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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Summerville Journal Scene: Gov. Haley: Councilwoman Duncan 'will be one of our rockstars' in Columbia
<http://www.journalscene.com/20160607/160609835/gov-haley-councilwoman-duncan-will-be-one-of-our-rockstars-in-columbia>

Jenna-Ley Harrison

Gov. Nikki Haley met with a crowd of cheering Summerville residents at Miler Country Club Monday when she officially endorsed County Councilwoman Carroll Duncan for Statehouse. "This to me is the most solid endorsement I'll make," Haley said. She's been traveling the state in recent weeks endorsing various candidates in Georgetown, Florence, Rock Hill and Myrtle Beach. Duncan, who's been on county council since 2012, is running for House District 94, with a platform focused on fixing roads, ethics reform and keeping taxes low. According to Haley, Duncan has proven herself in "every aspect" of government at the local level, and it's time for her to do the same work at the state level. "She always knows a better way to do it," Haley said. "She would never be a vote to disappoint you. ...This year she will be one of our rockstars."

Post and Courier: Haley approves bill ensuring public input in school closings

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160606/PC1603/160609546>

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley signed a bill into law Monday requiring the Charleston County School District to hold public hearings on any school slated for closing before a vote is taken. The requirement will make it harder for the school district to shutter small, rural schools such as Lincoln Middle-High School in McClellanville. The move came after a divided board voted to close the school despite outcry from Lincoln alumni, parents and staff. The public hearing mandate was added to the Charleston Schools Balanced Budget Act requiring the school board to conduct a mid-year budget review. Haley also vetoed a broadly supported bill that would provide \$3.5 million to statewide and local firefighting efforts and first responders.

WBTW: Florence police department receives new body cameras for its officers

<http://wbtw.com/2016/06/06/florence-police-department-receives-new-body-cameras-for-its-officers/>

Nick Sturdivant

Last year, Governor Nikki Haley signed a bill requiring law enforcement agencies get body cameras. Back in July, the Florence Police Department announced they bought body cameras with the help of a \$23,000 grant. The department recently received 42 new cameras. "This is just putting a face now with a voice," said Police Chief Allen Heidler. Chief Heidler says before his officers were dependent on voice recorders. This will now put a face to the actual voice. "This is perfect for documenting officer and citizen contacts. We use these body cameras during training periods for the officers. Most recently was two weeks ago. We did a two week training with these officers," he explained.

Aiken Standard: Plutonium shipment from Japan arrives at Savannah River Site

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160606/AIK0101/160609652>

Thomas Gardiner

About 730 pounds of plutonium that left Japan on British flagged ships Pacific Heron and Pacific Egret has reached its destination at the Savannah River Site and the Y-12 National Security Complex

near Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The Aiken Standard, Associated Press and Japanese Kyodo News Agency reported in late March that the ships had been loaded in Japan and were en route to South Carolina. The ships were seen leaving the Japanese port in the Tokai village, northeast of Tokyo, on March 22, according to the Kyodo News Agency. The National Nuclear Security Administration confirmed the ships' arrival in a press release Monday evening. According to the release, the plutonium recovered from Japan will be prepared for disposition using the unique capabilities of the Savannah River Site for eventual disposal at DOE's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, or WIPP, near Carlsbad, New Mexico.

The State: Plutonium shipped through Charleston to SRS

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article82147677.html#storylink=apmobile>

Sammy Fretwell

A shipment of plutonium, a deadly ingredient in nuclear weapons, has arrived in South Carolina from Japan as part of an effort the government has said will prevent radioactive material from falling into the hands of terrorists and rogue states. Anti nuclear activists said ships carrying the plutonium apparently made it to Charleston over the weekend and the material was then trucked to the Savannah River Site near Aiken for storage. The National Nuclear Security Administration confirmed the plutonium's arrival but offered few details. The shipment is part of a plan to bring nearly a ton of plutonium to South Carolina from Europe, the Pacific Rim and North America. The material will be processed at SRS and eventually sent to a disposal site in New Mexico, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Japan Times: Ships with plutonium from Japan arrive in U.S.

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/06/07/national/ships-plutonium-japan-arrive-us/#.V1az1CMrLJx>

Eric Johnston

Two ships loaded with plutonium and highly enriched uranium from the Japan Atomic Energy Agency's Fast Critical Assembly reactor arrived Tuesday at the U.S. Department of Energy's Savannah River Site near Aiken, South Carolina. The British-flagged Pacific Egret and Pacific Heron were carrying 331 kg of weapon-usable plutonium. About 236 kg, used for nuclear-reactor testing in Japan, originated in the United Kingdom, while around 93 kg is of U.S. origin and 3 kg is of French origin, according to Savannah River Site Watch, a nongovernmental organization tracking the shipment. The two ships, which are usually used to transport spent nuclear fuel between Japan and Europe for reprocessing, departed the village of Tokai, Ibaraki Prefecture, in March and were originally expected to reach their destination last month.

Note: Their impending arrival had been the subject of heated debate in South Carolina, with that state's governor, Nikki Haley, in March demanding in a letter to Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz that the shipment be turned back or sent elsewhere.

Associated Press: Japanese plutonium arrives in SC, despite Haley's objections

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=buK3ONWP

Meg Kinnard

A shipment of plutonium from Japan arrived Monday at a South Carolina nuclear site, despite objections from Gov. Nikki Haley to her state being used as storage for such materials. In a news release, the National Nuclear Security Administration confirmed that 331 kilograms of plutonium had arrived at the Savannah River Site near Aiken. Federal officials also said that a shipment of highly enriched uranium has also been transferred to the Y-12 National Security Complex near Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Savannah River Site Watch, a watchdog group that monitors activity related to the site,

had estimated the plutonium would arrive in South Carolina last month. The shipment consists of plutonium supplied to Japan in the 1960s and 1970s for nuclear reactor research purposes. Note: Earlier this year, Haley demanded that U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz stop or reroute the shipment, writing, "It is imperative to the safety of our citizens and our environment that South Carolina not allow this to happen. ... God bless."

Savannah River Site/MOX News:

Aiken Standard: MOX now accepting contract bids for heating, AC and ventilation

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160606/AIK0101/160609637>

Thomas Gardiner

Bids are due this week for the heating, ventilation and air conditioning, or HVAC, construction subcontract at the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication facility at Savannah River Site. MOX Services issued the request for proposals at the beginning of last month. A request for proposals, or RFP, calls for potential contractors to submit bids to fill work or project needs. RFPs include detailed information about work to be performed, and companies submit bids for the contract. The project managers measure the bids against and award the contract to one of the bidding companies. The MOX plutonium disposition project has been a hot-button item for politicians and nuclear watchdogs, and is the crux of a lawsuit filed by South Carolina against the U.S. Department of Energy.

General Assembly News:

WFXG: Millions allocated to Pee Dee and Grand Strand roads in state infrastructure bill

http://m.wfxg.com/wfxg/db_346286/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ubvSbWzQ

Ken Baker

South Carolina Senate Bill 1258 would allocate millions of dollars toward repairing roads and bridges in the Pee Dee and Grand Strand if it is signed into law by Gov. Nikki Haley. In total, 79 bridges would be replaced in the Pee Dee. Florence County would see one bridge repaired and 10 bridges in Horry County would be replaced. The bill allocates \$4 billion to be at the ready to go toward fixing roads across the state. Of that \$4 billion, \$32 million is allocated to Florence County, while an additional \$36 million would go to Horry County. "Well the beauty of it is that it's a start," said Mike Wooten, chairman of the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission. "The main thrust of the money for this is for widening and improving interstate projects that really need done across the state. Most of them (are) on I-26, I-20 and I-86."

WIS: State lawmakers plan their own reforms for Richland County Recreation Commission

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32157964/state-lawmakers-plan-their-own-reforms-for-richland-county-recreation-commission>

Charles Molineaux

State lawmakers from Richland County declared the time has come for them to take whatever action they can to reform the scandal-plagued Richland County Recreation Commission. On June 17, members of the Richland County legislative delegation plan to hold a special meeting to deal with the commission. "We can't just sit back, after the events of the last four weeks, and pretend that we don't have a crisis," exclaimed Senator Joel Lourie. "We got a crisis. We've got an agency in crisis. And it's spinning out of control."

SC Political News:

Associated Press: Fred Sheheen, ex-higher education head, killed in crash

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=672e1bHP

SC State Wire

Fred Sheheen, former commissioner of the state Commission on Higher Education and part of a long-standing South Carolina political family, has been killed in a car accident. Family spokesman Antjuan Seawright confirmed the death Monday. Seawright said Sheheen's grandson was hurt in the crash but was expected to recover. Sheheen, 79, worked as a reporter for The Charlotte Observer before serving as an aide to Gov. Donald Russell in the 1960s. He was South Carolina's commissioner of higher education in the 1980s and 1990s. His brother, Bob, served as the speaker of the South Carolina House. His son, Vincent, is a South Carolina state senator who twice has been the Democratic Party's gubernatorial nominee.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Last major round of presidential primaries

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160607/PC1603/160609515>

Gavin Jackson

Voters in six states will cast their presidential primary ballots today even with the Republican and now the Democratic presumptive nominee already decided. Numbers crunched late Tuesday by the Associated Press put Hillary Clinton right at the magic number 2,383 making her the first female presumptive presidential nominee of any political party in the country. Clinton has 1,812 pledged delegates won in primaries and caucuses and the support of 571 superdelegates, according to an AP count. Her opponent Vermont U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders has signaled he's not giving up and is expected to split the 694 Democratic delegates up for grabs in New Jersey, California, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota and South Dakota. California alone has 475 Democratic delegates up for grabs

SC Agency News:

Morning News: DOT officials give roads update to Florence Rotarians

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_b30cda16-2c45-11e6-aa7e-8f49a8c5581b.html

Joe Perry

Mike Wooten thinks he's probably not on Nikki Haley's Christmas card list. The South Carolina governor probably will not reappoint him to the Department of Transportation's commission when his term is up in February, and Wooten, the chairman, told Florence Rotarians on Monday that freedom gives him "a lot of liberty" to tell it like he sees it. Wooten and Ron Patton, the department's deputy secretary for intermodal planning, addressed the Florence Rotary Club at Victors and brought a dire message of how expensive it will be to fix our roads if South Carolina continues to be paralyzed by politics.

Note: Wooten called a current bill awaiting Haley's signature – or veto – "the Leatherman bill" in deference to Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman Sr.'s work in getting something passed by the Statehouse to fund the DOT. Without the bill, there's no funding, he said, noting the DOT hasn't seen a funding increase since 1987.

WLTX: 1,500 Foster Families Needed in SC

<http://www.wltx.com/news/local/1500-foster-families-needed-in-sc/234677067>

The department of Social Services needs 1,500 foster homes to fill the needs of children in the state. DSS recently crossed over to a new foster care system, with departments dedicated to both support and licensing. The agency was having issues licensing foster parents within a 120 day period; This new system is designed to fix that. The agency said they have seen improvements with this new system and are working to fill the need.

SC Elections:

The Herald: SC Senate leadership lines up behind Rock Hill's Hayes

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/politics-government/election/local-election/article82106652.html>

Bristow Marchant

With a week to go before the Republican primary in S.C. Senate District 15, incumbent Sen. Wes Hayes rolled out endorsements from several leading GOP senators at a Rock Hill news conference Monday, hoping to shore up his position in a hotly contested race. Current Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey, R-Edgefield, and former majority leader Harvey Peeler, R-Gaffney, were among four senators who spoke about Hayes' leadership on the top issues facing the S.C. Legislature this year, along with Tom Young of Aiken and Greg Gregory of Lancaster.

Note: Monday's news conference comes after Hayes' primary opponent, former York County GOP chairman Wes Climer, received an endorsement from Gov. Nikki Haley last week, and will host the governor at a fundraiser in Rock Hill on Thursday.

Note: In recent weeks, Haley has also endorsed challengers to other long-serving Republicans she's clashed with on one issue or another, including Sen. Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, the Senate's president pro tempore and one of the most powerful members of the Legislature, and Sen. Luke Rankin, R-Horry, chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee. Hayes said Haley seemed to be out to "erase the senior leadership" of the chamber.

Post and Courier: Mark Sanford, Jenny Horne face off in ETV debate

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160606/PC16/160609540>

Robert Behre

In their first and only debate, 1st Congressional District hopefuls Rep. Mark Sanford and Jenny Horne clashed over Donald Trump, women in the military and whether enemy combatants should continue to be held in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. But the two Republican primary opponents agreed on leaving Confederate monuments and street names in place, on opposing seismic testing offshore and a 12-year term limit for themselves. Those were the main topics that played out during their hourlong meeting Monday evening before a statewide television audience.

Morning News: Fowler, Skipper talk issues at Senate 31 forum

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_56cd4e06-2c4b-11e6-bfc6-2f5bf968742b.html

Joshua Lloyd

The Florence County Republican Party hosted a forum Monday evening for the candidates of South Carolina Senate District 31. Florence County Treasurer Dean Fowler and Richard Skipper, the former county GOP Chairman and small business owner, took part in the Q-and-A style event. The Senate 31 incumbent, Senate President Pro-tempore Hugh K. Leatherman Sr., was not present at the forum. According to a release by Leatherman's campaign, the 36-year incumbent was unable to attend the candidate forum because he started "a long-planned series of events" to meet with citizens and address concerns.

Independent Mail: VIDEO: 200 voters hear pitches from candidates in Anderson

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/200-voters-hear-pitches-from-candidates-in-anderson-34a6212c-bade-094c-e053-0100007f9fbe-382046161.html?d=mobile>

Kirk Brown

About 200 voters turned out Monday evening to hear from candidates at a political event hosted by the Independent Mail. A total of 22 candidates running in 10 different races were introduced by John

Huff, the Independent Mail's retired executive editor, at Voices & The Voters, which took place at Earle Street Kitchen & Bar in downtown Anderson. Seventeen of those candidates will be on the ballot in next week's Republican and Democratic primaries. The candidates covered an array of issues in their three-minute speeches.

Independent Mail: Three vying for open S.C. House District 7 seat

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/three-vying-for-open-sc-house-district-7-seat-34a26d4e-e7bf-268e-e053-0100007f20c6-382020281.html>

Kirk Brown

Voters will select a new face to serve in the South Carolina House of Representatives District 7 seat. Belton City Councilman Jay West and two political newcomers, Iva resident Dennis Ted Grindstaff and Honea Path businessman Blake Parker, are competing in the June 14 Republican primary to replace Mike Gambrell. Gambrell gave up his House seat after winning a special election last month to serve the final months of the late Billy O'Dell's term in the state Senate. The winner of this month's primary is not expected to face any opposition in the November general election for the seat that represents eastern and southern portions of Anderson County.

Independent Mail: GOP incumbent faces two primary challengers in S.C. House District 8

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/gop-incumbent-faces-two-primary-challengers-in-sc-house-district-8-34a6212c-badc-094c-e053-0100007f9-382043251.html>

Kirk Brown

In next week's Republican primary, a former legislator and a political newcomer are seeking to derail state Rep. Jonathon Hill's bid for a second term in the South Carolina House of Representatives. Hill's primary challengers in House District 8 are former state Rep. Don Bowen and Albert Howard, a minister who works as an assistant manager of T.D. Bank branch in Anderson. The winner of the GOP primary will face Democrat Barbara Jo Mullis of Townville in the November general election. District 8 covers western Anderson County.

The State: Richland County sheriff candidates face off at forum Tuesday

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article82107452.html#storylink=apmobile>

The two candidates for Richland County sheriff will outline their vision for the department during a forum at Embassy Suites Tuesday. Incumbent Leon Lott and challenger James Flowers will face off at the hotel on Stoneridge Drive just off I-126 and Greystone Boulevard, at 6:30 p.m., according to the candidates. Both are running for sheriff as Democrats in the June 14 primary election. Lott is seeking a sixth term in office. He ran unopposed in 2012 and defeated primary challenger Jim Reed in 2008. Flowers left the State Law Enforcement Division to run for sheriff. This is the first time he has run for elected office.

Independent Mail: Solicitor candidates square off in Anderson

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/solicitor-candidates-square-off-in-anderson-349e1dfd-d414-087f-e053-0100007f7214-382033941.html>

Nikie Mayo

Three candidates vying to be the 10th Judicial Circuit's top prosecutor talked Monday about efforts to decrease the time that passes between when a person is arrested and when that person goes to trial. The discussion prompted one candidate to issue a fiery challenge to one of his opponents. The candidates for solicitor, all Republicans, spoke at a forum hosted by the 1st Monday Club of Anderson.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: How the SC Senate sold us a fraudulent reform

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scoppe/article82055202.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

IF YOUR BOSS can't fire you, she's not your boss. If on top of that, a group of outsiders can secretly prevent her from hiring who she wants to hire, then I'm not sure she's anybody's boss. Such is the non-boss position Gov. Nikki Haley will find herself in if she signs what the Legislature passed last week in the name of "reform" of the parochial commission that runs the state Transportation Department. Does anyone really believe this is what reformers have been fighting for all session, and the previous session, and some of us for years before that?

Post and Courier: Gun reforms shot down

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160607/PC1002/160609528>

Editorial

If ever there were a year to reform gun laws in South Carolina, this was it. Too bad it didn't happen. It was less than a year ago that nine people were shot to death as they studied the Bible at Emanuel AME Church. The gun allegedly used in those murders was purchased only because of a clerical mistake in processing the background check of the man charged in that crime. It was a deadly mistake that wouldn't have been deadly except that the law allows a gun sale to be made even without a background check, if it takes longer than three days. That the Legislature was unwilling to pass a law to eliminate the possibility that such an error would happen again is astounding — and galling. A small adjustment to the waiting period could keep guns out of the hands of potential killers and assure the people of South Carolina that their lawmakers have their priorities straight.

Herald Journal: Prevost: Dark chapter in SC history is addressed

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160606/OPINION/160609888>

Guest Columnist: Gloria Prevost

After 11 years of litigation, the S.C. Department of Corrections has agreed to make real changes in the treatment of inmates with serious mental illness. A settlement agreement between the class-action plaintiffs, Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities Inc. (P&A) and the SCDC could end the brutal treatment of an estimated 3,500 offenders with serious mental illness in SCDC facilities. This is a long-needed agreement whose implementation can end a dark chapter in South Carolina history. Offenders with serious mental illnesses were subjected to abject brutality and neglect, much of which was captured on video and shocked the nation when shown in open court.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: The Latest: Tropical Storm Colin bypassing South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Pz9aVlic

SC State Wire

Tropical Storm Colin seems to be bypassing South Carolina. No rain was reported early Tuesday across the state, although earlier rain has brought the usual street flooding in downtown Charleston. The National Weather Service still has a tropical storm warning in effect for the entire coast, although winds are expected to be only around 15 to 25 mph, with occasional gusts up to 35 mph. Forecasters say no additional rain is expected. No injuries have been reported. Transportation Department officials say parts of nine roads are closed, six in Charleston County and three in Jasper County. South Carolina Electric & Gas reported 72 customers without service Tuesday morning. Jasper

County had the biggest problem with about three dozen customers without service.

Associated Press: Federal government to help cotton producers with costs

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0MBphCI7

SC State Wire

Federal officials have announced that cotton producers across the country will receive an estimated \$300 million as part of a cotton ginning cost-share program. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said in a news release Monday that the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency will provide about 60 percent more assistance to each farm than the 2014 cost-share program did. Cotton producers have from June 20 through Aug. 5 to sign up at a Farm Service Agency office to receive the one-time payment. Payments will be based on a producer's reported 2015 cotton acres and will be limited to a \$40,000 maximum per producer.

The State: Officials report more SC road deaths than this time last year

<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/south-carolina/article82079852.html#storylink=apmobile>

South Carolina Department of Public Safety officials said there were nine road deaths reported over the weekend. Officials said two deaths occurred on country roads, one occurred on an interstate and six took place on U.S. routes, S.C. roads and secondary roads. In six of the deaths, officials said a seat belt was not used, while one other did use a seat belt. Two of those killed were pedestrians. As of Sunday, 392 people have died on state highways, compared to 391 highway deaths during the same time period in 2015. Of the 265 motor-vehicle occupants who have died in 2016, 126 were not wearing seat belts.

Local News:

Associated Press: Hearing set in case of Charleston church shooting suspect

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=It2St8p3

Bruce Smith

A federal judge in South Carolina is scheduled to hold another hearing on the status of the case against a white man charged in the shooting deaths of nine black parishioners at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church a year ago. U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel is holding a Tuesday hearing in the case of Dylann Roof, who faces numerous federal counts, including hate crimes. U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch announced last month that prosecutors will seek the death penalty against Roof. No trial date has been set.

The State: Kids, cops, and racial tensions bring community leaders to Richland

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article82099767.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

The summit came about in response to an October altercation between a student at Spring Valley High School and a school resource officer, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said. The sheriff's department and Richland County sponsored the two-day event and brought in speakers from across the state – as well as speakers from Florida and Alabama. Lott emphasized the importance of community leaders accepting input from young people. "We're talking about what our kids should be doing – we need to listen to our kids," Lott said. Speakers dealt with topics such as how law enforcement should communicate in schools, the role of faith communities in impacting race relations, and how to successfully work with at-risk elementary students.

Post and Courier: At listening session, North Charleston residents voice concerns about Justice

Department review

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160606/PC16/160609549>

Melissa Boughton

Community members on Monday told the U.S. Department of Justice that the agency's nearly three-year review of the North Charleston police force will take too long and might not bring the lasting reform they seek. "We need systemic changes in the North Charleston Police Department, and the only way we feel we can get this done is through (a civil rights investigation by) the Justice Department," area activist Louis Smith said. "Too many African-Americans and Latinos are suffering at the hands of cops." Smith spoke at a listening session Monday night held by the Justice Department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, or COPS, which is seeking feedback on the police force in the wake of Walter Scott's shooting death last year. At least 60 people gathered at the Alfred Williams Community Life Center on Durant Avenue to speak about their experiences with officers and perceptions of the force. Many of their remarks were not favorable.

Island Packet: State gives Beaufort County kudos for transparency

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article82087847.html>

Lucas High

In a letter sent to Beaufort County Administrator Gary Kubic, S.C. Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom recently congratulated the county for making its check register available online. Eckstrom's letter acknowledged that access to this information is a valuable service to citizens and demonstrates a commitment to fiscal transparency, according to a county news release. Last year, the county introduced its online financial transparency site as a resource to help provide information about how the county utilizes public funds.

Associated Press: Assistant high school principal accused of groping teacher

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Wi3nUxDS

SC State Wire

An assistant principal at a Greenville County high school has been accused of groping and fondling a teacher without consent on school grounds. Citing a Greenville County Sheriff's Office arrest warrant, news outlets report that 46-year-old Tyrone Talbert was arrested Friday and charged with second-degree assault and battery. Talbert works at Blue Ridge High School in Greer. Deputies say the Greenville County school district on Thursday notified authorities about an allegation of sexual harassment and placed Talbert on administrative leave the same day.

Greenville News: Greenville County Schools assistant principal arrested

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/06/06/greenville-county-schools-assistant-principal-arrested/85508184/>

Romando Dixson

An assistant principal at Blue Ridge High School groped and fondled a teacher without consent on school grounds, the Greenville County Sheriff's Office said. Tyrone Talbert, 46, of Birkhall Circle in Greenville, was charged with second-degree assault and battery, according to an arrest warrant. The incident happened in his office at the school, the arrest warrant states. The Greenville County school district on Thursday notified authorities about an allegation of sexual harassment, the Sheriff's Office said. Talbert was placed on administrative leave the same day. Investigators charged and arrested Talbert on Friday.

Sun News: Horry Board of Education approves \$7.4 million needed for renovations

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/education/article82152532.html>

Overbudget renovations at two Horry County schools will continue now that the Board of Education approved delaying two other projects. The district needs another \$7.4 million to finish the scope of renovations at Midland Elementary and North Myrtle Beach Middle schools. The board voted to delay a replacement building for the Horry County Education Center and renovations to Aynor Middle School during its regular meeting Monday.

Herald-Journal: Spartanburg District 6 OKs \$89.3M budget with no tax increase

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160606/articles/160609762>

Zach Fox

The Spartanburg School District 6 board of trustees unanimously approved an \$89.3 million budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year Monday night. The budget, which doesn't require a tax increase, is a 4.9 percent increase from the spending plan of the current fiscal year, which ends June 30. The new budget goes into effect July 1. The largest increase in the new spending plan is a 2-percent cost of living adjustment for district employees, said Chief Financial Officer Omar Daniels. Experience-based salary increases, mandated by the state, also contribute to the bulk of the overall budget increase.

The State: New bridge is 'first step in many' to healing flood's wounds

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article82147362.html#storylink=apmobile>

Cassie Cope

Rain drizzled Monday on Transportation Department contractors as they wrapped up construction of a new Rockbridge Road bridge, replacing a structure that washed out during October's flooding. The new bridge over Spring Lake is set to reopen by June 15. But, if weather permits, the bridge could reopen by the end of this week, Transportation officials say. Reopening Rockbridge Road, in an area devastated by October's flooding, is "the first step in many that need to be implemented in order to get all of our major traffic arteries back online," said Forest Acres Mayor Frank Brunson.

Post and Courier: Charleston airport budget for next year jumps nearly 20% to \$46.8M

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160606/PC05/160609583>

Warren L. Wise

Driven by a terminal expansion and more passengers, next year's spending plan for Charleston County Aviation Authority is anticipated to climb nearly 20 percent. The agency that oversees Charleston International and two smaller airports in Mount Pleasant and on Johns Island projects revenues of about \$46.8 million for its 2016-17 budget year that begins July 1. The plan includes six new employees and a 3 percent merit-based raise for the agency's 182 employees. "It's a very realistic budget," authority CEO Paul Campbell said. "It shows the growth of the airport and planning for the future as the airport expands to handle more people moving to the Lowcountry to do business and visit Charleston. It makes sure we keep the passengers, tenants and people who work here safe and secure."

Aiken Standard: Autoneum breaks ground on facility expansion

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160606/AIK0101/160609635>

Dan Brown

Ahead of the threat of rain on Monday, Aiken County officials and Autoneum executives were able to find a swatch of blue sky and turn a few shovels of dirt to break ground on its new facility at the company's automotive manufacturing plant on Powderhouse Road. The plant expansion could bring 41 new jobs and invest approximately \$35.5 million into Aiken County's economy, officials said. Autoneum North America, a producer and developer of automotive components and systems for noise and heat protection, is looking to expand its Aiken operations. The company is headquartered

in Winterthur, Switzerland, and operates 50 production sites including Aiken.

Herald-Journal: BMW's new body shop to double size of facility

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160605/articles/160609893>

Bob Montgomery

Not only is BMW adding 800 new jobs to its 8,000-employee workforce with a \$1 billion expansion project announced in March 2014, but it will have 1,700 robots doing much of the work when the latest body shop opens. Work is underway on a 1.2 million-square-foot body shop at the 1,150-acre Greer campus that will equal the size of BMW's original production plant that opened in 1994. The current expansion project represents the plant's fifth major upgrade and follows a \$900 million expansion in 2012. The new body shop is being built in two phases. The exterior of the structure in the first phase is finished, and the interior is being readied for production. The steel frame of the adjoining structure is being erected. No completion date has been set.

Post and Courier: Magic Johnson to establish \$2.5 million scholarship at S.C. State

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160606/PC20/160609551>

Andrew Miller

Earvin "Magic" Johnson will partner with South Carolina State University to raise \$2.5 million toward a scholarship, which will bear the five-time NBA champion's name. It's the largest single philanthropic donation for the financially troubled university. The Earvin "Magic" Johnson Endowed Scholarship Fund will support students who are working toward a business degree at the school. "I am overjoyed by the opportunity to continue my commitment to higher education through my partnership with S.C. State University," said Johnson, who is chairman and CEO of Magic Johnson Enterprises. "Since visiting the university over a year ago, we have worked to develop meaningful ways to contribute to its success. This endowment will help continue the legacy of our nation's historically black colleges and universities. I encourage all corporate and socially responsible citizens to support HBCUs."

Greenville News: Greenville deputies to carry heroin antidote

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/06/06/greenville-deputies-carry-heroin-antidote/85241984/>

Anna Lee

Greenville County deputies will soon be carrying naloxone, a life-saving drug that reverses the effects of heroin overdose. The medication — more commonly known as Narcan — is an opiate blocker that works like an EpiPen, said Sgt. Jeff Ward, who's spearheading the effort at the Sheriff's Office. "Briefly put, Narcan pushes the opiates off the cells in the brain that allows a person to regain their breathing," Ward said. A longtime deputy who also is a paramedic, Ward said law enforcement agencies nationwide are rolling out naloxone programs in response to the skyrocketing number of opioid overdoses.

National News:

Associated Press: History in hand, Clinton faces voters as presumptive nominee

<http://bigstory.ap.org/a6c31e9a7791497b8950a3e3d3d40de4>

Julie Pace and Ken Thomas

History already in hand, Hillary Clinton will celebrate becoming the first woman to lead a major American political party Tuesday following votes in California, New Jersey and four other states — contests Clinton hopes send her into the general election in strong standing. Clinton reached the 2,383 delegates needed to become the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee on the eve of

Tuesday's voting, according to an Associated Press tally. Her total is comprised of pledged delegates won in primaries and caucuses, as well as superdelegates — the party officials and officeholders who can back a candidate of their choosing.

Associated Press: Southeast gets more rain as Tropical Storm Colin heads east

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Tamara Lush and Jason Dearen

Tropical Storm Colin was expected to continue dropping heavy rains over the Southeast on Tuesday after moving across northern Florida, knocking out power and flooding roads. Florida Gov. Rick Scott declared a state of emergency as the storm churned its way across the state into southeast Georgia, and The National Hurricane Center said Colin marked the earliest that a third named storm has ever formed in the Atlantic basin. By 5 a.m. EDT Tuesday, the storm was moving into the Atlantic, away from the Georgia coast. Scott said in an interview that there were no reports of major damage, but the state will be tracking flooding from the sudden deluge of rain, much of which fell during high tides Monday. He said Florida has seen severe flooding in unlikely places after previous storms.

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