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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Haley, Swinney, Tanner and others list their #7jobs

<http://www.thestate.com/living/article94884397.html>

What were your first 7 jobs? That question took off after an Aug. 4 tweet, gaining hashtags (#firstsevenjobs, #7jobs, #first7jobs) – along with a big audience, with everyone from average Joes to celebrities tweeting their job lists. We got to wondering about 7 jobs held by some of our fellow South Carolinians. And so we asked....Gov. Nikki Haley: Two-term S.C. governor 1. Bookkeeper, at age 13, in parents' store 2. Chiropractic assistant 3. Accounting intern 4. Waitress 5. Accounting supervisor 6. CFO, family business 7. S.C. House representative

Union Daily Times: Haley helps open "Meeting Place on Main"

<http://uniondailytimes.com/features/lifestyle/6926/haley-helps-open-meeting-place-on-main>

Charles Warner

A facility that will serve as the focus of a local church's efforts to help the less fortunate get jobs and become self-sufficient got its formal opening this morning during a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by Gov. Nikki Haley. "Meeting Place on Main" is the result of a collaboration between Trinity Baptist Church's Channel of Blessing Ministry and the Original 6 Foundation established by Haley when she became governor in 2011. Located at 111 W. Main St. in downtown Union, Meeting Place on Main is part of Trinity Baptist expansion of its Chanel of Blessing Ministry to include helping the people it is serving through its food ministry become self-supporting by getting and keeping a job. The facility will focus on job preparedness for those who need help finding gainful employment. While the building was donated to the church by Jane Kirby, most of the funding for its renovation was provided by the Original 6 Foundation which allocated Trinity Baptist a total of \$37,000 for the project.

Herald Journal: Center gives Union job seekers new resource

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160810/ARTICLES/160819972>

Chris Lavender

Job seekers in Union County have a new resource to help them search for employment. Gov. Nikki Haley celebrated the opening of The Meeting Place on Main on Wednesday. The job training center will help connect employers with prospective employees. "This is not a place when you walk in that you should feel like you've failed," Haley said. "This is a place you should walk in and see success in the window." The center at 111 W. Main St., Union, will help job seekers create resumes, prepare for interviews and search online for employment opportunities statewide. Funding from the Original Six Foundation, an organization created by Haley to enhance business and educational opportunities in some of the state's rural communities, was used to renovate the building. Haley said since she's been in office, there has been more than 900 jobs created in Union County and the unemployment rate there has decreased from 17 percent to 7 percent over the last six years. The new center will help improve the job numbers, she said. "At the end of the day we want to lift people up if they want to be lifted up," Haley said.

WYFF4: County's 'Meeting Place' focuses on getting people back to work

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/countys-meeting-place-focuses-on-getting-people-back-to-work/41140386>

Mike McCormick

Gov. Nikki Haley was in Union Wednesday to cut the ribbon for a resource center focused on getting people back to work. "The Meeting Place on Main" will offer workforce training, job preparation, educational assistance and help specific to each person's needs. "If they don't have clothes for an interview, there will be clothes here for an interview. If they didn't have food before an interview, we're going to feed them," Haley said. Trinity Baptist Church led the mission to open the center in downtown Union. "Over a year and a half ago, I began seeing commercials where individuals were saying, 'Governor Haley helped me get from welfare to workforce,' and as I continued to see those commercials, I thought if anybody needs welfare to workforce, then Union County does," said Pastor Neil Keisler. So, I actually emailed Governor Haley's office one morning, and let me tell you, folks, before I made it home that afternoon, Governor Haley's office had responded. "The Original Six Foundation, a nonprofit started by Haley, contributed \$37,000 to make the center happen.

WSPA: Gov. Nikki Haley attends opening of workplace readiness center

<http://wspa.com/2016/08/10/gov-nikki-haley-attends-opening-of-workplace-readiness-center/>

Katy Solt

A new center in Union County is aiming to put more people in jobs. The center wouldn't have been possible without the help of Governor Nikki Haley. Governor Haley's non-profit group, the Original Six Foundation, donated \$37,000 to help create Meeting Place on Main in Union County. Pastor Neil Keisler, the director of Meeting Place, says 60% of people looking for jobs in Union are ages 19-64. Keisler says many of the people who are unemployed simply don't know what steps to take to start looking for a job. Meeting Place is helping people get prepared for the big interview, whether it's creating a resume, interview prep, or finding the right outfit to wear. The unemployment rate in Union County used to be 17%. Now, it's at 7%, but Governor Haley hopes this program helps drop that number down to zero. In addition to the job center, there's also Common Grounds, a coffee and sandwich shop. The funds from the store are going to help keep the center open long-term. With the new center opening its doors, Union County is hoping to become the standard for anyone in search of a better life. Meeting Place on Main is also going to add a young mentoring center, to help teenagers if they are in search of a job or need help in their personal lives.

FOX Carolina: Gov. Nikki Haley attends ribbon cutting for workplace readiness center

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/32728416/gov-nikki-haley-attends-ribbon-cutting-for-workplace-readiness-center>

Dal Kalsi

Governor Nikki Haley spoke at the ribbon cutting for a new workplace readiness center in Union on Wednesday. The Original Six Foundation, a non-profit organization started by the governor, and Trinity Baptist Church's Channel of Blessings Community Outreach Ministry worked together to create the Meeting Place on Main. Haley said Meeting Place on Main will serve the Union community as a workforce training, job preparation and educational assistance center. Meeting Place workers will help job seekers find work by offering soft skill training, which include job preparation courses, resume creation and interview skills. Computers, printers and phones are also available to job seekers. The building also houses Common Grounds, a coffee and sandwich shop, that will help cover the operating cost of the center. Haley founded the Original Six Foundation non-profit organization in 2011 as a way for neighbors to help neighbors by "uniting public, private and civic

leaders and resources to identify and address the challenging issues facing South Carolina's neediest communities in the areas of education, quality of life, and workforce readiness," according to a news release.

Area Development: Morley Plans Greenville, South Carolina, Customer Contact Center

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/8-10-2016/morley-contact-center-greenville-south-carolina.shtml>

ley, an award-winning customer service company, is launching a new 25,000-square-foot customer contact center at 400 Brookfield Parkway in Greenville, South Carolina. The new facility will create more than 270 new jobs and lead to \$1.7 million of new investment in Greenville County and the nearby city of Mauldin. "Morley is excited to join the Upstate community by opening our new customer contact center in Greenville County. We are overwhelmed by the gracious welcome that we have received from this vibrant community and look forward to actively supporting our shared prosperity," said Morley President/CEO Paul Furlo.

NOTE: As an incentive, The Coordinating Council for Economic Development has approved job development credits related to this project. "We're excited to welcome Morley to the South Carolina family and celebrate its decision to do business in our state. With this investment and the 270 new jobs it means for the Upstate, Morley is making an important commitment to our state and its people, and we look forward to watching it succeed and grow here for many years to come," Governor Nikki Haley said.

SC Political News:

The State: Richland legislators ask for records from Recreation Commission

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article94776592.html>

Avery G. Wilks and Bristow Marchant

A slim majority of Richland County legislators pressed harder Wednesday for answers from the county Recreation Commission, the target of a corruption probe and lawsuits. The latest inquiry — an open-records request by the legislators for more information about allegations of nepotism and sexual harassment against the commission's embattled director — again triggered a complaint by an African-American legislator that his fellow lawmakers are interfering with an ongoing investigation. "All they're doing is blowing smoke," Democratic state Rep. Leon Howard said of the nine lawmakers who requested the information. The mostly white legislative delegation is interfering with ongoing law enforcement investigations, Howard added. "I don't have the privilege that those guys have, to do all these crazy things and get away with it." However, state Sen. Joel Lourie, one of the authors of the open-records request, said it is "insulting and ludicrous to think that this has any racial overtone whatsoever."

Post and Courier: Lawmakers suggest technology to protect assisted-living seniors

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160810/160819936/lawmakers-suggest-technology-to-protect-assisted-living-seniors>

Derrek Asberry

State lawmakers suggested on Tuesday that assisted-living facilities use GPS systems or some other type of technology to monitor residents who may wander off due to dementia. But officials with the state health department said it would be hard to provide funding for that equipment and that using such devices could also be an invasion of a resident's privacy. "We also don't have ways to determine which residents would need it," said Gwen Thompson, an official who oversees health facilities

licensing for the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. During a meeting at North Charleston City Hall, state Reps. Wendell Gilliard, D-Charleston, and Leon Howard, D-Richland, said they expect to pre-file legislation in December to address staffing and regulations at assisted-living facilities. The legislation may also include ways to keep track of residents, such as using public funds to purchase GPS systems or wrist watch technology.

Dylann Roof Case:

Post and Courier: Sister of Emanuel AME shooting victim Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor joins wrongful death lawsuits

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160810/160819947/sister-of-emanuel-ame-shooting-victim-rev-depayne-middleton-doctor-joins-wrongful-death-lawsuits>

Gregory Yee

The sister of one of the nine Emanuel AME Church shooting victims has joined a series of wrongful death lawsuits filed against the federal government alleging that clerical errors allowed Dylann Roof to buy the gun he used during last year's shooting. Bethane Middleton-Brown, sister of the Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor, filed the lawsuit Friday, according to court documents. The complaint alleges Roof should have been prevented from buying a gun because he previously admitted using an illegal drug but authorities botched a federally-mandated background check. After the three-day window for background checks closed in April 2015, a West Columbia gun store owner sold Roof a .45-caliber Glock authorities say he used to kill nine worshippers at Emanuel's Bible study two months later.

Post and Courier: Man accused of assaulting Dylann Roof critical he left anyone at Mother Emanuel AME alive

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160810/160819917/man-accused-of-assaulting-dylann-roof-critical-he-left-anyone-at-mother-emanuel-ame-alive>

Gregory Yee

The man accused in a jailhouse beating of Dylann Roof said he mocked him for wanting to spark a race war but leaving survivors at Emanuel AME Church last year. In his first interview since he was released from Charleston County jail Friday, Dwayne Stafford told the Charleston-based media group Black Collective that he and Roof began talking regularly and that he was trying to understand his motives for carrying out the June 2015 shooting that killed nine people at the historic African-American church. "He said something like, 'I thought I killed the girl, the little girl, but they was like she didn't get killed,' and I was like 'No, you didn't get her. She played dead on you from what I heard.' "That's when I gave him the smart aleck, saying like you so bad but you let that child get off on you. That's basically how I felt, like, 'You're a (expletive). I didn't say that but I gave him the smart aleck." Two women and an 11-year-old girl survived a barrage of 77 gunshots in the attack.

The State: 'Emanuel 9' tribute ballet moving forward despite monetary setbacks

<http://www.thestate.com/entertainment/local-events/article94992387.html>

Erin Shaw

For a while, it was looking as if Columbia City Ballet might not be able to produce its "Emanuel 9" show, a performance tribute to the Emanuel AME Church shooting victims in Charleston. But an extra \$5,000 allocated Tuesday by Columbia City Council will restore the ballet to \$155,000 in meal-tax income it received last year, allowing it to move forward with the ballet while it also seeks additional funding elsewhere. Some of that funding could go toward creating a touring production. "We're still going full steam ahead. The company is very committed to making it happen," said William Starrett,

executive and artistic director. However, Starrett added it will be difficult to put on the high caliber ballet he originally envisioned without extra capital. Columbia City Ballet initially asked for \$280,000 from City Council.

Michael Slagger Case:

Associated Press: Deputy demands police group return dues to 40,000 officers

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ES25nOjm

Susanne M. Schafer

A sheriff's deputy in South Carolina is suing a police association that offered legal defense benefits for law officers but refused to help a former North Charleston police officer charged with killing an unarmed black man. The lawsuit seeks the return of the \$23.50 monthly dues that some 40,000 officers paid to the Southern States Police Benevolent Association. It also seeks an unspecified amount of punitive damages. The lawsuit, which seeks class-action status, was filed last week in state court in Charleston by attorneys for Lt. Donald Stanley of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. It doesn't name Michael Slager, charged with murder in the April 2015 shooting death of Walter Scott. Slager says he is innocent. The former officer filed a separate lawsuit against the association last year after it refused to assist him. It's pending in federal court. Charleston attorney Ronnie Richter said in a telephone interview that "many law enforcement officers were not happy with the PBA's decision not to afford coverage to Michael Slager."

SC After Police Shootings:

The Herald: 'They're the ones running to danger': Rock Hill church feeding police agencies to show thanks

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/crime/article94838372.html>

Teddy Kulmala

The multiple tables lined with bowls, pans and slow cookers filled with food looked like a large meal, but the church that provided a recent feast at the Rock Hill Police Department says it was just a small gesture – and the first of many. Park Ridge Baptist Church in Rock Hill prepared a lunch for city officers that included fried chicken, an assortment of side dishes and a table filled with sweet treats. The idea for the feast started with the church's youth group members talking about the recent violence toward police officers, which included ambush-style attacks on officers in Dallas and Baton Rouge, La., said the Rev. Mitchell Adkins, associate pastor at Park Ridge. "We don't need a generation growing up, learning to dislike cops," Adkins said, "because they're the ones running to the danger when we need help."

Post and Courier: Civil rights leaders urge community to attend 'school-to-prison pipeline' town hall

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160810/160819924/civil-rights-leaders-urge-community-to-attend-school-to-prison-pipeline-town-hall>

Deanna Pan

Local civil rights leaders urged members of the community to attend a town hall Thursday to address "school-to-prison pipeline" issues in Charleston County, including racial disparities in disturbing-schools arrests highlighted in a recent Post and Courier report. "It's critical that the community comes out to get this information because not only does it affect the children, it leads to mass incarceration," Shaundra Young Scott, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of South Carolina, said at a press conference Wednesday morning outside the Charleston County School District's downtown office. The state's vague and controversial disturbing-schools statute allows school-

assigned law enforcement officers to arrest students for behaving in "an obnoxious manner."

Greenville News: Black Lives Matter activists say more downtown protests possible

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/08/10/black-lives-matter-activists-say-more-downtown-protests-possible/88530050/>

Eric Connor

The leader of a local movement that claims affiliation with the national Black Lives Matter organization and who led hundreds to protest in downtown Greenville — including an attempt to shut down Interstate 385 — has re-opened the possibility of more protests if demands aren't met. "It is our full desire to peacefully assemble whenever it is that we decide to come back to the holy and sacred streets of downtown — and, yes, we will return," Derrick Quarles, head of Upstate Black Lives Matter, said Wednesday during a press conference at City Hall. Quarles was joined by local black activists Efia Nwangaza and Bruce Wilson, leader of Fighting Injustice Together, a group that threatened sit-ins at downtown businesses two weeks ago and expressed confidence in being able to repeat the turnout following national attention on fatal police shootings in Louisiana and Minnesota. But after meeting with city officials, Wilson suspended those calls.

Independent Mail: Mother says son fatally shot by deputy was wielding BB gun

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/mother-son-fatally-shot-by-deputy-was-wielding-bb-gun-39bdc844-4ecc-7367-e053-0100007f0f21-389786391.html>

Mike Ellis

Jeffrey Allen Morris was holding a BB rifle when he was fatally shot Tuesday by an Anderson County Sheriff's Office deputy, his mother said Wednesday. Sheriff John Skipper said the shooting happened when the barricaded 44-year-old Morris raised a gun at deputies inside his mother's home on Mountain Springs Road in Anderson County. The deputies were at the home to serve a warrant for a probation violation. Morris' mother, Linda Morris, said there are no guns beside BB guns in the house. "The deputy, he didn't know it wasn't real," she said. Sheriff's Office Capt. Garland Major said Wednesday that he could not comment on the investigation or any details about weapons because a state investigation is underway. The shooting is being investigated by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, as is routine when officers discharge weapons. It was the 30th shooting involving law enforcement officers in the state this year. There were 48 such shootings in 2015. There is no dash camera footage of the shooting, according to the state agency, and the Sheriff's Office does not use body cameras. Skipper said he believes only one deputy fired and the name of the deputy has not been made public.

Aiken Standard: South Carolina awards Aiken County grant money for body cams

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160810/160819952/south-carolina-awards-aiken-county-grant-money-for-body-cams->

Tripp Girardeau

The Aiken County administrator announced this week the state has awarded grant money for body cameras for the Aiken County Sheriff's Office. County Administrator Clay Killian said Tuesday the state awarded Aiken County with \$142,268 for body cams on Aug. 1. He said he received confirmation from the state Tuesday morning. "This is good," Killian said. "With this grant we should be able to use it with money budgeted by the County to match the estimate requested by the Sheriff's Office. The Aiken County Sheriff's Office requested \$182,850 for body cameras in the next fiscal year, with a goal of getting approximately 135 units for the agency, said Aiken County Sheriff Michael Hunt. "We are satisfied with what we got from the state," Hunt said. "Now we are going to take that money and get it matched by the County Council so that every uniformed deputy in the street will have a

camera."

Savannah River Site/MOX News:

The State: Sick nuclear workers need answers, national board says

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article94947777.html>

Sammy Fretwell

Members of a federal health advisory board expressed frustration Wednesday that the government has failed for years to decide whether many ex-Savannah River Site employees should be compensated for the life-threatening illnesses the workers contracted while on the job. Some SRS workers have waited more than a decade to learn whether they will receive benefits to help pay medical bills after they were exposed to radiation at the nuclear weapons plant near Aiken. Attorneys for many ex-employees have petitioned the government to declare those working at SRS after 1972 to be eligible for benefits. The federal Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health must make a recommendation to the government on the request to provide benefits. But critics say a federal agency charged with providing data to the board has done a poor job of keeping the panel informed.

LGBT Laws:

The State: Who's in charge? First LGBT major among Richland deputies promoted

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article94896402.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

A recent round of promotions has brought new blood into the Richland County Sheriff's Department command staff, including the department's first openly gay officer to reach the rank of major. Maj. Roxana Meetze, 49, has been with the sheriff's department for 21 years. She was promoted to major in July, and handles budget-related duties and special projects at the sheriff's department. Before her promotion, she was instrumental in developing a new program to teach deputies to prevent and cope with post-traumatic stress disorder. She has also been a long-time liaison between the sheriff's department and the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in Richland County. "I'm proud to be part of the LGBT community," Meetze said. "I've gotten a lot of support as well from the community. Law enforcement is my passion. I'm lucky enough to have a community that stands by me and supports me – and I'm going to do the same."

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: Editorial: DHEC steps up to protect public health, environment

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/editorials/article94845837.html>

Editorial

IT'S NOT QUITE "DING-DONG, the witch is dead," but it's a pretty big deal, of the sort that we don't see often enough in South Carolina. For more than two decades, people who fish and swim and boat in the Lower Saluda River have been complaining about the raw sewage that gets spilled into the scenic river too often — about how it keeps happening, about how state regulators don't seem to care that it keeps happening, about how we've had a plan in place for a quarter century to stop dumping even treated sewage into that river. And then last month, after the major Saluda River polluter yet again released untreated sewage into the river, and the Department of Health and Environmental Control botched its handling of that spill, the state's environmental protection agency finally said enough is enough. The agency told Carolina Water Service it has to stop dumping treated sewage into the river from its plant near Interstate 20. This is wonderful news.

Local News:

Associated Press: South Carolina prep football player dies after practice

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8B1sVz0c

SC State Wire

A South Carolina high school football player has died after collapsing at practice. Lexington County school officials say a 14-year-old River Bluff High School sophomore died at a hospital Wednesday night. The teen's name hasn't been released. Lexington District One spokeswoman Mary Beth Hill said in a statement that the teen dropped to the ground as practice was about to end Wednesday around 7 p.m. Two athletic trainers and a coach began CPR and used a defibrillator before the boy was taken to the hospital. Officials say practice had run just over two hours. Players took water breaks every 15 to 20 minutes and water hoses and coolers were available at all times.

The State: River Bluff football player dies after collapsing at practice

<http://www.thestate.com/sports/high-school/prep-football/article94970092.html>

Lou Bezjak

A sophomore on the River Bluff football team died after collapsing at practice Wednesday. The 14-year-old's name has not been released yet. According to a Lexington One School District release sent earlier Wednesday, the teenager was assisted by two athletics trainers on site and a River Bluff coach. They began medical treatment, which included CPR and the use of an AED (defibrillator). The player was then taken to a local hospital. River Bluff began practice at 5 p.m. and practiced for two hours and 15 minutes. During practice the players took regular water breaks every 15 to 20 minutes during which the members are required to leave the field and drink water. There are water hoses available at all times, along with coolers and water, according to the district. River Bluff High School coaches and administrators are in contact with the other football players and their parents/ guardians and are keeping them updated.

The State: Feds require upgrade of Richland school resource officer program

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article94874027.html>

John Monk

The U.S. Justice Department will require the Richland County Sheriff's Department to upgrade training and workplace skills of the department's 87 school resource officers, according to an agreement announced late Wednesday by Justice officials. The goals of the sweeping upgrade are to reduce the use of police force on school property and "to ensure civil rights protections for students," according to a Justice Department news release. The agreement comes 10 months after a video of Richland County school resource officer Ben Fields pulling a female Spring Valley High School student out her chair and tossing her became an object of national attention. Fields was fired for the action, which was triggered by the student's refusal to leave the classroom. However, Justice's review of Sheriff Leon Lott's school resource officers began in May 2015, before the Fields incident. Over the next three years, Justice officials and the sheriff's department will work together to overhaul the department's program with an emphasis on making sure officers don't get involved in "classroom management or school discipline matters that should be appropriately handled by school staff," according to a public statement by the Justice Department.

Post and Courier: Richland County Sheriff's Department to overhaul school resource officer program

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160810/160819933/richland-county-sheriffs-department-to-overhaul-school-resource-officer-program>

Deanna Pan

Ten months after a deputy made headlines for violently arresting a teenage girl, the Richland County Sheriff's Department has reached a voluntary agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice to overhaul its school resource officer program and reduce school-based arrests. Under the terms of the agreement with the Office of Justice Program's Office for Civil Rights released Wednesday, the Sheriff's Department is required to work with an outside consultant to develop "policies and procedures to minimize school-based arrest, seizure, and use of force" and "ensure that SROs are not involved in the administration of school discipline or in routine classroom management." The department will be responsible for providing annual intensive training for all school resource officers — on de-escalation and crisis-intervention techniques, bias-free policing, restorative justice skills, and adolescent psychology and development — and creating a community working group to continually recommend improvements to the school resource officer program.

Island Packet: Superintendent Moss 'unintentionally' guilty, fined as part of deal to avoid ethics hearing

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article94856127.html>

Rebecca Lurye

Beaufort County School District Superintendent Jeff Moss was publicly reprimanded and fined after admitting guilt to two out of three ethics violations as part of a deal to avoid an upcoming ethics hearing over his involvement in the hiring of his wife, it was announced Wednesday. As part of the deal, Moss' guilt was described as "inadvertent and unintentional" and the commission agreed "not to pursue" a third charge related to the administrative nepotism rule he altered last summer before his wife was hired to a district-level job paying \$90,000 per year. As part of the consent order Moss signed Tuesday with the South Carolina Ethics Commission, a week before his Aug. 17 hearing, he must pay a \$2,500 fine and \$500 administrative fee within 30 days. Moss said Wednesday he was hopeful the ethics commission's decision would restore credibility and trust to the district.

The State: Baron Davis gets \$27k raise as Richland 2 schools chief-in-waiting

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/education/article94881827.html>

Sarah Ellis

Richland 2's new superintendent-elect, Baron Davis, will earn more than \$155,000 under his one-year contract, recently approved by the school board, before being handed the full responsibility of superintendent over the Midlands' largest school district next summer. Davis was chosen to succeed retiring superintendent Debbie Hamm after a very quick internal search and decision by the school board. Davis' one-year, \$155,260 salary, approved by the school board and effective on July 25, is a nearly \$27,000 raise from his previous pay as assistant superintendent. Hamm is currently paid about \$210,000 yearly as superintendent, school district officials have said. By comparison, Richland 1 superintendent Craig Witherspoon is paid about \$214,000 a year, while Lexington 1 superintendent Greg Little, who took over as schools chief in May, earns \$199,000 annually.

Post and Courier: Tony Lewis steps down as constituent school board chairman

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160810/160819930/tony-lewis-steps-down-as-constituent-school-board-chairman>

Paul Bowers

Tony Lewis stepped down as chairman of the downtown Constituent District 20 School Board Wednesday night after being accused of blackmail. Board members had discussed taking a vote to remove Lewis as chairman but Lewis resigned from the position instead. He will remain a member of the elected board. Lewis could not be reached for comment Wednesday afternoon or evening. "He

defended his actions. He still doesn't think he did anything criminal," said Fran Clasby, a member of the constituent board who previously served as chairman. Six of the seven constituent board members voted to accept Lewis' resignation, promote Vice Chair Downing Child to chair and promote board member Christopher Ellis to vice chair. Lewis abstained from voting on the matter.

Post and Courier: Regional group hopes to improve bike and pedestrian routes

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160810/160819926/regional-group-hopes-to-improve-bike-and-pedestrian-routes>

Diane Knich

More than 2,000 walkers and bicyclists have been injured by motorists in recent years in the tri-county area, and a regional group has launched a study it hopes will improve safety. The Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments this week launched Walk Bike BCD, a project aimed at developing a "master plan" for improving and connecting pedestrian and bicycle access throughout the region. Vonnie Gilreath, the group's mobility manager, said the process will take about 10 months and will be paid for with a \$200,000 federal grant. The goals of the study are to develop a plan to make the region safer for pedestrians and bicyclists, prioritize projects, connect existing pathways, and connect walking and bike paths to public transportation. "With the growth in our region, we want people walking and biking," Gilreath said, but it needs to be safer.

Associated Press: 3 new Hall of Famers to serve as Southern 500 grand marshals

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=EwBj7Pfn

SC State Wire

Three of NASCAR's newest hall of famers, Richard Childress, Rick Hendrick and Mark Martin, will serve as grand marshals for the Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway next month. The track announced the honor Wednesday. Childress, Hendrick and Martin will join Bojangles' CEO Clifton Rutledge in giving the command to start the engines for the Sept. 4 race. Childress, Hendrick and Martin were voted into the hall last May along with late NASCAR pioneer Raymond Parks and late driver Benny Parsons.

owner Childress won eight times at Darlington, all driven by Dale Earnhardt Sr. Car owner Hendrick's teams have won 14 times at Darlington. Martin won the 1993 and 2009 Southern 500s. He also has eight Xfinity Series wins at Darlington, the most ever.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Amateurs analyze Trump's mind, but should the pros do it?

<http://bigstory.ap.org/cc8abb2128ef4497adffdab00481d2d7>

Seth Borenstein

Amateur psychoanalysts have put Donald Trump on the couch, calling him a sociopath, unhinged, a narcissist. Amid all this psych-talk, there is one group of people who aren't talking as much: the professionals. Or at least they're not supposed to. Professional ethics dictate that psychiatrists and psychologists avoid publicly analyzing or diagnosing someone they've never examined, but there is new and unusually vocal dissension against this long-held gag rule because of what some of them think they hear and see in Trump. Because these professionals tend to be more liberal the result is a juggling act of propriety, politics and ethics. Armchair psychology has exploded into social media and op-ed columns over the past week, most recently with Trump's comment Tuesday calling on gun-rights supporters to stop Democratic rival Hillary Clinton. His political opponents have grabbed hold, with President Barack Obama calling the Republican presidential nominee "unfit" and a Democratic congresswoman starting a petition to force Trump to undergo a mental health evaluation.

Associated Press: Man scales facade of Trump Tower; police grab him

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Ezra Kaplan

A man who claimed to be a researcher seeking "a private audience" with Donald Trump spent three hours scaling the glass facade of Trump Tower using large suction cups before officers hauled him to safety through an open window. The climber wore a backpack and used a harness and rope stirrups to fasten himself to the side of the 68-story Manhattan skyscraper on Wednesday. He climbed as high as the 21st floor before officers grabbed him. Police identified him as a 20-year-old Virginia man and said he was taken to a hospital for evaluation. The tower is headquarters to Donald Trump's Republican presidential campaign and his business empire. Trump also lives there, though he was in Virginia in the afternoon and was headed to Florida for an evening event.

Associated Press: Clinton to portray Trump economic plans as handouts for rich

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Catherine Lucey and Lisa Lerer

Hillary Clinton is set to go after Donald Trump's economic agenda, aiming to portray her rival's approach as offering handouts for the rich that could imperil the economy. The goal of her speech Thursday afternoon at manufacturing company in Warren, Michigan, was to play up her focus on job development, public works projects and tax policy while trying to undercut the celebrity businessman's approach. Clinton was not expected to come out with any major new policies during her remarks. She intended to try to make the case that Trump's agenda would benefit him and his wealthy friends, and to characterize his plans as an update of "trickle-down economics," according to her campaign. Also look for Clinton to argue that Trump's drive to cut taxes on certain business income would benefit many of his companies.

National News:

Associated Press: Police: Woman killed by Florida officer in academy exercise

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Tamara Lush

The officer who shot and killed a 73-year-old retired librarian during a police "shoot/don't shoot" demonstration in Florida was accused of using excessive force with his police dog and resigned from another police agency in 2013 for failing to satisfactorily complete an agency field training program. Officer Lee Coel, 28, was put on administrative leave Tuesday as the Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigates why real ammunition was used by mistake at an event designed to bring police and the public together in the small Gulf Coast city of Punta Gorda. Authorities are expected to hold a news conference about the shooting Thursday morning. Lieutenant Katie Heck, the spokeswoman for the Punta Gorda Police, said Coel has worked for the department since 2014. She said Coel frequently gave department presentations and tours, "specifically role-playing in these shoot/don't shoot scenarios."

Associated Press: Scathing report on Baltimore cops vindicates black residents

<http://bigstory.ap.org/73b34305bd2b4e3c8680cf5c1e14b6b5>

Juliet Linderman and Eric Tucker

With startling statistics, a federal investigation of the Baltimore Police Department documents in 164 single-spaced pages what black residents have been saying for years: They are routinely singled out, roughed up or otherwise mistreated by officers, often for no reason. The 15-month Justice Department

probe was prompted by the death of Freddie Gray, the black man whose fatal neck injury in the back of a police van touched off the worst riots in Baltimore in decades. To many people, the blistering report issued Wednesday was familiar reading. Danny Marrow, a retired food service worker, said that over the years, he has been stopped and hassled repeatedly by police. "It started when I was 8 years old and they'd say, with no probable cause, 'Hey, come here. Where are you going?'" he said. "No cause, just the color of my skin."

World News:

Associated Press: The Latest: HRW decries spike in attacks on Syrian hospitals

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The New York-based Human Rights Watch is calling on the U.N. Security Council to demand an independent investigation into a spike in Russian and Syrian military attacks on hospitals in rebel-held areas in Syria. The group said Thursday it has documented six airstrikes by Syrian and Russian government planes in the rebel-held province of Idlib and besieged parts of Aleppo that have temporarily shut down the health facilities and killed at least 17 civilians. The Syrian government and Russia have previously denied targeting medical facilities. Nadim Houry, deputy Middle East director at Human Rights Watch, said airstrikes on hospitals have become "routine" in Syria, despite U.N. resolutions calling for immediate actions to stop such attacks. "The world powers may not be able to agree on a solution to the Syrian conflict, but surely they must be able to agree on steps to ensure that those who attack hospitals will one day face justice," he said. The Syrian American Medical Society, which operates medical facilities in opposition-controlled areas, said July was the worst month since the Syria conflict began in 2011 in terms of attacks on medical facilities, recording at least 43 such attacks.

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