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Townville, SC Shooting:

Associated Press: Boy shot at South Carolina school to have superhero funeral

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SC State Wire

The family of a 6-year-old boy shot at a South Carolina elementary school says a funeral is planned Wednesday, a week after he was shot as a first-grade class left for recess. The family of Jacob Hall says the service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Oakdale Baptist Church in Townville. Family members tell local news outlets that pallbearers will dress as superheroes and people attending also are encouraged to wear costumes. Jacob died Saturday after being shot at Townville Elementary school with another student and a teacher. The 14-year-old suspect also is charged with killing his father shortly before the shooting at the nearby school. Classes are to resume Thursday. Teachers will report to work Tuesday for counseling and class preparation on Wednesday before classes resume.

Associated Press: The Latest: Parents of boy shot at school remember their son

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SC State Wire

The parents of a 6-year-old boy who died after he was wounded in a school shooting in South Carolina say the boy showed his family how to love, laugh and smile. Jacob Hall died Saturday, days after authorities say he was critically injured when a teenager opened fire on a school playground. Jacob's parents said in a statement that their son has already forgiven the shooter because that's the kind of child he was. Jacob has been surrounded by family at a hospital since the shooting Wednesday at Townville Elementary. A bullet struck Hall in a main artery in his leg, causing him to lose a lot of blood. Authorities say another student and a first-grade teacher were also shot when a 14-year-old boy started firing a handgun. They were treated and released. The teen has been charged as a juvenile and is being held in jail.

Greenville News: Townville's Jacob Hall, 'God's strongest soldier,' dies

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/10/01/jacob-hall-townville-elementary-shooting-victim-has-died/91395546/>

Nathaniel Cary, Nikie Mayo and Kirk Brown

Jacob Hall's family called him their little super hero. The bubbly, sandy haired 6-year-old with a contagious smile and helpful spirit conquered life wearing the t-shirts of his own favorite superheroes. On Saturday, surrounded by family and covered in his hospital bed by a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles blanket, Hall died from injuries suffered when he was shot in the leg as he walked outside to play at Townville Elementary School in Anderson County on Wednesday. His brother Gerald Gambrell called Hall his hero. "God took his strongest soldier," Gambrell said in a public Facebook post. If Hall was a Teen-Titans-t-shirt-wearing superhero, then his superpower was love, according to his parents, Renae and Rodger Hall. "Jacob was sent to this Earth for this short a period of time to show us that there is such a thing as pure love," they said in a statement. Hall, a first-grader at Townville Elementary, died at 12:56 p.m., Saturday, Anderson County Coroner Greg Shore said. He'd fought for his life since the moment a bullet fired from a pistol severed his femoral artery and caused massive blood loss, his doctor said.

NOTE: Gov. Nikki Haley, who visited Hall and his parents in the hospital Wednesday evening, said in a statement that Jacob was a smart, beautiful boy with a contagious smile and strong faith. "A beloved son and brother, Jacob will be missed but never forgotten," Haley said. "Our hearts are broken for Jacob's family."

Please join Michael and me in lifting them up in prayer during this challenging time."

Greenville News: Remembering Jacob Hall

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/south-carolina/2016/10/01/jacob-hall-memorial/91339978/>

From the moment he was shot in the leg when he walked out a door to play on the playground at Townville Elementary School in Anderson, Jacob Hall fought for his life as his family and the community clung to hope through prayer. Hall, an intelligent, bubbly 6-year-old who smiled often and loved others so much he prayed for them nightly, died in a hospital room at Greenville Memorial Hospital. In the days since the shooting, the Upstate community has joined together in hope to touch Hall's family with love and support through prayers, gifts, flowers, signs, billboards, fundraisers and blood drives. We created this space as a place to grieve together, to share in heartbreak and to show support to Jacob Hall's family and to the close-knit community of Townville that has already proclaimed it will remain #TownvilleStrong and resolute through tragedy.

Independent Mail: Townville looks to remain strong

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/2016/10/02/townville-looks-remain-strong/91432384/>

Nikie Mayo and Abe Hardesty

In the days after a shooting at an elementary school rocked this rural Anderson County town, residents used social media and community signs to show the world they intend to remain #TownvilleStrong. They quickly proved those words are not empty. The response to a blood drive honoring Jacob Hall, a 6-year-old Townville Elementary School student who was shot, was so large Sunday that additional workers from The Blood Connection had to be called to handle the crowd of willing donors. Jacob died Saturday afternoon of his injuries, but officials at the Townville fire station decided to go ahead with the blood drive anyway, hoping it would be a small step toward healing a community. "The response from the community has been overwhelming," Fire Chief Billy McAdams said. Some of his volunteer firefighters directed traffic around the fire station where the blood drive was held, as dozens waited to roll up their sleeves.

Independent Mail: Funeral held for school shooting suspect's slain father

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2016/10/02/funeral-held-school-shooting-suspects-slain-father/91440080/>

Kirk Brown and Romando Dixon

Jeffrey Osborne, the 47-year-old father of the teen accused of shooting him and then three people at Townville Elementary School on Wednesday, was laid to rest Sunday afternoon in this quiet rural community. Osborne, who owned a poultry farm near Townville was remembered as an avid motorcyclist and a good neighbor. More than dozen bikers gathered in the parking lot outside the church on Sunday, among Osborne's friends and neighbors who mourned. Neighbors Dwain and Shelia Brown came to the church Sunday to pay their respects. They live near the Osborne family on Jolly Road. Dwain Brown described Jeffrey Osborne as a big-hearted and kind man who allowed hunters to use his land. "He was the kind of fella you wanted for a neighbor or a brother," Dwain Brown said. The Browns said Jeffrey Osborne's extended family is seen as pillars of the community.

Fox Carolina: Mother: Jacob Hall will have "super" funeral, be dressed as superhero

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/33295612/mother-jacob-hall-will-have-super-funeral-be-dressed-as-superhero>

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www.foxcarolina.com

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Fox Carolina: Group collects flowers to take to Jacob Hall's family on Sunday

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/33296980/group-collects-flowers-to-take-to-jacob-halls-family-on-sunday>

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An Upstate anti-violence group will be collecting flowers for the family of Jacob Hall on Sunday afternoon in Greenville. Jacob, age 6, died Saturday after being shot on the playground of Townville Elementary School on Sept. 28. Another student and a teacher were also shot but are recovering. Jack Logan, founder of the Put Down the Guns Now Young People organization said he and members of his group will be in Falls Park from noon until 4 p.m. Logan is asking people to bring flowers and cards for the family as they cope with the loss. "We just want to do anything we can to show this family that they are loved right now," Logan said.

Fox Carolina: GoFundMe launched for second boy injured in school shooting

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/33294586/gofundme-launched-for-second-boy-injured-in-school-shooting>

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Fox Carolina: #Townville Strong: Community comes together to heal following school shooting

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/33299540/townville-strong-community-service-comes-together-to-heal>

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Shale Remien and Rachel Cumberbatch

Townville strong is not just a hashtag. It continues to define the town following a devastating tragedy. Prayers were prayed, songs were sung and a message of hope was preached at Oakdale Baptist Church Sunday evening. "Lord I ask you please to just keep your hand upon the Townville Elementary School, God," prayed one church-goer. Hundreds of people including faculty, students, parents and community members were trying to recover following the Townville Elementary School shooting. The Oakdale Baptist Service was an opportunity to remember Jacob Hall, a six year-old boy who was shot last Wednesday, and died on Saturday from his injuries. Sunday was a day to thank those who helped during the tragedy. Hall's mother, Renae Hall said she was overwhelmed with emotion following the service. "I could never imagine that somebody could

love one little boy, from such a small town so much. He was my angel, he was angel wasn't he," Hall said. With hands raised and songs ringing out from the choir, this community realizes in the face of tragedy they are stronger together. "He brought our community together even more, and it's making it stronger and stronger. And even though he's gone, his (Jacob) work is not done here," Angie Ginn said.

WYFF4: School shooting victim to have superhero-themed funeral

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/school-shooting-victim-to-have-superherothemed-funeral/41924160>

Corey Davis

Jacob Hall's family finalized funeral arrangements for the slain gradeschooler Sunday afternoon. Jacob died Saturday. He was shot while at school at Townville Elementary Wednesday afternoon. Johnny Bridges, Jacob's uncle, said the viewing will be Tuesday from 5 to 9 p.m. at Oakdale Baptist Church in Townville. Bridges said the funeral service will be Wednesday at 11 a.m., also at Oakdale Baptist. He said the public is welcome to attend the viewing and funeral. Everyone is encouraged to wear a superhero costume or T-shirt. Jacob will be dressed as Batman, his favorite superhero. Bridges said the family wants to celebrate what Jacob enjoyed instead of focusing on negative memories. Jacob's mother, Renae Hall, said Jacob loved superheroes.

WYFF4: 'He was my angel,' says mother of school shooting victim

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/-He-was-my-angel-says-mother-of-school-shooting-victim/41927656>

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The mother of Jacob Hall shared memories of her son at Oakdale Baptist Church Sunday night. Jacob died Saturday after being shot while at school at Townville Elementary School Wednesday afternoon. Hundreds of people gathered Sunday for a community prayer service, then released balloons in honor of his life. "This is so overwhelming. Words cannot express how I feel right now," his mother, Renae Hall, said. "I feel Jacob with me. I feel this whole community with me," Hall said. Others felt it too. Many embraced Jacob's mother with hugs of support with her husband, Rodger Hall, and children at her side. "I never could have ever imagined that somebody loved a little boy from such a small town so much," Renae Hall said. She said he was her angel. She led the balloon release while singing Jacob's favorite song. The family hoped to somehow reach him, possibly connect with him. "There was one dark balloon lingering behind and that was my Jacob. Jacob was like, 'Hey guys, thank you. Thank you for loving me,'" his mother said. His family is thankful for him as well.

WYFF4: Local leaders weigh in on Jacob's passing

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/local-leaders-weigh-in-on-jacobs-passing/41916754>

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WSPA: Jacob Hall to have superhero funeral

<http://wspa.com/2016/10/02/jacob-hall-to-have-superhero-funeral/>

Jacob Hall to have superhero funeral

wspa.com

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Scottie Kay Auton

Jacob Hall will have a superhero funeral, according to his mother Renae Hall. She says Jacob loved superheroes, and his uncles and brothers, who will be the pallbearers at the funeral, will be dressed in superhero outfits. Jacob's funeral will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 5th, and his parents are asking that everyone dress as their favorite superhero. The funeral will begin at 11:00 a.m. "Heroes 4 Higher LLC" says that they will be leaving West Virginia at about 4:00 a.m. so that they can attend Hall's funeral. They will be bringing the HopeMobile to the funeral. Family and Friends' visitation will be held Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Oakdale Baptist Church, according to Jacob's aunt.

Charlotte Protest Shooting:

Associated Press: Services scheduled for man shot, killed by Charlotte police

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

SC State Wire

Services have been scheduled for Keith Lamont Scott, the 43-year-old man who was shot and killed by Charlotte-Mecklenburg police. Murray's Mortuary of North Charleston, South Carolina, posted the services on its website Sunday. A wake will be held 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Folly Road Church of Christ on James Island. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church of James Island. His burial will be in St. James Memorial Gardens. Scott's death led to two nights of violent protests, including unrest hours after the shooting Sept. 20 and more violence in downtown Charlotte the next night. Authorities have said an officer shot Scott after the man refused to drop a pistol as he exited a parked vehicle. Videos don't show whether Scott was armed.

Post and Courier: Funeral for Keith Lamont Scott to be held at James Island church

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161002/161009866/funeral-for-keith-lamont-scott-to-be-held-at-james-island-church>

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Derek Asberry

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The Flood: One Year Later:

Associated Press: Floods' pain still felt 1 year later in rural South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=mkjZT4ly

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Jeffrey Collins

A world away from South Carolina's booming coastal resorts, hundreds of homes remain unrepaired in the county hardest hit by last year's floods. Now they're getting one last push of help. A Christian group of about 1,500 carpenters, plumbers, electricians and other volunteers that formed in response to Hurricane Katrina is on its way to Williamsburg County, where flooding damaged 28 percent of the homes badly enough to qualify for federal aid. "We're coming here to rebuild homes and help their souls out too," said Steve Tybor III, the president and co-founder of Eight Days of Hope, which aims to fix 150 homes with moldy walls, leaky roofs and holes in their flooring. The volunteers are responding to a critical need. As wide-scale weather disasters become the new normal, rural communities like Williamsburg County are being left behind not so much by federal and state officials, but by the skilled workers they need to repair their homes. Most repairmen followed the money to urban areas, or to the next disaster.

The State: Woman's husband drowned in flood; now she wants feds to admit 'they killed these people'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article104663031.html>

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Hundreds of people have filed or plan lawsuits over a Fort Jackson dam that failed during the floods of October 2015, claiming property damage and loss of life. One lawsuit by residents of the King's Grant neighborhood seeks \$20 million, claiming the federal government failed to properly

maintain the dam.

Sammy Fretwell

The sight of a wrecked title loan building on Devine Street causes Lois McCarty to shake her head in grief almost every day. One year ago this week, her husband, Bob, drowned in a flood after a dam on Fort Jackson broke. His body was found just up the creek from the abandoned building. Lois McCarty drives past the battered structure when she leaves her nearby home and heads up Devine Street toward downtown Columbia. "Every time I go by that building, it tears me apart," she said. "I can just picture seeing Bob that day. It's a terrible, terrible reminder." Lois McCarty is among more than 100 people who have hired lawyers to sue the federal government over the failure of the Semmes Lake dam, an aging Fort Jackson structure that blew out Oct. 4, 2015. People seeking compensation say they suffered damage to their homes and property during the storm. More than 16 inches of rain fell on parts of Columbia in 24 hours, which surely would have caused some flooding. But many people contend that the failure of the Semmes Lake dam made matters worse.

The State: SC ETV's 'Raging Water' documentary airs Monday

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article105434996.html>

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Second showing of documentary on SC's historic flooding in
2015 airs Thursday.

SCETV will broadcast its documentary on the Flood of 2015, "Raging Water," at 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday. The documentary takes a look at the historic floods that devastated South Carolina last October. It features photos and footage illustrating the damage in some of the state's hardest-hit areas, including Columbia, Clarendon County, Berkeley County, Georgetown County and Charleston. The special also looks at the aftermath of the floods, including the damage to the farming communities of Clarendon County and Cypress Gardens in Berkeley County.

Post and Courier: Epic flood: The lessons learned from a wall of water

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161002/161009977/epic-flood-the-lessons-learned-from-a-wall-of-water>

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COLUMBIA — The flood last October woke up the city.

Andy Shain

The flood last October woke up the city. The region had not gone through a weather disaster since Hurricane Hugo roared through the state in 1989, a generation ago. "There are adults who do not remember Hurricane

Hugo, and what came with it, all that rain and people losing electricity,” said Kim Stenson, director of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division. After several days of rain, a storm drenched the Midlands with more than a foot of water last Oct. 4 — bursting dozens of dams, closing hundreds of roads and bridges, and displacing enough people to fill Colonial Life Arena. Nine people died in Richland County, all from drowning when driving through roads flooded in what’s been called a 1,000-year storm. On the first anniversary, state and Columbia-area officials are warning the region could get flooded again, given recent climate changes and damage from the storm last year.

Post and Courier: Little changes after devastating 2015 flood

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161001/161009953/little-changes-after-devastating-2015-flood>

Bo Petersen

She shudders when French Quarter Creek rises higher than usual. A year ago, Maryanne Lane crept in the dark down the livingroom stairs with her black retriever, only to have Scalawag stop at the bottom step. She poked with her toe and felt the water. Her creekside home in Huger had been built on top of pilings that raised it above flood level. It made no difference. The epic rains last fall had flooded the Lanes’ home to the rim of the brick hearth fireplace. Now, “when they say a lot of rain (is forecast), you start worrying what’s going to happen,” she said. Nineteen people in South Carolina died last October as rivers, creeks and any other low-lying spot flooded to historic depths after record rains, spawned partly by Hurricane Joaquin offshore, hit hard. The floods left literally billions of dollars of destruction. More than 500 roads and bridges were flooded out across the state, including nearly 90 in Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester counties. More than 150 rescues were made in Charleston and Berkeley counties alone, including a mother and toddler lifted to a Coast Guard helicopter from a rooftop along French Quarter Creek. In Moncks Corner, a firefighting crew tied lines from a truck bumper to secure themselves then waded waist deep in streaming water to rescue a dozen stranded people.

Post and Courier: Massive Columbia Canal breach still waiting for repairs

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161002/161009976/massive-columbia-canal-breach-still-waiting-for-repairs>

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COLUMBIA — It is a reminder.

Chris Trainor

It is a reminder. A lasting reminder that sits near one of the most trafficked arteries into downtown Columbia, the Gervais Street bridge, and just slightly west of one of South Carolina’s most visited tourist destinations, the South Carolina State Museum. Most city officials simply refer to it as “The Breach.” And that’s just what it is: a 60-foot wide yawning, gaping chasm in the Columbia Canal that, during the height of last October’s devastating flood, threatened to take out the city’s main drinking water supply and sent city officials into a mad scramble to come up with a temporary fix. For now, the massive rock dam that was feverishly installed in the canal during the flood, just north of the breach, is holding steady. City officials are working on plans to repair the more than century-old canal, fixes that have been broadly estimated to cost anywhere from \$20 million to \$70 million. City Budget Director Missy Caughman says it will likely be the most expensive single flood-related repair in the state.

Aiken Standard: October flood damage in rural Aiken County apparent one year later

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www.aikenstandard.com

It has been a long, hard year for the people of rural Aiken County.

Dan Brown

It has been a long, hard year for the people of rural Aiken County. The epic floods of Oct. 3, 4 and 5 of 2015 knocked the rural county residents to their knees with some parts of northern and eastern Aiken County still feeling the effects last year's storms even today. The 20-plus inches that fell in parts of Aiken County washed out roads and bridges, burst dams and permanently altered the rolling landscape of the county's farming community. In the months that followed, government relief was slow in coming, if at all, and some farmers were forced to sell off equipment to make ends meet. Despite their hardship, these farming communities persevered and shouldered onward, as this is what farmers do, said Pastor Butch Blackwell of Clinton United Methodist Church in Salley. "They inspire me on a daily basis," Blackwell said. "This is a model community where people roll up their sleeves and help each other, without question. Difference in race, religion or political affiliation, none of that matters to farmers. We are all neighbors here. We are family."

NOTE: This summer, the S.C. Department of Agriculture tried to do what S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley would not – give state farmers a helping hand. Haley said following the statewide flooding, farmers would not be treated any differently than other state businesses, which according to Hollow Creek Fire Chief Glenn Poole, missed the point entirely.

NOTE: "Farming is a different business than a hardware or sporting goods store," he said. "The farmers aren't looking for any handouts. That is not in their mind-set. Farmers understand work. Farmers wrote the book on hard work, and it is on their backs that this country was built." Agribusiness is the state's largest industry.

Sun News: County still in recovery on record storm anniversary

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article105243031.html>

Horry County still recovering on anniversary of Hurricane Joaquin

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Audrey Hudson

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Sun News: Families denied by FEMA wait for aid a year after the flood

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article105278596.html>

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www.myrtlebeachonline.com

The torrential rain and ensuing flood that drenched the state last October have long since receded, but needs of recovery remain for more than 100 Horry County residents. Several say that the Federal Emergency Management Agency denied their petitions for help... and so they wait. But local

Emily Weaver

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U.S. Navy, stood outside his tented trailer on Gore Road. Blue tarps stretched over the trailer's front and back sides, cloaking a problem that was exacerbated, he said, by last year's heavy rains. The trailer's siding was constructed of "pressed cardboard," Tryskuc said, as he broke off a chunk of rotten particle board that feebly clung to the front of his home. The siding disintegrated under the pressure of last October's historically heavy rains. The damage wasn't, however, caused by flood waters. So, FEMA denied his request for help, Tryskuc said.

WOLO: Governor Haley Reflects on Flood with Ben Hoover

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/2016/10/02/governor-haley-reflects-flood-ben-hoover/>

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Ben Hoover sat down with Governor Nikki Haley, who played an integral role in guiding the state through one of its worst natural disasters. Governor Haley remembers quite vividly the challenging task of getting help to those trapped by the water, keeping families updated with critical information and making sure South Carolina stayed strong.

Governor Nikki Haley News:

Aiken Standard: Nominations being accepted for SC arts award

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20161002/AIK0401/161009946>

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The Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Governor's Award for the Arts is considered South Carolina's highest arts award given by the South Carolina Arts Commission and started in 1972. Joye in Aiken, formerly Juilliard in Aiken, won a 2016 Verner Award in the Arts in Education category. "I think it's fair to say that winning the honor has increased our recognition at the local, state and national levels," said Janice Jennings, Joye in Aiken's executive director. "The South Carolina Arts Commission publicized our win throughout the arts community statewide, which has helped us make connections with other arts organizations and arts supporters that we think will prove very useful. At the national level, we just received our first federal grant from the National

Endowment for the Arts, and I feel sure that the Verner Award was a factor in that decision."Other Aiken County-associated winners include...

Times and Democrat: An experience like no other

http://thetandd.com/lifestyles/an-experience-like-no-other/article_7bb9c150-4efd-5460-ad7c-3fdb03877c23.html

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My experience at the 2016 Palmetto Boys State was like no other.

Opinion: Marvin Mitchell

My experience at the 2016 Palmetto Boys State was like no other. At Palmetto Boys, we were informed about politics, elections and government. We were grouped into different cities with complete strangers, who by the end of this experience were now my brothers. We were led in chant battles, party elections and athletics by our junior and senior counselors, who made sure that we all bonded, and this made my experience that much more memorable. We were allowed to vote in several elections. Along with our newly elected officials, we were all ecstatic when we were joined by South Carolina officials, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general and Gov. Nikki Haley. They all are great leaders and represent the state of South Carolina in a great way. After hearing from our state officials, we met with Palmetto Girls State and ate lunch at the South Carolina State House. The following night we had a talent show for us to show all our talents. We ended the Boys State program with everyone in our cities going around telling everyone about themselves. The Palmetto Boys State experience is one that I will never forget for the rest of my life. Thanks to Calhoun County High School and all sponsors for allowing me to represent you.

Times and Democrat: My experience at Palmetto Boys State

http://thetandd.com/lifestyles/orangeburgers/my-experience-at-palmetto-boys-state/article_93ffef85-dae1-5707-a581-a00f23230d12.html

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Over the summertime, I had the experience to attend Palmetto Boys State.

Opinion: George Dean III

Over the summertime, I had the experience to attend Palmetto Boys State. At the beginning, I saw a long week of being away from my friends and family. As the first day went along, I came out of my shell and introduced myself to everyone. On the third day, I became more aware of my purpose at PBS. I learned about government, leadership, entrepreneurship and the judicial system. As the week went on, I found a new side of myself as I entered a stage that made my manhood and mind open. I saw different views of how I interpret things. Whenever we would go to classes, we would march and chant, which gave us the feeling of being bonded due to formation. Having the chance to see (Sen.) Tim Scott and Gov. Nikki Haley firsthand was a time to remember, seeing the both of them walk down the State House and give a speech on how they felt about

Palmetto Boys and Girls State. They told us that we are full of special talent and intelligence. After their speech, we all walked through the State House and met with the girls of PGS. Meeting these girls and exchanging shirts with them was great. Whenever Saturday came, I felt sad because I knew that my brothers are going in their different directions. We still are in contact and still hang out together. I loved Boys State and I would recommend it to any rising senior that wants to have a great summer and get to know more people outside of their community.

SC Agency News:

Aiken Standard: 'A witch hunt:' Murphy Village resident shaken, emotional over DSS incidents

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20161001/161009956/x2018a-witch-huntx2019-murphy-village-resident-shaken-emotional-over-dss-incidents>

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Though physically not in Aiken County right now, one Irish Traveler is joining several families this week in the community of Murphy Village calling out the state's top law enforcement agency and the Department of Social Services for what he and others are calling a "witch hunt." Last month, DSS reportedly pulled six girls out of school and their homes and placed them into the custody of other non-Traveler families because of reports of sexual abuse. One child has since been returned. But those reports of abuse have not been proven, Irish Traveler Jim Penn Sherlock said by phone Friday. "In my opinion, they do not like us because we're Irish Travelers," Sherlock said. "Shame on them for doing what they are doing. They don't have a leg to stand on." A handful of families from Murphy Village have been in and out of family court for the past couple of weeks, battling a judge and a state agency. Murphy Village, recognized by the red-brick mini mansions and mobile homes along Edgefield Highway, straddles Aiken and Edgefield counties in North Augusta. Sherlock, like many others, said the state is specifically targeting the community he has called home since 1963 because of a passed-down tradition of arranged marriages.

NOTE: Signs line Edgefield Highway, some telling passers-by to vote, others urging to call Gov. Nikki Haley's office.

NOTE: On Friday, Chaney Adams, Haley's press secretary, said the governor's office has received a few calls related to DSS activity in the area of Murphy Village.

"The governor has been briefed fully on the situation by director (Susan) Alford, and she has every confidence that DSS has acted both lawfully and in the best interests of the children involved."

Aiken Standard: South Carolina judge dismisses part of I-520 stormwater lawsuit

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20161003/161009933/south-carolina-judge-dismisses-part-of-i-520-stormwater-lawsuit>

Michael Smith

A Circuit Court judge has dismissed two of three portions of a lawsuit claiming the design of I-520 caused

several North Augusta area homes to flood, paving the way for the case to be heard next week, according to Aiken County court records. Circuit Judge Edgar W. Dickson signed an order in August dismissing claims that the S.C. Department of Transportation was liable for trespass and nuisance complaints relating to drainage associated with interstate. The order comes in response to a motion for summary judgment filed by the DOT. Dickson, however, denied the DOT's request to dismiss a claim of negligence, meaning the case continues to move forward. "Plaintiffs have presented sufficient evidence that Defendant was negligent constructing and maintaining the water detention area, thereby precluding summary judgment as to the Plaintiffs' cause of action for negligence," the order states. Proceedings are scheduled to commence Oct. 10, according to Aiken County court rosters.

Post and Courier: Relief on the horizon for congested portion of I-526

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161001/161009960/relief-on-the-horizon-for-congested-portion-of-i-526>

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One of South Carolina's busiest interchanges — where Interstates 526 and 26 meet — is dangerous, especially for trucks. But help is on the way.

Diane Knich

One of South Carolina's busiest interchanges — where Interstates 526 and 26 meet — is dangerous, especially for trucks. But help is on the way. The intersection's entry points are cloverleaves instead of the long, sweeping ramps and overpasses of newer interchanges. And the cloverleaves get narrower near where they merge with fast moving traffic. And that poses a problem, said Patrick Barber, president of Superior Transportation and who also serves on the board of the South Carolina Truckers Association. "You have to slow down when you should be accelerating," he said. That leads to problems. "Most trucks that overturn do so at the top of a cloverleaf." The interchange is part of an 8-mile stretch of Interstate 526, from Paul Cantrell Boulevard in West Ashley to Rivers Avenue in North Charleston, that is set for major improvements by state Department of Transportation. Joy Riley, manager of the 526 Lowcountry Corridor project, said the road will be widened from four lanes to six, and the department will evaluate 10 interchanges and upgrade the ones that need improvement. It's a large project that ranks sixth on the department's interstate priority list because it's so congested.

Post and Courier: As spending falls, S.C. aims to give defense contractors new lines of business

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161002/161009951/as-spending-falls-sc-aims-to-give-defense-contractors-new-lines-of-business>

Thad Moore

Faced with declining military spending nationwide, South Carolina is looking to help defense contractors secure new lines of business. Backed by funding from the Department of Defense, the state is divvying up \$3 million worth of grants to firms that lean heavily on military contracts in hopes that they'll find new ways to make money — and become less dependent on Uncle Sam. The hope and the goal, officials say, is to save jobs and create new employment opportunities as contractors diversify into new areas. The program from the S.C. Commerce Department and the state Department of Employment and Workforce started last year by providing training to 20 companies, including about half from the Lowcountry. The grants totaled \$1.4 million. Fred Gassaway, the state Commerce Department's defense diversification manager, says he expects the program to take in twice as many companies this year. It covers firms that take at least a tenth of their sales from the military and have seen their revenues drop at least 5 percent.

The State: Is Donald Trump driving more minority voters to register in SC?

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article105537516.html>

Bristow Marchant

This year's unique – and uniquely divisive – presidential race may be driving up S.C. voter registration. That's the implication in some data out ahead of Saturday's S.C. deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 8 general election. In a campaign where Republican nominee Donald Trump has made immigration a central focus – including calling Mexican immigrants "rapists" and "criminals," and promising to make Mexico pay for a wall on the southern U.S. border – the number of registered Hispanic voters in South Carolina is up more than 40 percent from 2012. That's not good news for Trump, who is not drawing well from Hispanic-American voters, according to polls. Numbers from the S.C. Election Commission show 43,550 self-identified Hispanic voters in the state as of last week. In 2012, the state had only 31,295 Hispanic voters. Even in 2014, only 34,663 voters identified as Hispanic.

The State: Good debate gives Clinton more breathing room in the polls

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article105386566.html>

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The State newspaper is taking a week-by-week look at the polling and Electoral College projections in the presidential race. Numbers will be updated each week until Election Day on Nov. 8.

Bristow Marchant

Did a bad debate performance by Donald Trump put Hillary Clinton back on course? Democrat Clinton was the consensus winner of Monday's first presidential debate, and that is reflected in the polls conducted in the week since. Republican Trump was criticized for seeming unprepared for the big night. He also apparently had a cold. But that didn't stop him from claiming victory on the strength of unscientific internet polls, and some voters shared his assessment. It probably didn't help that many of the headlines in the aftermath of the debate focused on Trump's feud with a former Miss Universe. FiveThirtyEight gives Clinton a 67.3 percent chance of victory in its projections – a 10-point jump from a week ago, on the eve of the debate – and flips Florida and Nevada to Clinton, giving her 307 electoral votes, 32 more than the 270 needed to win election. Clinton has a 64.3 percent chance of winning the same map in FiveThirtyEight's polls-plus model. However, in the aftermath of the debate, she has a 76.2 percent chance of winning in its nowcast.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: Water plan can prepare us for next disaster

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article105188681.html>

Water plan can prepare us for next disaster

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One year ago Tuesday, a deluge brought on by the remnants of Hurricane Joaquin caused billions of dollars of damage to South Carolina's agricultural, suburban and

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Opinion Extra: Jeffrey Allen

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The State: Former Marine raises more questions about recruit death at Parris Island

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article105188311.html>

Opinion Extra: Alex Luchsinger

In March, a 20-year-old Muslim-American recruit named Raheel Siddiqui reportedly leapt to his death from the stairwell of his third-story barracks at Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island. Marine Corps officials say Mr. Siddiqui's death was the result of a toxic culture of hazing and physical abuse. Mr. Siddiqui was purportedly slapped multiple times and called a "terrorist" because of his Muslim faith by a drill instructor who had a history of similar behavior. Investigations are underway, with an emphasis on the 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, where Mr. Siddiqui was a recruit. I was a recruit in the 3rd Battalion in 2002 and, in fact, was in the same company as Mr. Siddiqui, and I see some striking similarities to my experience — as well as questions that warrant quick and thorough answers. Marine Corps boot camp begins with an indoctrination process, where recruits are stripped of any remnants of civilian life and begin the rigorous process of becoming a Marine. It's arguably the most challenging part of boot camp, and one that quickly weeds out those who don't assimilate. It's also where things tend to go wrong, and that happened repeatedly in my platoon.

Post and Courier: Purge the Lowcountry's police files

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161003/161009904/purge-the-lowcountrys-police-files>

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A widespread police procedure to collect data on people was practiced for decades before the public was made aware of it.

Editorial

A widespread police procedure to collect data on people was practiced for decades before the public was

made aware of it. And with modern technology, the information, in many cases, is saved indefinitely — even when the person is not charged with a crime. The Charleston Police Department is one agency with such a data bank, with reports on 35,000 people and no rules for purging the files. Chief Greg Mullen is to be commended for forming a group to study how to purge the files of people who drew the suspicion of officers in the field but were not arrested or linked to criminal behavior. His counterparts in other law enforcement agencies throughout South Carolina should follow suit. And those six police departments in other parts of the country that were contacted by The Post and Courier and either failed or refused to provide information about their field interview databases, should reconsider. All secrecy does is foster public suspicion, and these are among the 50 largest law enforcement agencies in the country.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: The Latest: SC emergency officials prepare for Matthew

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

SC State Wire

Officials in four South Carolina counties say they're on alert status as the state prepares for Hurricane Matthew, one of the most powerful Atlantic storms in recent history and one that could affect the East Coast. Officials in Georgetown County said in a news release Sunday that they're on alert. Previously, officials in Horry, Beaufort and Charleston said they were on alert status. South Carolina Emergency Management Division Director Kim Stenson held conference calls this weekend with county emergency managers, emergency response team agencies and local National Weather Service offices. Stenson says the storm's path is too uncertain to rule out any possibility. Weather service forecasters say tropical storm-force winds and flooding are possible even if Matthew remains at sea. Matthew was a powerful Category 4 storm Sunday as it swirled across the Caribbean toward Haiti and Jamaica.

Associated Press: SC emergency officials prepare for Hurricane Matthew

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SC State Wire

South Carolina's emergency preparedness officials have begun preparing for Hurricane Matthew, one of the most powerful Atlantic storms in recent history and one that could affect the East Coast. In a news release issued Sunday, the South Carolina Emergency Management Division recommended that the state's emergency response team review plans. Officials in four counties - Horry, Beaufort, Georgetown and Charleston - said they were on alert status. However, emergency operations centers are not yet operating. "It's too soon to rule out any possibilities," division director Kim Stenson said. "Hurricane Matthew has quickly strengthened into a dangerous storm and its projected path could put South Carolina in harm's way. Fortunately, people in South Carolina have time. While we hope we never see a hurricane head our way, we all need prepare for the possible effects." Stenson held conference calls this weekend with county emergency managers, emergency response team agencies and local National Weather Service offices. Tropical storm-force winds and flooding are possible even if Matthew remains at sea, local weather service forecasters said.

Post and Courier: Lowcountry emergency management officials keeping close eye on Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161002/161009873/lowcountry-emergency-management-officials-keeping-close-eye-on-hurricane-matthew>

Angie Jackson

Lowcountry emergency management officials have started precautionary preparations for Hurricane Matthew as the powerful storm's potential impact on the East Coast remained uncertain Sunday. Matthew is churning toward Haiti and Jamaica, where heavy rainfall has the potential to produce life-threatening flash floods and mudslides, the National Hurricane Center reported. By Sunday night, the Category 4 storm was centered about 255 miles south-southeast of Kingston, Jamaica. An Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunter aircraft crew reported the hurricane is packing maximum sustained winds near 145 mph with higher gusts, a decrease from 150 mph winds clocked earlier Sunday. How the hurricane may affect the U.S. later in the week remains unclear. It's too soon to rule out the possibility of Matthew posing a threat to the Florida coast, according to the hurricane center.

Sun News: Counties move to alert status as leaders keep eyes on Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article105514996.html>

Emily Weaver

Horry County moved into alert status Sunday morning as the most powerful hurricane to hit the Atlantic basin since 2007 ominously danced off the shores of Haiti, 1,200 miles away. Hurricane Matthew was a category 5 storm 36 hours ago, Josh Weiss, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Wilmington, N.C., said Sunday morning. With sustained winds of 140 mph, the hurricane is now listed as a category 4 on the Saffir-Simpson Scale – a category storm that could still cause catastrophic damage. “It’s still a very powerful hurricane,” Weiss said. Residents of Haiti were being evacuated over the weekend and officials banned boating in anticipation of Hurricane Matthew’s invasion of the islands on Monday, according to the BBC.

Post and Courier: While Americans are at the polls, state Appeals Court will hear cruise ship terminal case

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161002/161009947/while-americans-are-at-the-polls-state-appeals-court-will-hear-cruise-ship-terminal-case>

David Wren

While the rest of America decides who will spend the next four years in the White House, the state Court of Appeals on Election Day will be listening to arguments in a case that has been almost as contentious as the presidential election — determining whether the State Ports Authority can build a new cruise ship terminal at Union Pier. The court has delayed the hearing several times because of various scheduling conflicts lawyers in the case have had since it was appealed from the S.C. Administrative Law Court in April 2014. Although Philip Lawrence, a lawyer for the SPA, pointed out the hearing’s Election Day conflict in a letter to the court, the case remains on the docket. “They’ve moved it so many times, I’d be surprised if they moved it again,” said Blane Holman, a lawyer for the Southern Environmental Law Center, which is representing historic and preservation groups opposed to the terminal’s location. “But never say never.”

Local News:

Aiken Standard: Aiken County benefits after S.C. receives \$3M grant to help combat opioid addiction, overdoses

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20161002/161009918/aiken-county-benefits-after-sc-receives-3m-grant-to-help-combat-opioid-addiction-overdoses>

Tripp Girardeau

Aiken County is no exception in South Carolina’s fight against opioid addiction, and with a nearly \$3.2 million statewide grant, officials are hoping to see reductions in the number of overdose-related deaths both statewide and locally. In September, the S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services received a federal grant of approximately \$3,192,772 to reduce the number of prescription drug/opioid overdose-related deaths and adverse events in the state. The grant was awarded by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. South Carolina is one of 12 states to receive funding through the five-year grant, said Jimmy Mount, public information officer and training coordinator with the Administration. “This grant will allow for a trainer to come from the Department of Health and Environmental Control to areas all over the state to train first responders and law enforcement to recognize an opioid overdose and how to administer naloxone when overdose occurs,” Mount said. “This will save lives.”

Associated Press: Authorities say 4 now dead in apparent murder-suicide

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=e1qvKFF2

SC State Wire

Authorities in South Carolina say that a fourth person - a 2-year-old child - has died in an apparent murder-suicide near Myrtle Beach. Horry County Chief Deputy Coroner Tamara Willard tells local media that three people were found shot to death early Saturday in a home in rural Bucksport. They were 51-year-old Keith Davis; 40-year-old Kristina Burroughs and 10-month-old Justice Burroughs, who was Kristina Burroughs' niece. Willard says a fourth victim died Sunday afternoon in a local hospital. She is identified as 2-year-old Katylin Bellamy. All four lived together.

Sun News: Toddler becomes fourth to die in Bucksport shooting

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article105549176.html>

Emily Weaver

An early Saturday morning Bucksport shooting that police have called an act of murder-suicide has taken another life. Katylin Bellamy, the 2-year-old injured in the shooting, died from her injuries at 2:25 p.m. Sunday, said Horry County Chief Deputy Coroner Tamara Willard. She had been hospitalized at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston for treatment since the shooting. Horry County police continue to investigate the murder-suicide that claimed the lives of 51-year-old Keith Davis, his girlfriend, 40-year-old Kristina Burroughs, Burroughs' 10-months-old niece, Justice Burroughs, and Bellamy. Officers responded shortly after midnight to a home on Martin Luther Drive in the Bucksport area in reference to a possible murder-suicide. Horry County police found multiple victims in the home, including a woman, two children and a man. Davis, Kristina Burroughs and Justice Burroughs were pronounced dead at the scene. Police have not identified the shooter.

The State: Trial opens Monday in Dutch Fork High student knife slaying

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article105558911.html>

John Monk

A trial is set to begin Monday afternoon in Lexington in the case of a deadly encounter in which a Dutch Fork High School student was fatally stabbed in a fast-food eatery parking lot after a 2014 basketball game. Kierin Dennis, then a recent 18-year-old graduate of Lexington High School, is on trial for murder in the death of Da'Von Capers, a 17-year-old Dutch Fork High senior. The two schools are rivals and had just played. Dennis and Capers, who did not know each other, were thrown together by chance in the parking lot of the Cook-Out restaurant in Lexington on Feb. 17, 2014. It was a volatile situation, and youthful passions were running high. "My client is looking forward to his day in court," said Dennis' attorney, Todd Rutherford, a Richland County state representative. At the time, Capers was a honor roll student, played football for the Dutch Fork Silver Foxes and was liked and respected by classmates. On a social media site, Capers described himself as "just a young dude living life" and added "small city big dreams." Three days before his death, he had posted, "Blessed to see another day." The killing caused Lexington police to beef up security at places where students might congregate after high school games.

Associated Press: South Carolina police chief arrested in prostitution sting

<http://bigstory.ap.org/3591ea5703ac445bb3be9da951f5b58d>

Ten men, including a South Carolina police chief, have been arrested in an undercover prostitution sting in Columbia. The Columbia Police Department says in a statement that the men were arrested Friday in a raid at a Columbia hotel. Among the men arrested was Winnsboro Department of Public Safety Chief Freddie Lorick Sr. During the arrest, Lorick told officers he needed medical treatment and was taken to a local hospital. It's unclear whether he has been released. The 10 men who were arrested range in age from 29 to 59 years old and are charged with soliciting for prostitution. It's unclear if Lorick has an attorney.

The State: Winnsboro police chief among 10 arrested in Columbia prostitution sting

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article105400761.html>

Sarah Ellis

The Winnsboro police chief was among 10 men arrested in an undercover prostitution sting in Columbia on Friday. The Columbia Police Department arrested the men in a raid at a hotel in the Greystone Boulevard area. The department would not name the hotel. Winnsboro Department of Public Safety Chief Freddy Lorick Sr. was among those arrested, Columbia police said. During the arrest, Lorick told officers he needed medical treatment, and he was taken to a local hospital. He was still in the hospital on Saturday afternoon, police said. The men, ranging in age from 29 to 59 years old, are charged with soliciting for prostitution. No actual prostitutes were involved in the undercover operation, police said.

Post and Courier: 'Southern Discomfort' public forum addresses 'slave baby' drawing, race issues in Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20161002/161009853/southern-discomfort-public-forum-addresses-slave-baby-drawing-race-issues-in-charleston>

Brooks Brunson

Around 100 people crowded together in a packed room at Redux Contemporary Art Center on Sunday, many standing or sitting on the ground for nearly four hours. The room was hot, the crowd dense, and tensions rose many times, but most in the group came with the expectation of discomfort. "Southern Discomfort" was a community forum to address the role of race in Charleston and its music community, prompted by the racially charged "slave baby" drawing that local record label Hearts & Plugs posted to Instagram on Sept. 19. The Instagram photo, which was intended to promote a concert at The Commodore, a local bar and music venue, included a caricature drawing of an African-American infant with a chain attached to its leg. Next to the drawing were the words "slave baby," meant to be a play on the band Brave Baby's name. Hearts & Plugs director Dan McCurry issued an apology two days after the post. Though McCurry took responsibility for posting the photo, it was not clear who actually drew the picture until Tyler Bertges, frontman of the band Hermit's Victory, came forward on Sept. 27, eight days after the initial Instagram post.

Associated Press: Winthrop board: Resolution to change building name is futile

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=O6y2cSTI

SC State Wire

A South Carolina law makes it futile to even consider a resolution to change the name of a Winthrop University building named after an avowed racist and former governor, the school's Board of Trustees said. The Herald of Rock Hill reports (<http://bit.ly/2dkhPit>) the trustees decided Saturday not to consider a resolution to rename Tillman Hall, the school's administration building. About 80 students and faculty had marched Wednesday in support of changing the name of the building. Student demonstrators then briefly took part in a sit-in on the main floor of Tillman Hall, where wrote letters to their legislators. "What the board has decided to do is not act corporately," said trustees chair Karl Folkens. Trustees believe it's unlikely legislators would approve the name change, Folkens said. The South Carolina Heritage Act, passed in 2000, prevents anyone from changing the name of any street, bridge, structure or park that has been "dedicated in memory of, or name for, any historic figure or historic event." Gov. Ben Tillman praised the massacre of blacks as whites were taking back full control of South Carolina in 1876. He also was instrumental in both founding Clemson University and establishing Winthrop College as a teaching school for women.

The State: More classrooms coming to Chapin – and maybe more schools, too

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article105552521.html>

Tim Flach

Chapin's growth is affecting schools, too. More classrooms are coming in what could be the start of significant school expansion there. After giving the go-ahead to add up to 20 classrooms at Chapin Middle School by fall 2018, Lexington-Richland 5 leaders are looking at a recommendation to open three new facilities. More classrooms are necessary to keep pace with growth expected in and around the Lexington County community, Superintendent Stephen Hefner said in a report to school board members last week. The approved expansion of Chapin Middle is urgent, since its 864 7th- and 8th-graders are in a school built for 816 students, the report said. The \$5.2 million addition will be paid for with a combination of savings and leftover money from other building projects, according to the plan adopted.

The State: As Columbia grows, regional transportation center could be part of the equation

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Sarah Ellis

A vision for the future of Columbia and the Midlands must include a conversation about transportation, local leaders believe. And the conversation has to be about more than cars. How do people get around now, and how do they want to move in the future? How and where is the region growing? How can different modes of transportation connect to get people where they want and need to be? That's why the Central Midlands Council of Governments is commissioning a study to identify a possible location for a regional transportation center and features it might include. A public meeting is planned for Wednesday to seek input on the concept – and a possible location. A true transportation center would connect multiple modes of transportation – such

as bus, rail, car service, walking and biking, as well as parking – depending on what the community identifies as its needs. An example is Charlotte's downtown transportation center, which connects bus and light rail service and is located not far from an Amtrak station and Greyhound bus station.

Associated Press: Anderson native has dream job as Nike shoe designer

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SC State Wire

Marcellus Johnson always loved to draw, but it wasn't until his senior year at Westside High School that he decided what he wanted his career to be. Johnson played football and ran track and field throughout high school, but he also had a love of art and sneakers. He was in middle school when he became interested in unique types of shoes. He got into the basketball culture around the 25th anniversary of Air Force 1 shoes when his classmates would talk about them. Now Johnson has his dream job redesigning retro shoes such as the Air Force 1s and other basketball shoes for Nike. But finding out how to get on track to his dream job wasn't easy. Johnson researched on the Internet and met with an employee at TTI, a plant down the street from his high school, to learn more about industrial product design. "I had to figure out the steps," Johnson said. "There were no guidebooks."

The Herald: Chester official: 'Controlled chaos' finding homes for 116 dogs from puppy mill

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article105530621.html>

Teddy Kulmala

Except for the constant chorus of dogs barking around back and the occasional ring of the phone, the Chester County Animal Shelter was relatively quiet Friday afternoon. It was a stark contrast to the scene exactly one week prior, when Animal Control officials were scrambling to find foster homes for 116 Dobermans that were seized from an alleged puppy mill in Richburg. Capt. Dwayne Robinson Sr. of the Chester County Sheriff's Office, who oversees Animal Control, described the scene as "a controlled chaos." "There were people everywhere, there was barking everywhere," he said. "It went on all the way through the night and through the weekend." Authorities were alerted the morning of Sept. 23 of multiple dogs possibly living in deplorable conditions at a home on Richburg Road in Richburg. They ended up seizing 116 Dobermans, which ranged in size from puppies to full grown adults. Officials say the dogs were malnourished and living in deplorable conditions, including lying or walking in their own waste.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: AP: How Trump's 'Apprentice' moved from capitalism to sexism

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Garance Burke

In his years as a reality TV boss on "The Apprentice," Donald Trump repeatedly demeaned women with sexist language, according to show insiders who said he rated female contestants by the size of their breasts and talked about which ones he'd like to have sex with. The Associated Press interviewed more than 20 people — former crew members, editors and contestants — who described crass behavior by Trump behind the scenes of the long-running hit show, in which aspiring capitalists were given tasks to perform as they competed for jobs working for him. The staffers and contestants agreed to recount their experiences as Trump's behavior toward women has become a core issue in the presidential campaign. Interviewed separately, they gave concurring accounts of inappropriate conduct on the set. Eight former crew members recalled that he repeatedly made lewd comments about a camerawoman he said had a nice rear, comparing her beauty to that of his daughter, Ivanka.

Associated Press: In Clinton's path to the White House, Ohio isn't a must-win

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Julie Pace

When Hillary Clinton arrives in Ohio on Monday, it will be her first appearance in the Midwestern battleground in a month. While Clinton was away, Republican rival Donald Trump showed strength in Ohio public opinion polls, buoyed by his appeal with the state's white working-class voters. In another blow for

Democrats, party groups have cut funding for their Senate candidate, Ted Strickland, the former Ohio governor who has struggled in a race that was once expected to be among the most competitive in the nation. In previous election years, any sign of shakiness in Ohio — long a crown jewel of presidential politics — would have a campaign on edge. But Democrats' increasing reliance on minority voters to win presidential elections has opened new avenues to the White House for Clinton, and turned Ohio — where about 80 percent of the state's population is white — into a less essential state. In a memo to supporters last month, Clinton campaign manager Robby Mook outlined several scenarios in which the Democratic nominee can win the election without carrying Ohio. "Hillary has a lot of paths," he said confidently.

Associated Press: Trump has a challenging week with a tax revelation

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Steve Peoples and Laurie Kellman

Ever defiant, Donald Trump and his Republican allies embraced a report that said the New York businessman may not have paid federal income taxes for nearly two decades after he and his companies lost nearly \$916 million in a single year. The unexpected weekend revelation punctuated a week of missteps and aggressive personal attacks from the Republican presidential contender, with early voting already underway in some states and Election Day quickly approaching. If there was a bright spot to the explosive story about his taxes in The New York Times, Trump supporters said, it was that it may shift the national conversation away from Trump's weeklong feud with a former beauty queen he called "Miss Piggy" as he shamed her for gaining weight, and his unfounded suggestion Hillary Clinton may have cheated on her husband. "He's not been on message," said Barry Bennett, a former Trump adviser. "A week was wasted where he could have been talking about the heroin epidemic and jobs and ISIS. All the money in the world can't get that time back."

Associated Press: How the Trump and Clinton tax plans would affect Americans

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Christopher S. Rugaber and Nicholas Riccardi

For America's wealthiest families, the presidential campaign presents a stark choice: A big tax increase if Hillary Clinton wins the election — or a big tax cut if Donald Trump wins. For everyone else? Right now, neither candidate is proposing major tax changes. Tax policy is one of the issues on which the two nominees differ most. Their approaches are likely to draw new attention in the wake of a New York Times report that Trump's nearly \$916 million in losses in 1995, according to tax records the paper received anonymously, means he may not have paid federal income taxes for as many as 18 years. On trade, Clinton has backed off her previous support for free trade agreements and, like Trump, now opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a pact involving the U.S. and 11 other nations. Trump has said he will spend twice as much on building and repairing roads, airports and other infrastructure as Clinton would.

Associated Press: AP-GfK poll: Third party backers a wild card in 2016 race

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Emily Swanson and Jonathan Lemire

Most people who are drawn to third party candidates in the presidential election aren't sold on their choice, making these voters wild cards in an already unpredictable contest. A shift in their support toward either of the major party nominees — away from Libertarian Gary Johnson, Jill Stein of the Green Party or another third party candidate — could drastically change the shape of the race. A recent Associated Press-GfK poll found that nearly 7 in 10 third-party supporters say they could still change their minds. They are about evenly split between Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump if forced to choose between just those two. Nearly one-third refused to pick or said they would just not vote if it came down to that.

National News:

Associated Press: Activists want names, answers for fatal police shooting

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Damian Dovarganes

Activists on Sunday called on Los Angeles police to publicly name the officers involved in the deadly shooting

of an 18-year-old black man near his home and to conduct a quick and transparent investigation. "We don't want to see a cover-up. We don't want to see a whitewash," Earl Ofari Hutchinson of the Los Angeles Urban Policy Roundtable said after meeting with the family of Carnell Snell Jr. "We have a family that's grieving. We have a community that's grieving." The shooting occurred Saturday afternoon. Los Angeles police say they tried to pull over a car with paper license plates at about 1 p.m. After a short chase the driver and a passenger got out and fled. The passenger ran in back of a house, where he was shot. The driver escaped. The coroner's office confirmed Sunday that Snell was the man killed. His family lives in another house in the front of the property where the shooting occurred. A back gate there was riddled with six bullet holes.

Associated Press: Father's trial to begin in hot car death of Georgia toddler

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More than two years after a Georgia toddler died after being left for hours inside a hot SUV, the child's father is scheduled to stand trial for murder. The trial of Justin Ross Harris is expected to last several weeks in coastal Brunswick, where it was moved 275 miles outside of metro Atlanta because of pretrial publicity. Harris' 22-month-old son, Cooper, died in June 2014. The judge Monday plans to seat a final jury from a pool of 45 people deemed qualified earlier this month. Afterward, attorneys are expected to make opening statements. Prosecutors have said Harris, who moved to Georgia from Alabama in 2012, was unhappy in his marriage and seeking other relationships at the time his son died. Harris' attorneys say the death was a tragic accident.

World News:

Associated Press: Powerful Hurricane Matthew a threat to Haiti, Jamaica, Cuba

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David McFadden

Vulnerable Haiti braced for flash floods and violent winds from the extremely dangerous Hurricane Matthew as the powerful storm kept on a path early Monday aiming at the hemisphere's poorest country. The eye of the approaching Category 4 hurricane, with maximum sustained winds of 130 mph (215 kph) early Monday, was expected to pass to the east of Jamaica and then cross over or be very close to the southwestern tip of Haiti late Monday or early Tuesday, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said. It was predicted to hit the lightly populated eastern tip of Cuba on Tuesday afternoon. Forecasters said as much as 40 inches of rain could fall on some isolated areas of Haiti, raising fears of deadly mudslides and floods in the heavily deforested country where many families live in flimsy houses with corrugated metal roofs. "Some of us will die but I pray it won't be a lot," said Serge Barionette in the southern town of Gressier, where a river recurrently bursts its banks during serious storms.

Associated Press: Colombia in uncharted territory with peace deal's defeat

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Joshua Goodman and Andrea Rodriguez

After a stunning referendum defeat for a peace deal with leftist rebels, Colombians are asking what comes next for their war-torn country, which like Britain following the Brexit vote has no Plan B to save an accord that sought to bring an end to a half century of hostilities. The damage from Sunday's vote is still sinking in. Instead of winning by an almost two-to-one margin as pre-election polls had predicted, those favoring the accord with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia lost by a razor-thin margin, 49.8 percent of the votes to 50.2 percent for those against the deal. Both President Juan Manuel Santos and leaders of the FARC, having come this far after four years of grueling negotiations, vowed to push ahead, giving no hint they want to resume a war that has already killed 220,000 people and displaced 8 million. "I won't give up. I'll continue search for peace until the last moment of my mandate," Santos said in a televised address appealing for calm.

Associated Press: "I had to:" Inside the mind of an 'honor' killer in Pakistan

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Kathy Gannon

For two months, over the thunder of machines at the steel mill, the men taunted Mubeen Rajhu about his sister. Even now, they laugh at how easy it was to make him lose his temper. Some people had seen Tasleem in

their Lahore slum with a Christian man. She was 18, a good Muslim girl, out in public with a man. Even though the man had converted to Islam out of love for her, this couldn't be allowed. "Some guys got to know that his sister was having a relationship," says Ali Raza, a co-worker at the mill. "They would say: 'Can't you do anything? What is the matter with you? You are not a man.'" Raza can barely contain a smile as he talks about the hours spent needling Rajhu. "He used to tell us, 'If you don't stop, I will kill myself. Stop!'" Raza says. He raises his voice to compete with the sounds of the coal-powered mill, and workers blackened by its dust gather to listen. They too smile. A few laugh at the memory of Rajhu's outbursts. "The guys here told him, . 'It would be better to kill your sister. It is better than letting her have this relationship,'" Raza says.

Associated Press: Japan's Ohsumi wins Nobel for studies of cell 'self-eating'

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Karl Ritter

Japanese scientist Yoshinori Ohsumi was awarded this year's Nobel Prize in medicine on Monday for discoveries on how cells break down and recycle parts of themselves in an internal garbage disposal process. The Karolinska Institute honored Ohsumi for "brilliant experiments" in the 1990s on autophagy, a phenomenon that literally means "self-eating" and describes how cells gobble up damaged content and provide building blocks for renewal. Disrupted autophagy (aw-TAH'-fuh-jee) has been linked to several diseases including Parkinson's, diabetes and cancer, the institute said. "Intense research is now ongoing to develop drugs that can target autophagy in various diseases," Karolinska said in its citation. Ohsumi, 71, from Fukuoka, Japan, is a professor at the Tokyo Institute of Technology. In 2012, Ohsumi won the Kyoto Prize, Japan's highest private award for global achievement.

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