111016647.html>

Elizabeth Townsend

President Obama reduced the prison sentence of a Myrtle Beach man, along with nearly 100 others from around the country on Thursday, according to a news release from the White House. John Aundo Gamble of Myrtle Beach had his 20-year sentence commuted by the president and its now set to expire on Oct. 27, 2018, which is conditioned upon enrollment in a residential drug treatment program, according to the release. Gamble is charged with of possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of cocaine base and a quantity of cocaine; felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition; using, carrying and possessing a firearm during and in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, officials said. Gamble was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment with five years supervised release, according to the release.

Associated Press: South Carolina 1 of 5 states with single insurer in exchange

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

Seanna Adcox

South Carolinians who buy their health insurance through the federal online marketplace have fewer choices than ever, with just one insurer remaining in the program raising premiums an average of 28 percent. BlueCross BlueShield is the only insurer offering 2017 policies in South Carolina through the exchange created by President Barack Obama's health law. Even its HMO subsidiary, BlueChoice, is no longer in the exchange. That means 114,000 people will have to change policies to stay insured, said state Department of Insurance Director Ray Farmer. As for the higher premiums, it's worth noting that 90 percent of the nearly 217,000 people covered by Healthcare.gov policies in South Carolina get federal subsidies that make premiums more affordable. That means that although BlueCross' plans are increasing between 14 percent and 31 percent, the rate hikes will be lower for people receiving subsidies. Meanwhile, BlueCross and other insurers are making similar premium increases outside the marketplace, where customers don't get the federal subsidies.

Post and Courier: More S.C. workers finding full-time jobs as underemployment rate improves

http://www.postandcourier.com/business/more-s-c-workers-finding-full-time-jobs-as-underemployment/article_e5850ae2-9d18-11e6-8b99-cb9cc1d5949c.html

Thad Moore

More workers in South Carolina are finding full-time jobs as the state's labor market continues to grow tighter. The number of people who have given up on finding work is dropping, and so is the number of workers who have part-time jobs but want more hours, according to figures released Friday by the U. S. Department of Labor. The Labor Department says 10.1 percent of South Carolinians were underemployed between October 2015 and September, a half-point better than last quarter and its lowest point since 2007. The state's underemployment rate is released each quarter as an annual average. That's still higher than the national average of 9.8 percent, but the state is edging closer to the rest of the U.S. South Carolina's was the 17th-highest rate in the country - still high, but better than its No. 5 spot this time last year.

Local News:

The State: Man jumps off I-126 bridge into river after crash

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article111058002.html>

Cynthia Roldan

A man who jumped off the Interstate 126 bridge and into the Broad River on Friday has been taken to the hospital for observation. The man jumped into the river after being involved in a single-vehicle crash, said Lt. Curtis Wilson, spokesman for the Richland County Sheriff's Department. Investigators don't know yet why the man jumped, but he is OK, Wilson said. The Columbia Fire Department has reported the crash took place just before 11 a.m., on the westbound lanes of I-126. Only one westbound lane remains open as officials investigate. Wilson said the Columbia Police Department will determine if charges will be filed against the man, because the incident took place in the city's jurisdiction.

Associated Press: Missing fisherman's body found 140 feet down after 7 months

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

SC State Wire

The body of a man who disappeared more than seven months ago while fishing has been found by a private search team nearly 140 feet below the surface of Lake Russell. Abbeville County Coroner Ronnie Ashley says an autopsy determined Mitchell Gibson drowned. Ashley said in a news release that Gibson's body was taken out of the lake Thursday afternoon. A private team hired by Gibson's family used a special sonar device to locate the body. Gibson disappeared on March 12. While his cellphone, coat, a life jacket and other items surfaced, he and his boat did not. Authorities are still investigating Gibson's death.

Associated Press: Court rejects man's attempt to back out of plea deal

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=GJn4qQjr

SC State Wire

The South Carolina Court of Appeals has rejected an attempt by a York County man to back out of a guilty plea he made earlier this year. The Herald of Rock Hill reported (<http://bit.ly/2eAOMkv>) the 23-year-old John Coddington of Fort Mill pleaded guilty to murder in the death of 32-year-old Tiffany Williams. Coddington pleaded guilty Aug. 31 to beating Williams to death at his condominium late last year. Police said he took her body to Chester County and burned it in a barrel in an attempt to hide the crime. He was sentenced to 45 years in prison as part of a plea deal to avoid a possible death sentence. Coddington wanted to back out of the plea agreement but the Court of Appeals rejected that request.

Associated Press: Juvenile charged in shooting death in North Charleston

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=PtQe4hTP

SC State Wire North Charleston police have charged a 15-year-old juvenile with murder in a shooting death in a neighborhood that has seen several violent incidents in recent weeks. Authorities tell local media outlets that 17-year-old Amarai Roper Smalls was pronounced dead at the scene Wednesday night. The shooting occurred in a neighborhood along Interstate 26. Last month a 23-year-old man was shot and killed on the same street. The following day a 22-year-old man was wounded in a drive-by shooting on a street nearby.

Associated Press: 7 Anderson County shootings leave 6 wounded, 1 critically

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=LE1GZJ7v

SC State Wire Law officers in Anderson County are investigating a rash of shootings that have left six people wounded, one of them critically. Investigators tell local news outlets there were seven shooting incidents in the county between Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. In one incident more than 50 shots were fired at a home in the city. Three people inside were wounded, including a 13-year-old who is listed in critical condition at a hospital. In another shooting, again from outside a home, a woman was shot in the foot but two small children inside were unharmed. Later two men were shot and wounded on a street in the city. There were no injuries in the other shootings. Authorities say no arrests have been made.

Post and Courier: It's all fun and games until someone gets shot

http://www.postandcourier.com/columnists/it-s-all-fun-and-games-until-someone-gets-shot/article_3962cfc6-9bf4-11e6-bd2c-873b00e7903c.html

Brian Hicks

OK you clowns, cut it out. Someone is going to get hurt – and it's probably going to be you. On Tuesday night, a Charleston Southern University student was out walking her dog when she saw someone in a hoodie and an “evil clown” mask carrying a knife. She reacted as most people would, she took off running. That should be the end of the story, but it's not. The current national election notwithstanding, there is a strange fascination these days with clowns. It began in the South Carolina Upstate, which is typical since folks there often elect them. But we digress. Back in August, several kids (and some adults) in Greenville reported seeing a bunch of clowns lurking in the woods near the Fleetwood Manor apartment complex, flashing laser lights and cash. The witnesses claimed the clowns were trying to lure children into the forest. That is seriously creepy, the stuff of horror movies. So you know what happened next? Yep, a bunch of good ol' boys started shooting at everything that moved in the trees behind Fleetwood Manor.

Greenville News: SLED: Shooting involving Greenville deputy caught on dash cam

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/10/27/sled-deputys-shooting-caught-dash-cam/92841662/>

Anna Lee

State investigators said they have dash camera video of the confrontation that led to a man being shot by a Greenville sheriff's deputy earlier this week. The man was shot at least once after authorities said he pulled a knife during a pursuit that began Tuesday afternoon at The Turning Point of South Carolina, an addiction recovery center on Bruce Road in Greenville. The State Law Enforcement Division is investigating the shooting at the request of the Sheriff's Office, said SLED spokesman Thom Berry. Berry said it was the fifth officer-involved shooting this year involving a Greenville deputy. Based on SLED records, it's also the first shooting at the Greenville County Sheriff's Office this year in which video footage exists. The Greenville News has requested to see the dash cam footage under the state's Freedom of Information Act. There is no body camera video of the confrontation, Berry said.

Post and Courier: Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg backs off latest I-526 plan but vows to keep trying

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/charleston-mayor-john-tecklenburg-backs-off-latest-i--plan/article_04ce1dde-9c57-11e6-bff7-6f34ca0c0676.html

Diane Knich

Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg has withdrawn a request to use \$150 million from the county's proposed half-cent sales tax referendum to pay for improvements near the new port terminal in North Charleston in exchange for moving forward with the extension of Interstate 526. But he has decided to support the \$2.1 billion spending plan for roads, public transit and green space anyway. In a Thursday letter to Vince Graham, chairman of the S.C. Transportation Infrastructure Bank board, Tecklenburg said he is rescinding the request that he and Charleston County Council Chairman Elliott Summey proposed in a Sept. 15 letter. That plan involved getting the \$150 million from a half-cent sales tax referendum that county voters will weigh in on Nov. 8. Tecklenburg said he is withdrawing the request because Graham indicated the Infrastructure Bank board won't meet before voters go to the polls.

Post and Courier: Amid a building boom, Charleston struggles over guiding growth

http://www.postandcourier.com/charleston_sc/amid-a-building-boom-charleston-struggles-over-guiding-growth/article_334f8efe-9c75-11e6-8c61-4b0f885c2412.html

Abigail Darlington

Less than a year ago, Charleston voters elected their first new mayor in 40 years — one who campaigned on a promise to reel in development, put a renewed focus on West Ashley and protect residents' quality of life. Since then, City Council members have been reluctant to sign off on several

of Mayor John Tecklenburg's efforts to deliver on those promises. They voted against his proposed moratorium on hotel developments, and later discussed removing a zoning provision designed to keep full-scale hotels from rising in the lower part of the peninsula. They challenged his power to appoint members to the West Ashley Revitalization Commission. Then this week, they took aim for the second time this year at a decades-old measure that acts as a check to council's power over new developments in the city. It was upheld Tuesday, despite an attempt to weaken it.

The State: USC, neighbors strike deal to build south campus project

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article110942952.html>

Avery G. Wilks

Promising to curb traffic congestion, police students' off-campus behavior and to give neighbors more say in future developments, the University of South Carolina has won over neighborhood leaders for its plans for a massive student housing village on the south side of USC's downtown Columbia campus. USC made the promises during yearlong negotiations with seven neighborhood leaders. Those leaders said area neighborhoods were concerned about the possible consequences – namely in increased traffic and poor student behavior – of tripling the number of students living nearby. With the leaders' blessing, however, USC on Thursday unveiled its revised plan to transform 18 acres on the dilapidated south side of its campus into a 3,700-bed "Campus Village" bordered by Pickens, Heyward and Sumter streets.

Morning News: Carolina Canners breaks ground for new production line

http://www.scnw.com/news/business/local/article_1c0f9c94-9d28-11e6-81f4-b36112300d1d.html

Carolina Canners, Inc., an independent Pepsi bottler and production cooperative, hosted a ground breaking ceremony on Oct. 25. Employees, business partners and state and local dignitaries manned golden shovels during groundbreaking ceremonies for Carolina Canners' \$45-million, 45,000-square-foot plant expansion in Cheraw. Expected to create 40 new jobs within the coming year, the new hot-fill manufacturing line will be used primarily to produce the Pepsi-Lipton Tea Partnership's fast-growing Pure Leaf, a premium iced tea brewed from real tea leaves. Operating in Cheraw since 1968, Carolina Canners has expanded its South Carolina operations multiple times over the last 40 years. The facility specializes in bottle injection molding and features two bottle-filling production lines, two can-filling production lines and a fountain syrup production line. The company also serves as a joint purchasing agent for many of the region's Pepsi bottlers. Hiring for the new positions will begin in the second quarter of 2017, and those interested in joining the Carolina Canners team should visit the SC Works website.

Greenville News: BMW Manufacturing CEO moving to new role in Germany, successor announced

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/2016/10/28/bmw-manufacturing-ceo-moving-new-role-germany-successor-announced/92883254/>

Amanda Coyne

BMW Manufacturing's president and CEO in Greer is moving to a new role in Germany, BMW announced Friday morning. Manfred Erlacher will become the managing director of BMW Plant Regensburg on Feb. 1, 2017. He has been president and CEO of BMW Manufacturing Plant Spartanburg for three years. The managing director title at German plants, including Regensburg, is essentially the same as the president and CEO title at American plants, said Steve Wilson, a BMW spokesman. The Regensburg plant has a slightly lower volume than the Greer plant, producing 1,100 cars per day to Greer's 1,400 cars per day. It also produces different models, including the X1 and Z4 convertible.

Herald-Journal: New CEO named for BMW's Spartanburg County plant

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20161028/new-ceo-named-for-bmws-spartanburg-county-plant?rssfeed=true>

After three years as president and CEO of BMW Manufacturing Co. in Spartanburg, Manfred Erlacher will move to a new role in the company in Germany, BMW announced Friday. Knudt Flor, currently

over BMW Group Corporate Quality, will take Erlacher's place at the helm of the Spartanburg facility. The leadership change will take effect Dec. 1. During Erlacher's tenure, production in Spartanburg increased substantially to more than 400,000 units per year, earning the Upstate facility as BMW's largest plant in the world by Volume. The Spartanburg plant, too, has received a number of awards and launched several new vehicles, including the X4, X3 LCI, second-generation X6, the X5 M, the X6 M and the X5 xDrive40e, the local facility's first plug-in hybrid, according to a statement from the company. Flor has been with BMW Group for 28 years, having served in roles in Spartanburg, Munich, South Africa and China.

The State: MLB writer: 'Good chance' Tebow plays with Columbia Fireflies

<http://www.thestate.com/sports/mlb/article111026467.html>

There has been a buzz that Tim Tebow could play baseball in Columbia since the New York Mets signed the former Heisman Trophy winner to a minor-league deal in September. The Columbia Fireflies are a Class A affiliate of the Mets and could be a starting spot for Tebow if things go well this fall for the former quarterback. ESPN.com Mets writer Adam Rubin added to that buzz with a Tweet about Tebow's future. Tebow has played in nine of 10 games for the Scottsdale Scorpions in the Arizona Fall League. He is batting .125, four hits, one RBI and 12 strikeouts. He has remained part of the SEC Network's "SEC Nation" TV show that airs Saturday mornings during football season. Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said it would be premature to talk about where Tebow might start begin next season. In addition to Columbia, other Mets full-season minor league affiliates include Port St. Lucie (Advanced Class A), Binghamton (AA) and Las Vegas (AAA). The Fireflies have already embraced the idea of Tebow being in Columbia.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Source: Clinton-related emails came in Weiner investigation

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A U.S. official says newly discovered emails that have prompted a new FBI review of the Hillary Clinton email investigation came from a separate sexting probe of former congressman Anthony Weiner. Federal authorities in New York and North Carolina are investigating online communications between Weiner and a 15-year-old girl. The official said Friday that the emails referenced by FBI Director James Comey surfaced during that investigation. The official was familiar with the investigation but was not authorized to discuss the matter by name and spoke on condition of anonymity. Comey told members of Congress on Friday that newly discovered emails believed to be related to the Clinton case were prompting a new review.

Associated Press: AP-GfK Poll: Most think Clinton's email server broke law

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Most voters say they think Hillary Clinton broke the law by using a private email address on a personal server while she was secretary of state, a new Associated Press-GfK poll shows. But those concerns may thus far have been blunted by allegations about Donald Trump's behavior toward women. The poll was conducted before the FBI announced Friday it will investigate whether there is classified information in newly uncovered emails related to its probe of her private server. Those emails were not from her server. The poll also finds that relatively few Americans are paying close attention to news about hacked emails from Clinton's campaign chairman posted online by the organization WikiLeaks. Things to know about how "October surprises" for the two candidates are having an impact on the race...

Associated Press: AP-GfK Poll: Most believe allegations about Trump and women

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Donald Trump's behavior has long grated on Carolyn Miller, but the allegations he sexually assaulted women was one factor that helped her decide in the last week to cast her ballot for Hillary Clinton. "I don't think she's a bad person. Trump, I think, is a bad person," the 70-year-old Fort Myers, Florida,

resident said. As for Trump's accusers, Miller added, "I believe them." And she said her vote for Clinton is "a default." Miller is among the more than 7 in 10 Americans who say in a new Associated Press-GfK poll that they believe the women who say the Republican presidential candidate kissed or groped them without their consent, a verdict that may have turned off enough voters, including some Republicans, to add to his challenges in the presidential race. Forty-two percent of Republican voters and 35 percent of Trump's own supporters think the accusations are probably true. Men and women are about equally likely to think so.

Associated Press: The Latest: Administration, campaigns work toward transition

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Senior Obama administration officials planning the transition to the next president are discussing lines of communication with the President-elect's team. The White House says the president-elect will appoint teams to work alongside agencies between the Nov. 8 election and the Jan. 20 inauguration. That's what was done during past transitions. The administration is also preparing agency-specific briefings for the agency teams. One task the new president must complete fairly quickly is developing a budget for the next fiscal year. It's due on Capitol Hill shortly after the inauguration. White House chief of staff Denis McDonough convened the White House Transition Coordinating Council to discuss the changeover. Representatives from Hillary Clinton's and Donald Trump's transition teams attended, along with more than a dozen White House and administration officials.

National News:

Associated Press: Supreme Court to rule in Virginia transgender case

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The Supreme Court will take up transgender rights for the first time in the case of a Virginia school board that wants to prevent a transgender teenager from using the boys' bathroom at his high school. The justices said Friday they will hear the appeal from the Gloucester County school board sometime next year. The high court's order means that student Gavin Grimm will not be able to use the boys' bathroom in the meantime. A lower court had ordered the school board to accommodate Grimm, but the justices in August put that order on hold while they considered whether to hear the appeal. Grimm, a 17-year-old high school senior, was born female but identifies as male. He was allowed to use the boys' restroom at his high school for several weeks in 2014. But after some parents complained, the school board adopted a policy requiring students to use either the restroom that corresponds with their biological gender or a private, single-stall restroom. Grimm is backed by the Obama administration in his argument that the policy violates Title IX, a federal law that bars sex discrimination in schools.

Associated Press: Oregon case jury delivers blow to government in lands fight

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A jury delivered an extraordinary blow to the government in a long-running battle over the use of public lands when it acquitted all seven defendants involved in the armed occupation of a national wildlife refuge in rural southeastern Oregon. Tumult erupted in the courtroom Thursday after the verdicts were read when an attorney for group leader Ammon Bundy demanded his client be immediately released and repeatedly yelled at the judge. U.S. marshals tackled attorney Marcus Mumford to the ground, used a stun gun on him several times and arrested him. U.S. District Judge Anna Brown said she could not release Bundy because he still faces charges in Nevada stemming from an armed standoff at his father Cliven Bundy's ranch two years ago. The Portland jury acquitted Bundy, his brother Ryan Bundy and five others of conspiring to impede federal workers from their jobs at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, 300 miles southeast of Portland. The jury could not reach a verdict on a single count of theft for Ryan Bundy.

Associated Press: Oil pipeline protesters burn vehicles, set roadblock

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Protesters ousted from private land where they tried to block construction of the Dakota Access oil pipeline burned vehicles and built roadblocks along a North Dakota state highway where they faced off Friday with authorities. Officers with bullhorns commanded the protesters to leave the roadway, but the approximately two dozen people stood in defiance with their arms in the air. The confrontation came a day after hundreds of law enforcement officers forced out a larger encampment of activists in what was the most chaotic turn in the months-long protest against the pipeline that the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and others argue could endanger water supplies and disturb cultural sites. One roadblock on state Highway 1806 was comprised of a burned SUV and sheets of plywood, and another was made up of two burned heavy trucks on a bridge over a small creek. Numerous military vehicles and work trucks were parked in the area early Friday, and officers in riot gear were present.

World News:

Associated Press: Thousands of Iraqis being used as human shields near Mosul

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For three months, as Islamic State militants ranged across farms and villages south of Mosul, they took Sayid Naheer, his wife and eight children with them. The family was among tens of thousands of people that the U.N. says have been rounded up to be used as human shields. Their forced march covered more than 12 miles (20 kilometers), stopping in villages for days or weeks. When Naheer's family finally escaped this week after an air raid and made it to a government checkpoint near the front lines, the children's faces were caked with dust and their feet had been rubbed raw by their plastic sandals. The U.N. human rights office said Friday that the tens of thousands of civilians were in the town of Hamam al-Alil, south of Mosul, doubling its population to an estimated 60,000. The Associated Press reported earlier this week that IS militants had gone door to door in villages south of Mosul, ordering hundreds of people at gunpoint to march north into the city, the largest under their control. Mosul is the focus of a massive Iraqi military offensive launched Oct. 17 against the extremists.

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