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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley decides to attend Republican convention in Ohio

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SC State Wire

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has decided to attend the Republican National Convention in Ohio next month. Spokesman Rob Godfrey said Tuesday that Haley will attend alongside South Carolina's delegation. But, unlike in 2012, she has no plans to address the convention. The Republican governor has been very vocal in her criticism of Donald Trump. But Haley has continued to say she would support the Republican nominee. She endorsed Marco Rubio ahead of South Carolina's presidential primary. Earlier this month, Haley said she wished Trump communicated differently because bad things result from divisive rhetoric, as evidenced by last June's massacre at a historic black church in Charleston. Haley said then she would wait until after the legislative session to make a decision about Cleveland. The session ended last Wednesday.

Post and Courier: Gov. Haley to attend GOP National Convention

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160621/PC1603/160629857>

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley said Tuesday she will join Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster in leading the state delegation to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland next month. The S.C. Republican Party announced earlier this month that Haley could be an honorary co-chairman alongside U.S. Sen. Tim Scott if the two decided to attend the convention July 18-21. Haley, who is not a fan of presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump, put off the decision until after the passage of the state budget and the Emanuel AME Church shooting anniversary from earlier this month. "The governor plans to attend the Republican National Convention alongside the South Carolina delegation," Haley's Deputy Chief of Staff Rob Godfrey said in an email. Godfrey said Haley was not asked to speak on stage, as she did in 2012, and has no plans to do so.

The State: Trump or not, SC's Gov. Haley to attend GOP convention

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article85058467.html>

Jamie Self

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley plans to attend next month's Republican National Convention in Cleveland, where New York billionaire Donald Trump is slated to become the GOP presidential nominee. Haley will attend the convention alongside the state's delegation, deputy chief of staff Rob Godfrey said Tuesday. A critic of Donald Trump's rhetoric and policy proposals, Haley had not decided earlier this month whether she would attend the convention. Trump won South Carolina's primary, taking 33 percent of the vote. He beat U.S. Sens. Marco Rubio of Florida and Ted Cruz of Texas, who finished second and third, respectively, with roughly 22 percent of the vote each.

Fox News: SC students to go to school on Constitution under new law

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/06/21/sc-students-to-go-to-school-on-constitution-under-new-law.html>

Michelle Leibowitz

When public school opens in South Carolina next fall, students could begin getting an earful on the Constitution and Bill of Rights under a new state law, but some critics wonder why it took an act of the legislature to ensure kids learn about America's founding documents. Republican Gov. Nikki Haley last month signed the South Carolina Founding Principles Act, which requires that schools teach students about the two key documents as well as the Federalist Papers and the system of checks and balances laid out by the founding fathers. "When our students are informed, they are empowered - and there is nothing more powerful than the wisdom of our nation's founding documents," Haley spokeswoman Chaney Adams told FoxNews.com in an email. "They should always be part of what our children learn in school."

General Assembly News:

The State: Richland legislators: Suspend embattled recreation director Brown

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article85024002.html>

Avery G. Wilks

State lawmakers from Richland County called Tuesday for the suspension of the county Recreation Commission's executive director until law enforcement investigations into his office are complete. James Brown III would be suspended with pay if the Richland County Recreation Commission, which has authority to hire and fire its director, follows the legislators' recommendation. The Recreation Commission's board is appointed by Richland legislators. However, the legislators' recommendation is advisory only.

Orlando Shooting:

Associated Press: No 'magic bullet' against jihadist propaganda, Lynch says

<http://bigstory.ap.org/8e6bd6cf5b7e4b239579fbeece1d860a>

Eric Tucker and Mike Schneider

The Orlando massacre at a popular gay nightclub underscores the challenges faced by the U.S. government in countering the narrative of radical extremism, Attorney General Loretta Lynch said Tuesday. Lynch told The Associated Press in an interview that no one yet has "found the magic bullet" to prevent individuals from being inspired to violence by jihadist propaganda they read on the Internet. Her visit to Orlando included what she described as a "very difficult meeting" with victims' relatives, briefings with law enforcement officials and visits with first responders. As officials investigate the June 12 attack at the Pulse nightclub, Lynch said there's no doubt that Omar Mateen had read and been interested in extremist propaganda. In a 911 call made from the club, he also pledged solidarity with the Islamic State.

Michael Slager Case:

Associated Press: Motorist shooting trial set week before church shooting case

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

Bruce Smith

A South Carolina judge said Tuesday that the murder trial of a former North Charleston police officer

will be held as scheduled, just a week before a federal trial begins across the street for the man accused of killing nine people in a Charleston church. "The victims are entitled to have this matter addressed, tried and resolved," Judge Clifton Newman said as the family of Walter Scott attended the hearing. Newman is handling the murder trial of Michael Slager, who fatally shot Scott during a traffic stop in April 2015. The 34-year-old former officer was captured on cellphone video firing eight times as Scott tried to run away, a case that inflamed a national debate about how white officers treat blacks. Scott's parents and family members attended Tuesday's hearing.

Post and Courier: Judge won't reschedule Michael Slager's trial, set for Oct. 31

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160621/PC16/160629885>

Andrew Knapp

A judge Tuesday refused to move the trial this fall of former policeman Michael Slager even as federal authorities plan to prosecute Dylann Roof a week later. Circuit Judge Clifton Newman's stance on the scheduling conflict keeps the two nationally prominent cases on track to unfold simultaneously across the street from each other. If any unforeseen wrinkle arises, though, that could change, he said during a morning hearing in downtown Charleston. "If some other trial is ongoing at the time, then another trial will be ongoing," the judge said. "I'm not required to change anything based on ... developments in other cases in other places. The victims are entitled to have this matter addressed, resolved and tried. The defense is entitled to the same."

Savannah River Site/MOX News:

Aiken Standard: DOE celebrates new Salt Waste Processing Facility at Savannah River Site

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160621/AIK0101/160629931>

On Tuesday, the U.S. Department of Energy celebrated the newly constructed Salt Waste Processing Facility at the Savannah River Site with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Dr. Monica C. Regalbuto, DOE assistant secretary with the Office of Environmental Management, was the guest speaker for the event. Other participants included DOE-Savannah River Manager Jack Craig, Parsons Executive Vice President Anthony Leketa and Senior Vice President and SWPF Project Manager Frank Sheppard. The Salt Waste Processing Facility is a key component of the liquid waste program at the Savannah River Site. SWPF will treat highly radioactive salt solutions currently stored in underground tanks at SRS. Removing salt waste, which fills more than 90 percent of tank space in the SRS tank farms, is a major step toward emptying the Site's remaining 43 high level waste tanks.

SC Political News:

McClatchy DC: S.C.'s Graham, Scott stick to party line on Senate gun control vote

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/congress/article84951617.html>

Vera Bergengruen

South Carolina Sens. Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott voted along party lines on Monday evening, as four amendments intended to keep guns out of the hands of terror suspects in the wake of the Orlando shooting failed in the Senate. The failed amendments included Republican proposals to boost funding for the national background check system and Democratic measures intended to allow the Justice Department to ban gun sales to people whose names appear on federal terror watch lists. The second Democratic amendment proposed expanding background checks to include online and private gun sales. None of the measures received the bipartisan support they needed to advance. Both South Carolina senators are card-carrying members of the National Rifle Association, which endorsed their congressional races, and have earned "A" ratings for their voting record against gun

control legislation.

Greenville News : Graham backs gun ban for those on no-fly list

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/06/21/graham-backs-gun-ban-those-no-fly-list/86188432/>

Donovan Slack

Hope for any movement in Congress to change gun laws shifted Tuesday to a proposed compromise spearheaded by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, that would prevent people on no-fly lists from buying guns. The measure would affect roughly 2,700 Americans, a smaller subset than those on terror watch lists covered by two bills the Senate rejected mostly along party lines Monday. And it would allow individuals denied firearms to appeal in court. It's unclear how much support Collins can draw for the legislation. Only a handful of senators have voiced their backing so far, including Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H.; Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz.; and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. "I own an AR-15, and if you're on this list, it doesn't bother me you can't buy one right away," Graham said.

SC Elections:

Post and Courier: Controversial state Sen. Lee Bright to battle June 28 in a runoff to stay in politics

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160621/PC1603/160629860>

Maya T. Prabhu

South Carolina state Senate firebrand Lee Bright will fight to keep his seat when he goes up against his governor-backed opponent Scott Talley in the Republican primary runoff election next Tuesday. Bright, of Spartanburg County, got the support of six of his Republican colleagues in a Tuesday press conference. Sens. Kevin Bryant of Anderson and Danny Verdin of Laurens, and Reps. Bill Chumley of Woodruff, Mike Burns of Taylors, Tommy Stringer of Greer and Jonathon Hill of Townville, all expressed their support of the two-term senator. Their alliance came as Gov. Nikki Haley stepped into the race last week, throwing her support behind Talley, a former colleague in the S.C. House of Representatives. Talley, a Moore resident, served in the House from 2011 to 2009.

Post and Courier: S.C. Chamber-aligned PAC endorses Roy Maybank in runoff against Sandy Senn

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160621/PC1603/160629873>

Maya T. Prabhu

The S.C. Chamber of Commerce's political action committee on Tuesday endorsed Roy Maybank in next week's runoff election against Sandy Senn for state Sen. Paul Thurmond's open seat. The S.C. Good Government Committee called Maybank a clear choice. "Roy Maybank understands what it takes to reduce the size and scope of government, find a long-term solution for our roads, and promote policies that allow for the private sector to create jobs," the organization said in a press release.

Senn received nearly 40 percent of the vote last week's four-way race with Maybank pulling in about 23 percent. The two candidates split endorsements Monday from the other two hopefuls in last week's primary. Former candidate Culver Kidd backed Maybank, while Tim Mallard endorsed Senn.

Morning News: Florence District 2 runoff shows sparse turnout early Tuesday

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_e0f41844-37e0-11e6-af3e-c7800399560c.html

Joshua Lloyd

Voter turnout for the Florence City Council District 2 primary runoff election between Florence School District 1 Board Member Pat Gibson-Hye Moore and Florence County Democratic Chairwoman LaShonda NeSmith was meager around lunch time on Tuesday. Out of the 14 precincts in District 2,

at least half showed voter totals at less than ten people around 1 p.m. Florence Precinct 1 – Mt. Zion AME Church – is typically the largest precinct in that district. At 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday just over 70 people had shown up to vote at that precinct. The June 7 primary for this seat included five candidates and drew just over 700 votes in a district with nearly 8,200 registered voters – that's less than a 10 percent turnout.

Greenville News: Sheriff Loftis defends himself against mailer accusations

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/06/20/greenville-county-sc-sheriff-steve-loftis-challenger-will-lewis/86144542/>

Romando Dixson

Greenville County Sheriff Steve Loftis on Monday responded to what he believes has been dirty campaigning with his strongest comments to date about the challenger to his re-election bid. Will Lewis, his challenger in a runoff next week, paid for a mailer that made allegations about Loftis involving tax evasion, daytime drinking and the selling of a gun. The sheriff said Lewis sent the mailers, distributed the weekend before the primary, in an "attempt to manipulate voters." "The content of the mailers was not only untrue, it was hateful, and aimed to distract from Lewis' record of misconduct," Loftis said at a news conference in downtown Greenville. "He knew this information was false."

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: SC ranking on children's well-being improves slightly

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

Meg Kinnard

The overall well-being of South Carolina's children continues to trend upward, even as poverty in the state worsens, according to a national report released Tuesday. The Kids Count survey, issued by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Children's Trust of South Carolina, its local partner organization, ranks the state 41st overall in a child's chances of succeeding. That's up from 42nd last year and the highest ranking South Carolina has achieved in the report's existence. Published annually, the Kids Count survey provides vital data for a nationwide network of projects. Here, that's administered by the Children's Trust of South Carolina, a statewide organization focused on the prevention of child abuse, neglect and injury and advocates for the overall well-being of children.

Local News:

Associated Press: Mother's lawyer: She was insane when she killed her children

<http://bigstory.ap.org/3198586308af40d9820848374b265f84>

A woman who shot her daughter and son as they slept belongs in a mental hospital, not prison, her lawyer said, asserting that she suffered from bipolar disorder and paranoia so intense that she had been hospitalized for delusions before the killings. Suzanna Brown Simpson also shot her husband, who came to the murder trial in a wheelchair, and tried to kill herself by smashing her truck into a tree. The Greenville News is covering her jury trial in Pickens County, South Carolina. It reports (<http://grnol.co/28LBxfu>) that a deputy was nearly in tears as he testified Monday about finding the children slain in their beds. Prosecutors are not pursuing the death penalty. They're aiming for a 30-year sentence in the jury trial.

Post and Courier: Charleston County jail deputy accused of being paid to give inmate cellphones granted bond

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160621/PC16/160629874>

Dave Munday

A former Charleston County detention center deputy was arrested after being accused of selling cellphones and chargers to an inmate. Milton Lee Parish Judge, 27, of Johns Island, told the Charleston County Sheriff's Office he met with a woman between February and March at Panera Bread in North Charleston, and she gave him two cellphones and chargers to give to inmate Martin Ballard, according to an arrest affidavit. The woman paid him \$300 and Judge gave Ballard the contraband during one of his shifts at the jail, the document states. Judge had been with the Sheriff's Office since May 30, 2014, and resigned June 3.

Post and Courier: 48 Charleston County schools change start times in 2016

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160621/PC16/160629863>

Paul Bowers

In an attempt to fix some chronically late bus routes, the Charleston County School District has announced new bell schedules for 48 of its 61 schools and programs. Starting in the fall, many schools will make tiny modifications to their starting times. In North Charleston schools, for example, nearly every elementary school will start five minutes earlier than before. Other changes will be more dramatic. Two schools, Murray-LaSaine Elementary and Daniel Jenkins Academy, will each meet one hour and five minutes earlier starting in the fall.

Associated Press: Happy Landings: \$25M in improvements for Spartanburg airport

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3LUwgoHU

SC State Wire

Work is set to begin next week on a \$25 million improvement project for the runway at the Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport. Airport director Darwin Simpson tells the Herald-Journal of Spartanburg (<http://bit.ly/28JHYfX>) that almost 2 million cubic yards of dirt will be hauled in to extend the safety zones at either end of the runway by a total of 1,700 feet. The dirt will be piled up used to level with the existing paved runway. Currently there is a drop off at the end of the runway. Simpson tells the newspaper the work will bring the runway into compliance with Federal Aviation Administration safety standards.

Post and Courier: Ride-hailing service Lyft has go-ahead to launch in South Carolina, regulators say

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160621/PC05/160629879>

Thad Moore

The ride-hailing service Lyft has the go-ahead to start offering rides in South Carolina. The state Office of Regulatory Staff issued a permit Tuesday to the San Francisco-based company, clearing the way for Uber's primary competitor to launch service in the Palmetto State. Still, it wasn't immediately clear when the ride-hailing app would go live in South Carolina. Lyft has said it's eyeing the Charleston market, indicating last week that it planned to launch here "in the near future." A Lyft spokeswoman could not be reached immediately for comment Tuesday on the company's plans.

Aiken Standard : Scuttle's Island releases new details about proposed North Augusta water park

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160620/AIK0101/160629955>

Michael Smith

Scuttle's Island is paddling along, with water park developers releasing new renderings, as well as photos of disassembled ride components. New details about proposed slides, parking plans and a revised map are among the documents obtained by the Aiken Standard. In addition to adult and children's slides, Scuttle's Island also will include a nearly 2,000-foot lazy river and a wave pool, park

plans show. As of Monday, revised documents had not been submitted to North Augusta Planning and Zoning, said Planning Director Scott Sterling. While Scuttle's Island doesn't require a zoning change, the park does need to go through a two-step review process, which could take months.

Greenville News: Pickens County earmarks \$23 million for new jail

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/06/21/pickens-county-council-earmarks-23-million-new-jail/86179798/>

Ron Barnett

Pickens County Council earmarked \$23 million from county reserves toward construction of a new 322-bed jail but stopped short of committing to building the facility as recommended by a consultant. "I'm just making sure that we designate and hold that money for the jail and go through the report and we can come back later and look at it," Councilman Neil Smith said. The action came during amendments made at third and final approval of the 2016-17 budget Monday night. Council Chairman Jennifer Willis reiterated that the amendment doesn't commit the council to spending \$23 million from reserves for a jail, but only that that money can't be used for anything else while the council decides what to do.

Island Packet: Second neighborhood asking for stormwater money from Hilton Head

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/article84919812.html>

Teresa Moss

Following a Hilton Head Town Council decision to spend public dollars on a private beach, another community wants its stormwater project funded, too. Ian Gudgeon, a resident of Bermuda Pointe, a neighborhood off Squire Pope Road, said residents in his community have been asking the town to maintain its privately owned stormwater system since 2014. The town has yet to agree to do so. But last week, Town Council gave preliminary approval to spending \$300,000 to help renourish Pine Island beach, which is behind the gates of another neighborhood, Hilton Head Plantation. "When I read this in the paper, I went absolutely red," Gudgeon said of the town's Pine Island decision. "Are we painting the entire island with the same brush?"

Charlotte Observer: Vet slammed for using reserved parking spot gets apology from her attacker

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/article84992002.html>

The person that told local veteran Rebecca Hayes to "learn to read & have some respect" after she parked in a designated veteran's spot has sent her an apology. Hayes' initial response to that letter went viral on the internet, prompting more than 500,000 views on the Charlotte Observer's web site. There was no immediate way to verify that the writer of the initial note was also the author of the apology, but Hayes believes it is from the same person. Hayes said she received the apology letter yesterday, addressed to her office. There was no signature, but on the back it said 're Harris Teeter.'

National News:

Associated Press: Clinton warns that Trump would plunge economy into recession

<http://bigstory.ap.org/7cb58d408ed348839456b72870bfe4d1>

Ken Thomas

Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton said Tuesday that Republican rival Donald Trump would send the U.S. economy back into recession, warning his "reckless" approach would hurt workers still trying to recover from the 2008 economic turbulence. Clinton's address in Ohio, one of the most important swing states, sought to define Trump as little more than an economic con man, whose ignorance and ego would tank the global economy, bankrupt Americans and risk the

country's future. "Every day we see how reckless and careless Trump is. He's proud of it," Clinton said. "Well that's his choice. Except when he's asking to be our president. Then it's our choice."

Associated Press: White House clears small, commercial drones for takeoff

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e335fb8eab0042aaad355603134326ea>

Joan Lowy

Routine use of small drones by real estate agents, farmers, filmmakers and countless other commercial operators was cleared for takeoff by the Obama administration Tuesday, after years of struggling to write rules that would both protect public safety and free the benefits of a new technology. The Federal Aviation Administration announced the creation of a new category of aviation rules designed specifically for drones weighing less than 55 pounds. The long-anticipated rules mean commercial operators can fly drones without special permission. Industry and government officials describe commercial drones as the biggest game-changing technology in aviation since the advent of the jet engine.

World News:

Associated Press: US-led coalition says only 1/3 of Fallujah cleared of IS

<http://bigstory.ap.org/0844d0a242f248b69b8f65ee588f13dc>

Susannah George

Only a third of Fallujah has been "cleared" of Islamic State militants, the U.S.-led coalition said Tuesday, days after the Iraqi government declared victory in the city west of Baghdad, which was held by the extremists for more than two years. Other parts of the city are "contested," said U.S. Army Col. Christopher Garver, the Baghdad-based spokesman for the coalition, with clashes underway between Iraqi forces and IS fighters. Most of the cleared terrain is in the south of the city and "clearing operations continue outward from the city center," Garver added. Iraqi forces pushed into the center of Fallujah on Friday, retaking a government complex and the central hospital. That evening Brig. Gen. Haider al-Obedi, with Iraq's special forces, told The Associated Press his troops controlled 80 percent of the city.

Associated Press: UK's Cameron, soccer star David Beckham urge pro-EU vote

<http://bigstory.ap.org/8f95f78b62834b429e2711aa1154b87d>

Danica Kirka and Jill Lawless

From the prime minister to sports and pop icons David and Victoria Beckham, supporters of Britain staying in the European Union urged voters Tuesday to think about future generations when they cast ballots in a referendum that has divided the nation. With the black door of 10 Downing St. offering a statesman's backdrop, Cameron appealed directly to EU-wary older voters, saying that leaving the bloc would risk the country's economic security — and younger generations would have to live with the consequences. "Do think about the hopes and dreams of your children and grandchildren," he said. "They can't undo the decision we take," he said. "If we vote out, that's it. It's irreversible." The plea came as the already heated campaign moved into its tense final days.

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