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Governor Nikki Haley News:

CNN: The three women of color Trump has appointed, so far

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/11/29/politics/trump-cabinet-women/index.html?sr=twCNN112916trump-cabinet-women0738PMVODtopLink&linkId=31710093>

Deena Zaru

As Donald Trump's Cabinet begins to take shape, the President-elect has selected three women of color so far to serve in top positions in his administration, including South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, who was a sharp critic of Trump during the 2016 Republican primary campaign. While Trump's selections have predominantly been white males, the President-elect has selected three women who are children of immigrants as he assembles his administration.

NOTE: Nikki Haley: The South Carolina governor is Trump's pick for US Ambassador to the UN. Haley, who was born in Bamberg, South Carolina, to Sikh immigrants from Punjab, India, has already made history, becoming the first woman governor in South Carolina's history. As a rising star in the Republican Party, she initially endorsed Florida Sen. Marco Rubio during the 2016 primary and later backed Texas Sen. Ted Cruz after Rubio dropped out of the race. Haley sharply disavowed Trump in the past and said in February that Trump is "everything a governor doesn't want in a president."

TIME: Republican Governor Nikki Haley Credited Hillary Clinton With Inspiring Her to Run for Office

<http://motto.time.com/4584678/nikki-haley-hillary-clinton-un-trump/>

Megan Lasher

A major message that Hillary Clinton sent throughout her campaign was that she hopes more women get involved in politics so that we can eliminate the gender gap in DC. But that message long preceded the 2016 election. Trump's UN Ambassador pick, South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, is proof: In a 2012 interview, Haley told the New York Times she ran for office because of Clinton. Slate resurfaced the interview in a recent column. Haley had said women aren't in office because they simply aren't running. "It's not because the challenge is too hard. It's simply because women don't run." Seeing another woman set the bar pushed her to change that. "The reason I actually ran for office is because of Hillary Clinton. Everybody was telling me why I shouldn't run: I was too young, I had small children, I should start at the school board level. I went to Birmingham University, and Hillary Clinton was the keynote speaker on a leadership institute, and she said that when it comes to women running for office, there will be everybody that tells you why you shouldn't but that's all the reasons why we need you to do it, and I walked out of there thinking, 'That's it. I'm running for office.'" Of course, that doesn't mean Haley agrees with Clinton on everything. Earlier this year, she voiced a negative opinion of the presidential nominee: "President Obama was awful the last eight years — a President Clinton would be disastrous," Haley said, not endorsing Trump but certainly urging fellow Republicans against his rival.

WIS: Third Richland Co. Recreation Commissioner resigns, cites 'personal family issues'

<http://www.wistv.com/story/33818713/third-richland-co-recreation-commissioner-resigns-cites-personal-family-issues>

Jeremy Turnage

A third member of the Richland County Recreation Commission has resigned from the board, according to a source close to the situation. George D. Martin, Jr, one of five members targeted by the

Richland County Legislative Delegation as needing to step down from the board following the indictment of former executive director James Brown, III, submitted his letter to Gov. Nikki Haley on Tuesday. "I have enjoyed serving the residents of Richland County through providing services such as parks and recreation activities," Martin's letter said. "I feel confident that the service I have voluntarily provided has been fruitful and fulfilling." Martin goes on to say "personal family issues" were pushing him to leave the board. Two other members of the board, Wilbert Lewis and Weston Furgess, Jr., tendered their resignations in the past several weeks. Executive Director Brown also retired from the board following his indictment on charges that he used his office to coerce sex.

WLTX: 3rd Richland Recreation Commissioner Resigns

<http://www.wltx.com/news/local/3rd-richland-recreation-commissioner-resigns/358186803>

A third member of the beleaguered Richland County Recreation Commission has resigned, just before a hearing to determine the entire board's fate. George Martin sent a letter to Gov. Nikki Haley Monday saying he was stepping down effective immediately. "Due to personal family issues, I feel I can no longer contribute the time that this position requires and respectfully request my tender for resignation be accepted," he wrote. Martin had been on the seven member board since 2008, and his term wasn't set to expire for another four years. He joins Wilbert Lewis and Weston Furgess, who both resigned earlier this month. The recreation commission has been under scrutiny for months over its handling of personnel issues, including involving the agency's former executive director, James Brown III. Earlier this month, Gov. Haley issued three charges against the group, saying they failed to investigate harassment, nepotism, and intimidation claims made against the agency.

NOTE: Haley will have a hearing for the board members on Wednesday to hear their response to those charges. It will be overseen by a three-person panel, and depending on how the hearing goes, the board members could be fired.

NOTE: If any member doesn't show up, Haley said she will automatically remove that person from office. Last month, a majority of Richland County's state senators and representatives asked Haley to remove five members of the board.

General Assembly News:

Associated Press: 2 Trump campaign leaders helping McMaster with transition

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=JCpqt6l

SC State Wire

Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster has enlisted help in taking over as governor if the U.S. Senate confirms Gov. Nikki Haley as President-elect Donald Trump's pick for United Nations ambassador. McMaster's office said in a release Tuesday he's asked longtime GOP adviser Ed McMullen and real estate developer Bill Stern to help with the transition. McMullen led Trump's campaign in South Carolina and is a vice chairman of the committee planning Trump's inauguration. Stern, the longtime former chairman of the State Ports Authority, also was a leader in Trump's campaign. McMaster was the nation's first statewide officeholder to endorse Trump, whose pick for U.N. ambassador gives McMaster a job he's long wanted. The state's former GOP chairman and two-term attorney general lost to Haley in the 2010 GOP gubernatorial primary.

Post and Courier: Lt. Gov. McMaster begins transition to lead South Carolina

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/lt-gov-mcmaster-begins-transition-to-lead-south-carolina/article_6a8076e2-b668-11e6-91ef-775a4e622d54.html

Gavin Jackson

Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster met last Wednesday with Gov. Nikki Haley in preparation for a "smooth transition" upon Haley's confirmation as Ambassador to the United Nations, expected in early 2017. McMaster has tapped President-elect Donald Trump loyalists Ed McMullen and Bill Stern to assist McMaster in transition planning, according to a press release Tuesday. McMaster himself backed Trump in January and has been in contact with his transition team since his election. Haley announced last week that she was nominated by Trump for the diplomatic post in New York setting

off succession planning inside the Statehouse. Haley will not step down until her confirmation by the U.S. Senate, which could come soon after Trump's inauguration Jan. 20. Haley spokeswoman Chaney Adams did not provide additional details of McMaster's meeting with Haley other than to say, "The governor offered any help needed to ensure a smooth transition for every part of the office."

The State: Lt. Gov. McMaster gets added security ahead of transition

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article117740028.html>

Bristow Marchant

Henry McMaster has not yet made any public comment on his move into the Governor's Mansion, but part of the mansion already has come to him. The lieutenant governor's private residence now has a security detail from the state Bureau of Protective Services, the agency that normally provides security for the governor. An emergency communications trailer has been set up in the median of Columbia's Senate Street, outside McMaster's home. A Protective Services car could be seen parked nearby Tuesday. McMaster will assume the state's highest office if Gov. Nikki Haley is confirmed as the new U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, following her nomination by President-elect Donald Trump. McMaster and Haley met last week to plan the transition process between their two offices, according to a news release Tuesday from the lieutenant governor's office. McMaster also has named two Columbia-area businessmen, Ed McMullen and Bill Stern, to lead his transition.

NOTE: McMaster will fill in for Haley as the chair of Friday's meeting of the S.C. Military Base Task Force, which brings together the governor with the commanding officers of the state's military bases.

Independent Mail: Legislators open to McMaster as governor

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/2016/11/29/legislators-open-mcmaster-governor/94602168/>

Mike Eads

Henry McMaster occupying the governor's chair could be good for state legislators, according to members of the Pickens County legislative delegation. McMaster is likely to rise up from the lieutenant governor post sometime in next year's legislative session to succeed Gov. Nikki Haley, who has been tapped by President-Elect Donald Trump to serve as the next U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. "I've known the lieutenant governor since he and I worked for Strom Thurmond 40 years ago," said state Rep. Gary Clary, a Clemson Republican, at a Tuesday reception at Tri-County Technical College's Easley campus. "He knows the only way to get something done in politics is to talk about it and compromise. He knows that. He's the kind of guy who will have an open door for legislators." "Haley and her predecessor, Mark Sanford, both had reputations for being largely hands-off during legislative sessions and being willing to posture against a House and Senate dominated by their fellow Republicans.

NOTE: "I've already gotten a call from him (McMaster) about the next session," Hiott said. "He's promised to work with us on a lot of different issues. ... I think he will certainly have a different style. I'm not criticizing Gov. Haley. She has her own style. I got used to that, and I thought she worked well with us."

NOTE: The state Legislature and Haley agreed in June to finance \$4 billion of road work with general fund dollars, rather than raising the state's 16-cent-per-gallon gasoline tax, which hasn't increased since 1987.

Sun News: Horry, Georgetown state legislators full speed ahead on gas tax

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article117737758.html>

Chloe Johnson

State legislators representing Horry and Georgetown counties signaled road and bridge work as their top priorities in a panel Tuesday. State senators and representatives at the event, organized by the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, indicated support for a gas tax to permanently fund transportation infrastructure improvements. South Carolina has the second-lowest gas tax in the country. State Rep. Alan Clemmons, R-Myrtle Beach, said he had supported an effort in the last legislative session, which was unsuccessful, to enact a rise in the tax. "I will likely vote for it again,"

Clemmons said. "I believe we need to have a sustainable mechanism by which we can support our roads and bridges." All the attending lawmakers signaled support for the measure, including S.C. Sens. Luke Rankin, R, Ronnie Saab, D, and Stephen Golfinch, R; and S.C. Reps. Greg Duckworth, R, Lee Hewitt, R, Jeff Johnson, R and Russell Fry, R.

NOTE: Legislators also said new leadership at the top of state government, with Republican Gov. Nikki Haley leaving for a spot in the administration of President-Elect Donald Trump, could mean some legislation would encounter less resistance in Columbia. Haley vetoed multiple bills last legislative session, including one that would have required moped drivers to wear helmets and reflective vests, one that granted \$40 million in aid to farmers and another that allowed municipalities like Myrtle Beach to extend a sales tax slated for tourism advertising without a referendum. State lawmakers later overrode the farm aid cuts and the sales tax veto.

SC Delegation News:

Post and Courier: Scott says decision to run for governor will come down to 'God, my family and Trey Gowdy'

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/scott-says-decision-to-run-for-governor-will-come-down/article_2b4fdb5e-b657-11e6-bbab-63597a320d92.html

Emma Dumain

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott says three factors will be under consideration when deciding whether he'll run for governor in 2018. "God, my family, and Trey Gowdy," the South Carolina Republican told The Post and Courier on Tuesday. Scott is deeply spiritual, and he remains devoted to his relatives who still live back home in the Palmetto State. Gowdy, a fellow S.C. Republican and ally serving in the U.S. House, is Scott's closest friend on Capitol Hill. Scott is reportedly mulling a gubernatorial bid but on a joint ticket with Gowdy as his running mate. "He's my best friend in Congress," Scott said. "I lean on him pretty heavily on a lot of issues and we are a team." Scott stressed his real hope is for Gowdy, a former prosecutor and 7th Circuit solicitor, to be nominated and confirmed for a federal judgeship. Serving as lieutenant governor, Scott said, would be "a waste of (Gowdy's) talent" if judicial opportunities arose elsewhere.

NOTE: South Carolina's current governor, Nikki Haley, was nominated last week by President-elect Donald Trump to serve as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. Scott confirmed he has sat down with Haley since that announcement but wouldn't divulge what was discussed.

NOTE: Scott did, however, vehemently deny that there has been any discussion about whether Haley could be appointed to replace Scott in the U.S. Senate in the event Scott ran for and won the governorship.

NOTE: Haley made Scott a U.S. Senator in 2013 when a vacancy occurred, and Scott has since won election to a full six-year term.

NOTE: There has been some speculation that the ambassadorship would be a good stepping stone for Haley as she considers her own political options, possibly to include a run for president. Serving in Congress would be another notable line on her resume.

SC Political News:

The State: Lindsey Graham praises Trump's pick for HHS secretary

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article117749583.html>

Bristow Marchant

South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham has been a long-time critic of Donald Trump, but on Tuesday he agreed with one decision made by the president-elect. Graham praised Trump's pick to of conservative Georgia Rep. Tom Price to head the Department of Health and Human Services, touting Price's longstanding opposition to President Obama's Affordable Care Act. "Tom understands healthcare from the perspective of a practicing physician for more than twenty years," Graham said in a statement. "He will bring energy and experience to the table in helping to create a new healthcare system that focuses on affordability and sustainability. The American people deserve high-quality

results and I look forward to working with Dr. Price to repeal and replace Obamacare.”

Post and Courier: Declare election wasn't rigged, Graham says

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/declare-election-wasn-t-rigged-graham-says/article_73fcd9b2-b664-11e6-9963-4798d2efdd27.html

Emma Dumain

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham wants to end, once and for all, the chatter that the 2016 presidential election was "rigged." The South Carolina Republican will even introduce legislation if he has to that states the outcomes of the electoral and popular votes were arrived at fairly. Graham told reporters Tuesday on Capitol Hill he is seeking a Democratic co-sponsor for a resolution that would express a sense from Congress that the election was administered and determined without foul play. President-elect Donald Trump is continuing to tweet, but without offering evidence, there were irregularities at the polls that prevented him from prevailing in the popular vote where Democrat Hillary Clinton currently holds an overwhelming lead. "This thing is getting a little crazy," Graham told The Post and Courier. "If there are real problems with our election I want to know about it. I don't know what President-elect Trump is talking about, but if this is all talk, I want to put it to bed."

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press: The Latest: More potential church shooting jurors qualified

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xcnGI4ze

SC State Wire

Ten more potential jurors have been qualified in the trial of a white man accused of fatally shooting nine black parishioners at a South Carolina church. The process started Monday in the federal death penalty trial of Dylann Roof, who faces dozens of charges related to the June 2015 attack at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston. Juror qualification initially began Nov. 7 but was halted after Roof's lawyers requested a competency hearing, which was closed to media and the press. The judge deemed Roof was competent, and qualification began anew Monday. Many of those questioned say they're aware of the hearing but said that knowledge wouldn't sway them as jurors. Once 70 potential jurors have been qualified, that pool will be whittled down to 12 jurors and six alternates.

Associated Press: Church shooting defendant steps up participation in case

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e328f8a01ba94137b9c59062e259ef0d>

The white man accused of fatally shooting nine black parishioners at a South Carolina church began easing into his role as his own attorney Tuesday, although his former defense team began the day by saying it wanted a larger role in the case. Defense attorneys were demoted to advisers Monday when a judge ruled Dylann Roof could begin representing himself in his federal trial on dozens of charges including hate crimes and obstruction of religion. Against his attorneys' advice, Roof sought to act as his own attorney, giving no reason except the constitutional provision governing defendants' right to a speedy trial. Roof could face the death penalty if convicted in the June 2015 attack. Police say Roof sat through nearly an hour of prayer and Bible study at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church before pulling a gun and firing dozens of shots. According to police, he shouted racial insults and left three people unharmed so they could tell the world the shootings were because he hated black people. In court on Tuesday, capital defense expert David Bruck said Roof had given him "general authorization" to communicate with prosecutors on his behalf, particularly when it comes to emailing back and forth about court filings. Jailed during his trial, Roof has no access to email, Bruck noted, so he doesn't have the ability either to receive the documents electronically or share them with his advisers

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Michael Slagger Case:

Associated Press: The Latest: Witness: Slager appeared under high stress
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ayesqotl
SC State Wire

A defense witness has testified that what Michael Slager described when he shot an unarmed black motorist is consistent with being under a high level of stress. Charles Morgan, a forensic psychiatrist who teaches at Yale and the University of New Haven, testified Tuesday at Slager's murder trial in South Carolina. Slager, a white former North Charleston patrolman, faces 30 years to life if convicted of murder in the shooting death of 50-year-old Walter Scott as Scott fled a traffic stop in April of last year. The shooting was captured on dramatic cellphone video by a bystander. Slager testified that he felt "total fear" when he said Scott wrestled away his Taser, and that details of what happened were fuzzy. Morgan testified that high levels of stress can distort perceptions, can make colors seem brighter or vanish altogether and cause blanks in people's memories. Morgan testified that such experiences are perfectly normal in such situations.

Associated Press: Officer felt 'total fear' before shooting fleeing motorist
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KYO8E2Sa
Bruce Smith

Former North Charleston patrolman Michael Slager choked back tears on Tuesday, testifying in his own defense that he felt "total fear" when the black motorist he was chasing from a traffic stop got control of his Taser and pointed it at him. Slager, 35, faces 30 years to life if convicted of murder the shooting of 50-year-old Walter Scott, who managed to break away and run dozens of feet from the officer and his stun gun before falling to the ground with five bullets in his back. The April 4, 2015 shooting stunned the nation after a bystander captured the scene on a cellphone video, images that have been played multiple times in the courtroom during Slager's trial. "My family has been destroyed by it. The Scott family has been destroyed by it. It's horrible," he said.

Post and Courier: Michael Slager: 'I was in total fear that Mr. Scott didn't stop'
http://www.postandcourier.com/news/michael-slager-i-was-in-total-fear-that-mr-scott/article_8a6b731e-b5e4-11e6-b31f-4f831924634b.html

Andrew Knapp

Former North Charleston police officer Michael Slager on Tuesday gave the most exhaustive accounting yet of Walter Scott's shooting death when he took the witness stand in his own murder trial. With his voice cracking at times, Slager described in detail the events of April 4, 2015, when he pulled over Walter Scott on Rivers Avenue for a broken tail light in his 1990 Mercedes. Scott handed over his license, and Slager went back to his patrol car. Scott got out of his car and Slager told him to get back in, but moments later, Scott bolted from the car down nearby Craig Street. "Is it customary for people to run from a brake light being out?" defense attorney Andy Savage asked him. "No," Slager replied. "So what was in your mind at that time?" Savage said. "That Mr. Scott must have been running for another reason," Slager said. Slager continued to pursue Scott, pulling out his Taser and attempting to stun the man twice before Scott fell to the ground.

Wildfires Across Southeast:

Associated Press: 3 killed after wildfires scorch tourist area in Tennessee

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0byJp8NI

SC State Wire

Wildfires fueled by high winds killed three people near the Great Smoky Mountains and authorities went door to door Tuesday to check on the well-being of residents and visitors of the popular tourist area. The fires burned to the doorstep of the Dollywood theme park, destroyed a resort and chased thousands of people from their homes. National Guard troops arrived to help overwhelmed firefighters, and Mother Nature provided a little relief as the winds calmed and rain fell in some areas.

Forecasters said it would not be enough to end the relentless drought that has spread across the South and set the stage over the past few weeks for wildfires in Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina. Linda Monholland, who was working at Park View Inn in Gatlinburg, said it was about 9 p.m. Monday when she left her workplace with about five other people. Surrounded by flames the whole way, they walked for about 20 minutes to a trolley to evacuate.

Associated Press: The Latest: Officials say 3 dead in Tennessee wildfires

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

SC State Wire

A Tennessee mayor says three people have died in the wildfires that destroyed hundreds of homes and businesses near the Great Smoky Mountains. Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters said Tuesday afternoon that he didn't have any details on the deaths. The mayor says authorities are going door-to-door to make sure everyone is safe. About a dozen people have been injured. Gatlinburg's mayor says they firefighters are still battling hotspots and there will be a curfew in effect Tuesday night. More than 14,000 residents and tourists were forced to evacuate the tourist city in the mountains.

Associated Press: Wildfires scorch tourist area in Tennessee; thousands flee

<http://bigstory.ap.org/1f268067914d47adbb1ec15c729445b3>

Wildfires fueled by high winds roared through parts of the Great Smoky Mountains, burning the doorstep of the Dollywood theme park, destroying a resort and chasing thousands of people from their homes. National Guard troops arrived Tuesday to help overwhelmed firefighters, and Mother Nature provided a little relief as the winds calmed and rain fell in some areas. Forecasters said it would not be enough to end the relentless drought that has spread across the South and set the stage over the past few weeks for wildfires in Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina. Linda Monholland, who was working at Park View Inn in Gatlinburg, said it was about 9 p.m. Monday when she left her workplace with about five other people. Surrounded by flames the whole way, they walked for about 20 minutes to a trolley to evacuate. "There was fire everywhere. It was like we were in hell. Hell opened up," said Monholland, who was staying Tuesday at Rocky Top Sports World, an 80-acre sports facility that has been turned into a shelter. "Walking through hell, that's what it was. I can't believe it. I never want to see something like that again in my life, ever."

Greenville News: Greenville added to firefighting grant as rain helps

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/11/29/pinnacle-mountain-fire-crews-take-break-rain/94598834/>

Michael Burns

More than an inch of rain has fallen since yesterday on the largest wildfire in the South Carolina mountains in modern history, and more is on the way, providing much-needed relief for the drought-stricken area and the blaze itself. Crews have not been dispatched to the lines at the Pinnacle Mountain wildfire today because slick terrain, soggy ground and wet roads have made fire-management efforts more dangerous, according to the state Forestry Commission, and the aircraft that have been dropping water to fight the fire have been grounded by the weather. But the weather – wet for the first time in weeks – has certainly been good for the battle of the blaze, overall. It stands to depress the fire's intensity and slow its spread. Another inch of rain was forecasted for the area Tuesday night. Earlier Tuesday, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency authorized the addition of Greenville County to South Carolina's already-

approved Fire Management Assistance Grant, in which Pickens County was already included. The grant will provide federal funds to reimburse costs to the state to fight the fire that originated by an unattended campfire on Pinnacle Mountain.

Hurricane Matthew Recovery:

Island Packet: Dozens of Sea Pines beach homes still at risk after Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/article117714688.html>

Tersa Moss

Homes in the South Beach section of Sea Pines remain at high risk for future storm damage after Hurricane Matthew plowed through dunes and washed away sand, a Hilton Head Island town official said Tuesday. And no one knows when the houses — estimated to be dozens — will be safe again. The homes will remain at risk for damage from any strong storm until a beach renourishment project can be completed on the 8,000-foot stretch of coast, said Scott Liggett, the town's director of public projects and facilities and chief engineer. Storm surges from the Oct. 8 hurricane cut away sand, soil and vegetation about 75 to 100 feet deep along the South Beach section. For Bret Ellis, it left his pool foundation exposed for more than a month after the storm. The foundation has since been covered by sand from an emergency "scraping" project conducted by the town. That process pushes sand already on the beach up to the homes to provide a buffer. Ellis said the uncertainty of when his property will be properly protected is concerning. "The good news is that our damage is not as bad as it could be," he said. "The bad news is we have to fix the damage."

Local News:

Aiken Standard: Judge approves moving Murphy Village fraud case to January

http://www.aikenstandard.com/news/judge-approves-moving-murphy-village-fraud-case-to-january/article_452391d4-b656-11e6-b59e-3311829f99b8.html

Maayan Schechter

A federal judge has approved moving the case against 22 North Augusta area defendants indicted on fraud and racketeering charges stemming out of the Irish Traveler community of Murphy Village to next year. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Wednesday at the U.S. District Federal Courthouse in Columbia, with jury selection scheduled in December. But since the beginning of November, each defendant has asked the court to continue their case until the January 2017 term of court. "By requesting this continuance or consenting thereto the Defendants have waived their rights to a speedy trial," court records filed Tuesday state. The continuance was signed by U.S. District Judge Michelle Childs, who is overseeing the hearings. The U.S. Attorney's Office in early August announced the 45-count indictment of 20 North Augusta residents and two Augusta residents on racketeering and fraud charges dating back to 2011.

Associated Press: Man running from officer shot to death after fight in SC

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

SC State Wire

Authorities say a 31-year-old South Carolina man was shot to death after running from a car and getting into a fight with a sheriff's deputy. Sheriff's Lt. Shelia Cole said the man was a passenger in a car the Anderson County deputy was trying to pull over near Iva on Tuesday afternoon. Cole says one shot was fired, but investigators don't know if it came from the deputy's weapon. She says the deputy suffered a cut to the head and went to the hospital, but the injury shouldn't be life-threatening. Anderson County Coroner Greg Shore says an autopsy on the man will be performed Wednesday. Cole says the driver is in custody. Authorities did not release his identity or that of the deputy. The State Law Enforcement Division is investigating.

Aiken Standard: Attorneys: Motion to dismiss Lakeya Hicks' claims in Aiken traffic stop misleading the Court

http://www.aikenstandard.com/news/attorneys-motion-to-dismiss-lakeya-hicks-claims-in-aiken-traffic/article_33351132-b651-11e6-95db-0b36891451e6.html

Maayan Schechter

Attorneys for an Aiken County couple claiming they were subjected to unconstitutional searches in 2014 are calling efforts made by lawyers for the Aiken Department of Public Safety, its chief and four police officers to dismiss claims from one of the parties "unnecessary." Elijah Pontoon and Lakeya Hicks sued last year the city, the Aiken Department of Public Safety, four of its police officers and Chief Charles Barranco, alleging both were unconstitutionally searched during a traffic stop on Oct. 2, 2014. The federal lawsuit states two police officers performed a public cavity search of Pontoon in broad daylight after Hicks' vehicle was pulled over for a paper tag on Horry Street, near Richland Avenue. Hicks claimed her breasts were exposed during the search in front of male officers, court records state.

Associated Press: 1 dead, 2 survive by jumping from 2nd story in Conway fire

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9w2WerVU

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Authorities say one person died and two people had to jump to safety from a second floor window after a fire near Conway. Horry County Fire Rescue Battalion Chief Brian VanAernem told media outlets that firefighters were called to the home around 11:20 p.m. Monday. VanAernem says the people inside the home heard the smoke detector go off. The two people who jumped from the second story were taken to the hospital. Their conditions were not known. Firefighters found one person who died in the home. The victim's name has not been released. An autopsy has been ordered. Investigators are trying to determine to cause of the fire.

Associated Press: South Carolina inmate found hanged in jail

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kfxT3Oir

SC State Wire

A 48-year-old inmate at the Spartanburg County Detention Center was found hanged to death in his cell. Coroner Rusty Clevenger says a preliminary autopsy report shows Kelvin Thomas Taylor died of strangulation by hanging. Local media outlets report Taylor was being held on a Family Court warrant. State Law Enforcement Division agents are investigating. Sheriff Chuck Wright says Taylor was being held in the medical portion of the jail. Wright says Taylor initially was jailed in Greenville County after being hurt in a car crash, but was transferred to the Spartanburg County jail on other charges. Clevenger said Taylor was found Friday. His relatives could not be reached over the holidays and weekend, which led to a delay in notification.

Associated Press: South Carolina school board member charged in meth case

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=78giOzjA

SC State Wire

A member of the Lancaster County school board and a female companion are facing charges of trafficking methamphetamine. Sheriff Barry Faile told local media that 50-year-old James Brooks of Van Wyck and 37-year-old Carol Broom of Fort Mill were arrested early Saturday. Brooks was elected to the school board in 2014. Deputies said they stopped the couple's car after seeing it swerve on the road. After seeing an open beer bottle and metal tray with white powder, deputies searched the vehicle and found 24 grams of methamphetamine, nearly 4 grams of a substance suspected to be marijuana, a loaded shotgun and other drug-related items. Brooks and Broom are charged with trafficking methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. It wasn't immediately clear if either had an attorney.

The State: 3 SC professors on conservative group's watchlist of 'leftist' teachers

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/education/article117720968.html>

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Three S.C. professors — two from Clemson University and one from Coker College — have been

added to a new website that says it lists college professors who discriminate against conservative students and “advance leftist propaganda in the classroom.” Clemson assistant communications professor Chenjerai Kumanyika and American literature professor Susanna Ashton are among some 200 professors listed on the Professor Watchlist, a site that first appeared last week. A third S.C. professor, Coker assistant sociology and criminology professor Todd Couch, also is on the list. The website is run by a Turning Point USA, a conservative nonprofit that says it promotes fiscal responsibility, free markets and limited government to students. It encourages former students to submit tips to build the list. Professor watchlists can do more harm than good, according to Brandon Inabinet, a Furman University associate professor and president of the American Association of University Professors’ S.C. conference. Some professors are added wrongly because of misinformation, he said. Regardless of their accuracy, Inabinet said, professor listings can result in death threats or students choosing only professors who do not challenge their views.

Associated Press: Clemson's Swinney upset alleged racial slurs postgame focus

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SC State Wire

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney is upset that alleged racial slurs by his players took the focus off his team's 56-7 victory over South Carolina. Swinney said Sunday he talked with his players and they called the allegation "absolutely false." Some South Carolina players said the Tigers used the slurs in a scuffle during warmups Saturday night. Gamecocks linebacker Bryson Allen-Williams said a racial slur was used by a Clemson offensive lineman whose number he did not know. On Tuesday, Swinney blamed media for reporting the story without confirming the facts. He says this was an instance of getting headlines with a "shoot first, ask questions later." Swinney says he does not blame the South Carolina players.

The State: Dabo slams media for racial slur allegations coverage

<http://www.thestate.com/sports/college/acc/clemson-university/article117715613.html>

Matt Connolly

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said “it’s a shame” that the media tried to divert attention away from Clemson’s 56-7 victory against South Carolina on Saturday by reporting on Gamecocks’ players charges of racial slurs. “I give young people some grace,” Swinney said at his weekly news conference on Tuesday. “They’ll say some things from time to time. My problem is with the media people. I don’t give them much grace. They don’t give me none either.” USC linebacker Bryson Allen-Williams said after the game that a Clemson player “used the n-word, one of their offensive linemen. I don’t know which number.” USC wide receiver Terry Googer and defensive lineman Dante Sawyer also referenced racial slurs in postgame tweets, with Googer saying what he heard came from fans. “Instead of the headline being 23-1 in the last two years, instead of the headline being the seniors winning their 46th game and instead of the headline being the largest margin of victory ever against an SEC team and one of the most dominating performances ever, the headline is what someone said?” Swinney said.

Post and Courier: French aerospace giant Safran, supplier to Boeing's Dreamliner, expanding in Charleston region

http://www.postandcourier.com/business/french-aerospace-giant-safran-supplier-to-boeing-s-dreamliner-expanding/article_945a6560-b652-11e6-9ecb-034b544d8f8e.html

David Wren

French technology conglomerate Safran SA is expanding its operations with a new campus at Palmetto Commerce Park that will exclusively serve Boeing Co.'s 787 Dreamliner campus in North Charleston. The \$7 million expansion will combine the efforts of Safran's Landing Systems subsidiary, which makes wheels and brakes for the main landing gear, with a division that makes all of the electrical wiring for the Dreamliner, including wiring used in the landing gear. While the landing gear division is new to this area, the wiring division -- formerly known as Labinal Power Systems -- has been in the Charleston region since 2008. The wiring division already employs 21 people in North

Charleston and the addition of the landing gear operation is expected to add about 15 jobs. The new site includes about 25,000 square feet of manufacturing and administrative space. Paul McDowell, a general manager with Safran Electrical and Power, said the new facility will help the company better manage its just-in-time parts deliveries to the Dreamliner campus adjacent to Charleston International Airport a few miles away.

President-elect Trump News:

Associated Press: The Latest: Senator thinks Trump has narrowed State choices

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Sen. Bob Corker says he thinks Donald Trump has narrowed his choices for Secretary of State. The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee met with the President-elect Tuesday amid speculation about whom Trump will select for the role. Corker says Trump's "instincts on foreign policy are obviously very, very good." Corker says "it needs to be someone he's very comfortable with and he knows there's going to be no daylight between him and them." Asked about his intentions, Corker says, "I'm here." The Tennessee Republican adds that anyone interested in promoting U.S. interests around the world "would obviously want to talk about that." Trump is set to meet again today with 2012 Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney. He huddled yesterday with former CIA director David Petraeus.

Associated Press: Trump taps 'Obamacare' foe, champion of privatizing Medicare

<http://bigstory.ap.org/b4b4d5af9dfe4f769816a8df2f1cc5c9>

Reaching deep into conservative territory, President-elect Donald Trump chose Georgia Rep. Tom Price to oversee the nation's health care system on Tuesday, picking a fierce "Obamacare" critic who also has championed efforts to privatize Medicare. Trump selected another veteran Republican, Elaine Chao, to lead the Department of Transportation. Both have long ties to Washington. Price, picked to lead the Department of Health and Human Services after more than a decade in Congress, helped craft House Speaker Paul Ryan's plan to privatize Medicare — a position Trump opposed in the campaign. Chao, who was the first Asian-American woman to serve in a president's Cabinet, is married to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. Trump announced his choice of Price, while the selection of Chao was confirmed by a person with knowledge of the decision but not authorized to speak publicly.

Associated Press: Trump suggests 'consequences' for any flag-burners

<http://bigstory.ap.org/1c09318c59a948ed97a455729b922f7a>

President-elect Donald Trump said Tuesday that anyone who burns an American flag should face unspecified "consequences," such as jail or a loss of citizenship. But the Supreme Court has held that flag-burning is a form of speech protected by the First Amendment, and the Constitution forbids the government removal of citizenship for a natural-born American. Top congressional Republicans quickly distanced themselves from Trump's views. Trump's words, expressed on Twitter early Tuesday morning, put him at odds with the late Justice Antonin Scalia, who was in the majority in the 1989 decision that protected flag burning. Trump has called Scalia, who died in February, a great judge and said he would appoint someone to fill Scalia's seat who is much like the conservative legal icon. "Nobody should be allowed to burn the American flag — if they do, there must be consequences — perhaps loss of citizenship or year in jail!" Trump said in a tweet. It was not immediately clear what prompted the tweet, but just an hour before, FOX News had aired a story about college students who burned a flag.

Associated Press: Some voters, stung by election result, stirred to new action

<http://bigstory.ap.org/17fe6fd506bf49a7a5286274129b14cf>

Three weeks out from a presidential election result that left them deeply dejected, many liberals now say they've been roused to action in new ways, from making donations and volunteering to considering political runs themselves. Around the country, even as protests have waned, Democrats

say the sting of loss has left an impact unlike any past race, stirring previously passive citizens to push beyond their initial tears and angry Facebook posts following Donald Trump's win. Though post-election fervor has spurred conservatives to action as well, the gut-punch of a presidential loss has particularly energized those on the left. Brad Goar, a 56-year-old from Jupiter, Florida, made a flurry of moves he saw as constructive responses. He donated to Planned Parenthood and upped his monthly gift to Bernie Sanders' organization; he joined the American Civil Liberties Union and began volunteering at an organization that helps undocumented immigrants. He even invited a couple who voted for Trump to join him and his husband at their home for drinks, appetizers and some airing of electoral differences, which was mostly cordial all around. "I've never gotten my butt out of the chair before," Goar said. "But I see this as a dangerous turning point."

National News:

Associated Press: Official: Ohio attacker was angry about treatment of Muslims

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The Somali-born student who went on a car-and-knife rampage at Ohio State University railed on Facebook against U.S. interference in Muslim lands and warned, "If you want us Muslims to stop carrying lone wolf attacks, then make peace" with the Islamic State group, a law enforcement official said Tuesday. The posts from Abdul Razak Ali Artan's account came to light after Monday's violence, which left 11 people injured. Investigators are looking into whether it was a terrorist attack. "America! Stop interfering with other countries, especially the Muslim Ummah. We are not weak. We are not weak, remember that," he wrote, using the Arabic term for the world's Muslim community. The posts were recounted by a law enforcement official who was briefed on the investigation but wasn't authorized to discuss it publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. "Every single Muslim who disapproves of my actions is a sleeper cell, waiting for a signal. I am warning you Oh America!" Artan also wrote.

Associated Press: Ohio State attack echoes Islamic State group's brutal calls

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In chillingly detailed articles in a slick online magazine, Islamic State extremists exhorted English-language readers this fall to carry out attacks with knives and vehicles. Using those very methods, Somali-born student Abdul Razak Ali Artan injured 11 people Monday at Ohio State University, authorities say. It isn't clear whether Artan ever saw or heard about the magazine's instructions, but in a Facebook post made before the attack, he said that if the U.S. wanted Muslims to stop carrying out "lone wolf attacks," it should make peace with the Islamic State group. The posts were recounted by a law enforcement official who was briefed on the investigation but wasn't authorized to discuss it publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. The group has for a few years urged sympathizers to strike out alone with any weapons available. But it has reinvigorated that message in recent weeks in its new propaganda magazine and a video, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, a U.S. monitoring service that tracks militant postings.

World News:

Associated Press: Flight was taking Brazilian team to game of their lives

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These were going to be the games of their lives for players on the humble Brazilian club Chapecoense. They'd reached the two-game final of the Copa Sudamericana, the continent's No. 2 club tournament; as near the top the world's soccer pyramid as most of the itinerant players — and its coach — were likely to reach. The dream ended late Monday night when a charter flight carrying the club sliced into a Colombian hillside, killing 75 and scattering six survivors among the snarled remains of wings and fuselage. The flight was bound for Medellin, Colombia, and a first-leg match against Colombia's Atletico Nacional, which was to be followed a week later by the second and

decisive game in Brazil — the biggest the southern city of Chapeco and its 200,000 residents would ever see."This morning I said goodbye to them and they told me they were going after the dream, turning that dream into reality," Chapecoense board member Plino de Nes told TV Globo. "The dream was over early this morning."The team from an out-of-the-way industrial city near the Argentina border was in the middle of a fantastic season.

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