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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Gov. Haley is on the cellphone grid — but out of public view

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160723/160729804/gov-haley-is-on-the-cellphone-grid--but-out-of-public-view>

Since the start of Gov. Nikki Haley's first term in 2011, her election campaign account has paid \$17,000 for a cellphone that's off limits to public disclosure laws. Unlike a state-taxpayer provided phone, Haley can use it to text message state officials or staff without disclosing the content under the state's Freedom of Information Act. "The governor uses her non-state cellphone for various reasons permitted by law, including incidental personal use," Haley spokeswoman Chaney Adams said. Texting, calls and in-person meetings are Haley's preferred forms of communication and all of them leave little to no public trace. Calls to agencies or a "fellow governor" are noted on Haley's public schedule, but details are not always revealed. Haley isn't alone in using campaign money for private cell use. At least 16 lawmakers use campaign funds to pay for phones, disclosure reports show, with bills ranging from \$58 to more than \$300 a month. Haley's phone and a Wi-Fi hot spot tab averages \$270 a month. It's all legal under state law.

Republican National Convention:

The Herald: Rock Hill GOP attendee returns from RNC with feeling of party unity

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article91516362.html>

David Thackham

If Rod Benfield could pass along any advice to future attendees of the Republican National Convention, it would be to pack wisely. Four days of speeches, meetings, rallies and parties can quickly root out those with less-prepared wardrobes. "There are long days and long nights," said Benfield, an alternate delegate who represented South Carolina's 5th Congressional District at this year's quadrennial event in Cleveland. "You're literally beat. From 7 a.m. events all the way through to concerts that last to 2 or 3 a.m., you're nonstop, just changing clothes. You have to bring a lot of clothes. I'll need a day off once I'm back just to wash everything." Benfield, who had previously supported Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz during the tumultuous GOP presidential campaign, said he's ready to put his full support behind businessman and political newcomer Donald Trump, who formally accepted the Republican nomination Thursday night.

Morning News: BILL PICKLE: Pence a balance for Trump

http://www.snow.com/news/local/article_a01d2d6e-5113-11e6-95bc-afe1c2403dd6.html

Day five-the big night: As we gathered on the convention floor I was asked to accompany our 7th Congressional District congressman, Tom Rice, to the Congressional Suite to meet a few people and share some food and drink. I accepted the invitation and had about an hour of one-on-one conversations with several Congress members including Speaker of the House Paul Ryan. You have already heard about the acceptance speech. Opinion time: I left Cleveland on Friday with a few

thoughts: 1) Trump can win! Will he? 2) Gov. Pence is a great counterbalance for Trump and Trump recognizes his need for someone like Pence. 3) He will help bring the conservative religious right even closer to Trump. 4) He is an unknown-known. He has become a major leaguer without making a lot of noise or disruptions, unlike Mr Trump. 5) Don't forget Indiana's "flip state" status. 6) I like him. From Cleveland to you. Now it's up to us to determine who will be the next president of the United States.

Democratic National Convention:

Post and Courier: South Carolinians set for center stage at Democratic National Convention

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160723/160729724/south-carolinians-set-for-center-stage-at-democratic-national-convention>

Emma Dumain and Gavin Jackson

South Carolina isn't expected to go "blue" in the 2016 presidential election. The Legislature is controlled by Republicans and there's only one Democrat representing the state in Congress. Yet at the Democratic National Convention this week, four native sons have been selected for speaking slots on the main stage: U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, state Democratic Party Chairman Jaime Harrison, Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin and former state Rep. Bakari Sellers. The high-profile role South Carolina will play at the DNC demonstrates the strong talent pool from inside the state's Democratic political scene, which boasts both "rising stars" and establishment stalwarts. It also demonstrates Hillary Clinton's appreciation for South Carolina, which gave the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee the decisive primary victory she needed to show the strength of her campaign against challenger Bernie Sanders.

The State: SC Democrats praise Clinton's VP pick

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article91409737.html>

Avery G. Wilks

S.C. Democrats say U.S. Tim Kaine passes the most important test for a vice presidential selection: If needed, he could step in as a strong commander in chief. Those Democrats praised Hillary Clinton's vice presidential pick – announced Friday, ahead of their party's convention next week – as an experienced, steady hand whose resume strengthens the Democratic ticket. "What it shows is that Secretary Clinton has put a lot of thought into the importance of a VP who is ready to become president at any time," said state Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter, D-Orangeburg. "Tim Kaine fits the bill on all fronts." Former Democratic S.C. Gov. Jim Hodges said he has known Kaine for about 10 years, calling the Virginian a "terrific choice" given his experience as mayor of Richmond, governor of his home state and a U.S. senator. It does not hurt that Kaine is "affable," speaks fluent Spanish and can help win over independent and moderate voters still on the fence, Hodges said.

The State: For some SC women, Hillary is long overdue

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article91520652.html>

Cassie Cope

Kaye Koonce met Hillary Clinton at a Fourth of July picnic in her Arkansas hometown in 1982. At the time, Hillary Clinton was campaigning with her husband, Bill, who was trying to regain the Arkansas governor's office. Koonce was struck by how likable, funny and down-to-earth Hillary Clinton was, in addition to having an impressive resume. More than three decades later, Koonce recalls then thinking: "I hope she runs for office." This week, Koonce, an Arkansas native who now lives in South

Carolina, will cast her vote at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia for Clinton, helping the former Arkansas first lady secure her party's presidential nomination. With that vote, Clinton will become the first woman to win the presidential nomination of a major U.S. political party. It is a historic feat that is long overdue, some S.C. women say. Other S.C. women are less thrilled.

The State: Who's going to Philadelphia? SC's Democratic delegates

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article91530037.html>

Avery G. Wilks

South Carolina has 53 delegates – including one former governor – representing the state's Democrats this week at their party's convention in Philadelphia. A look at the delegates going...

SC Political News:

Associated Press: Ethics panel asked whether it's OK to treat judges to dinner

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

Seanna Adcox

The State Ethics Commission is weighing whether it's ethically OK for a group of lawyers to arrange a special dinner for the judges of on-the-job injury claims. The state Association for Justice sought an advisory opinion in advance of its annual conference next month on Hilton Head Island, where Workers' Compensation commissioners were invited to speak at an afternoon seminar and attend a breakfast two days later. Commissioners have spoken at the association's last several conferences, and the group reimburses some expenses, such as hotel rooms. But the state won't reimbursement for such travel, so commissioners told the association the out-of-pocket costs were "becoming unreasonable," said Gary Cannon, director of the Workers' Compensation Commission.

The State: Columbia lawmaker wants to ban cops from shooting into cars

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article91491857.html>

Cynthia Roldan

State Rep. Todd Rutherford of Columbia says he's had enough of police officers shooting into cars. He pointed to a police video released in June by the State Law Enforcement Division of a May 19 Forest Acres Police officer shooting at a motorist in a slow-moving car as just the latest example in a series of shootings that have endangered or even killed drivers, not for trying to harm police but simply for trying to get away from them. That's why Rutherford, the state House of Representatives' minority leader, said he will introduce a bill in the upcoming legislative year to ban the practice. Rutherford, a criminal defense attorney and former prosecutor, said he'd rather not have to file legislation to ban it. But not enough South Carolina police and sheriff's departments have taken the initiative to end the practice of shooting into vehicles.

SC Agency News:

The State : EXCLUSIVE: Corrosive groundwater raises risk of lead exposure in SC

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article91444932.html>

Sammy Fretwell

South Carolina's sandy midsection contains some of the country's most acidic, pipe-corroding groundwater, but many small utilities aren't treating drinking water to prevent lead from washing off pipes and into people's taps. About two-thirds of the utilities that rely on groundwater in the Columbia area do not use treatment methods that can protect drinking water from lead, records show. In

several cases, utilities not using corrosion controls have exceeded federal safe drinking water standards for lead contamination, according to S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control records. Previously used in water supply pipes, lead is a toxin that causes brain damage in children, even if consumed in microscopic amounts. Acidic groundwater, like that found in Richland and Lexington counties, can corrode pipes containing lead.

Post and Courier: Lieber Correctional inmate was strangled by cellmate, says Dorchester County Coroner

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160723/160729655/lieber-correctional-inmate-was-strangled-by-cellmate-says-dorchester-county-coroner>

Gregory Lee

The Dorchester County Coroner's Office has released new details in the death of Lieber Correctional Institution inmate Ryan Mansfield. Mansfield, 24, was strangled at 1:20 a.m. Thursday by his cellmate, 34-year-old Michael Jerome Brice, and pronounced dead at the scene, said Coroner Alice Durr, in a news release late Saturday. The death has been ruled a homicide but no information on whether any charges have been filed was available. Mansfield was serving a five-year sentence for grand larceny and second-degree burglary, non-violent, from a conviction in Richland County. He began serving his sentence in February 2015. He recently was transferred to Lieber in May from the medium-security Ridgeland Correctional Facility. Brice was incarcerated in January and is serving a sentence of up to 13 years for trafficking methamphetamine, distribution of crack cocaine and possession of a firearm by a felon out of York County.

SC after Police Shootings:

Greenville News: Police shootings in SC on pace to match last year

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/07/23/police-shootings-sc-pace-match-last-year/86939806/>

Tim Smith

Officer-involved shootings in South Carolina are on track to match or slightly surpass last year's total, according to statistics compiled by the State Law Enforcement Division for the first half of the year. That the numbers of such shootings have risen in recent years is not in doubt. But when it comes to breaking down the data by race, there seems little agreement on what the numbers mean and some suggest a comprehensive analysis involves digging much deeper into how officers interact with the African-American community that goes beyond the use of lethal force. Through July 11, officers in the state have been involved in 26 shootings, including four in Greenville County, according to records provided to The Greenville News by SLED. That compares to 48 statewide for all of last year, 42 in 2014 and 37 in 2013, according to SLED.

Post and Courier: Charleston Police event aims to break down barriers, make community connections

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160723/160729662/charleston-police-event-aims-to-break-down-barriers-make-community-connections>

Gregory Lee

Inflatable bounce castles, carnival games and free lunch along the Ashley River — this was the scene of the Charleston Police Department's latest community outreach effort. The Breaking Down Barriers event at Brittlebank Park was hosted by the department's Community Action Teams 1 and 4, which are based in downtown and West Ashley, respectively. For the 16 officers at Saturday afternoon's event, the day was an opportunity to connect with the community they serve and foster

relationships in a positive, fun environment. Sgt. Damien Seabrook, of Team 1, worked with Sgt. Tonnelle Mitchell of Team 4, to put on the event. It was the first time two Community Action Teams had hosted an event together. Though publicized outreach efforts like the event are important, Seabrook says daily acts of kindness are at the center of their work.

Associated Press: North Charleston sells land after police shooting settlement

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=55gJLZHU

SC State Wire

North Charleston is selling some city land to help offset the cost of a \$6.5 million settlement with the family of an unarmed black man shot and killed by a white city police officer. Mayor Keith Summey tells The Post and Courier of Charleston (<http://bit.ly/2ajyTyW>) that the city used \$5 million from its general fund to help pay for the settlement reached last year with the family of 50-year-old Walter Scott. The city plans to auction about 28 acres of city-owned land next month to help replenish its general fund. Scott was shot in April of 2015 while running from a traffic stop in an incident captured on cellphone video. The former officer, Michael Slager, goes on trial in state court on a murder charge in October.

The Herald: Chester leaders and law enforcement stress continued dialogue during forum

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article91510917.html>

David Thackham

Police officers should reflect their community in order to foster better community relations, according to a panel composed of Chester County law enforcement and public defenders at a public forum held Saturday in Chester. The panel, which included Chester County sheriff Alex Underwood and Sixth Circuit Public Defender Mike Lifsey, stated that community trust is highest when officers either live in the area they are serving or represent the local demographics. "We need more African-Americans in leadership roles, and in the force, in general," said Lifsey, who lives in Chester. "We need to do the best we can to encourage officers to live in our communities. If I know a man's mother and go to church with his cousin, I'll feel a different way about them than I would if I never knew them." The forum/town hall meeting, which was organized and led by local community leader Makeda Baker, touched on how police officers conduct their business and what the public should understand while interacting with law enforcement.

Herald-Journal: Spartanburg seeks long-term solutions to race relations

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160723/articles/160729862>

Allison M. Roberts

Thousands of people have taken to social media in recent weeks to protest police shootings of unarmed black men and the fatal attacks on law enforcement officers that followed. But while creating hashtags and engaging in online debates is a common reaction to tragedy, local lawmakers and activists would like to see a deeper response that they say requires more effort and involvement. "This is bigger than a march and a rally," said state Rep. Harold Mitchell, D-Spartanburg. "This isn't going to take a little sprint, but a marathon to fix things. There is a lot we have to do." As communities everywhere take a hard look at how to improve race relations, residents and leaders in Spartanburg say finding long-term solutions requires hard work from everyone on a broad range of social issues that go beyond policing. No fixes can be made without some serious conversation from all sides, Mitchell said.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: Columbia- Richland merger makes immense sense, just like it always has
<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scoppe/article91480892.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

I HAD BEEN AT The State a year, covering the Richland County Council as a reporter, when county and city council members started talking seriously about mergers. Columbia officials brought up the subject, because they wanted to unload their jail; county officials wanted to go all the way, with a full political merger. That was 1987. As a fresh-out-of-college political science major, I thought the idea made a lot of sense: It eliminated a world of duplication and inefficiency, it encouraged one vision for the community, and it had worked well to cut costs and political frictions in Nashville and Jacksonville, Fla. But of course it didn't happen — not the jail merger, not the planning and zoning merger, and certainly not the full city-county merger, which wasn't even possible under state law at the time. It made sense again in 1990, when voters rejected an advisory referendum on a merger; that vote was doomed to fail for lack of official support and probably wouldn't have done any good anyway, since state law still didn't allow consolidations. It made sense in 1994, two years after the Legislature finally legalized it, when local officials brought it up again, only to be stymied by concerns over disenfranchising black voters. It probably made sense in 1972, and in 1963, when serious efforts were mounted but opposed by most elected officials, but I haven't studied those efforts as closely. They all ended the same.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: A look at some oyster restoration programs around the US

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7N2bkRpc

Wayne Parry

Efforts to restore or expand oyster colonies are underway around the coastal U.S. A look at some of them...

NOTE: SOUTH CAROLINA: Planted 150,000 bushels of oyster shells from 2002-2006 at 34 sites covering 9 acres; since 2001, more than 400 reefs built at 44 sites from Hilton Head to Murrells Inlet.

Associated Press: Maturing oyster recovery projects bring calls for money

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

Wayne Parry

Oysters were once so abundant in New Jersey that vacationers would clamber off trains, wade into the water and pluck handfuls to roast for dinner. Their colonies piled so high that boats would sometimes run aground on them, and they were incorporated into navigation maps. Even earlier, Native American tribes would have oyster feasts on the banks of coastal inlets. But over the centuries, rampant development, pollution, overharvesting and disease drastically reduced the number of oysters, here and around the country; many researchers and volunteer groups estimate oyster populations are down 85 percent from their levels in the 1800s. That has sparked efforts throughout the coastal United States to establish new oyster colonies, or fortify struggling ones. Though small in scale, the efforts are numerous and growing, and they have a unified goal: showing that oysters can be successfully restored in the wild, paving the way for larger-scale efforts and the larger funding they will require.

Associated Press: Give me a break: Duke Power proposes cutting electric rates

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=fB76OMol

SC State Wire

Duke Energy customers in South Carolina may be getting a break on their electric bills. In its annual

fuel adjustment filing with the state Public Service Commission on Friday the company is proposing a cut that would save an average residential customer more than \$5 a month. The company said in a statement that it wants to pass along to its customers \$75 million in savings because of a drop in coal and natural gas prices. Under the proposal, typical residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity would see their monthly bills drop to \$111 a month. The rate cut must still be approved by state regulators. The utility serves about 730,000 retail customers in South Carolina.

Local News:

Associated Press: Georgia man drowns while fishing in South Carolina pond

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1OQ5W0d2

SC State Wire

The Aiken County coroner says that a Georgia man is dead after drowning while fishing in a pond in the county. Coroner Tim Carlton tells local media outlets that 77-year-old Howard Seymore of Martinez, Georgia died in the accident on Friday afternoon. Carlton says that Seymore and a friend were fishing on the bank of the pond when his line got tangled in debris. Seymore got into a canoe and paddled out into the pond but the canoe tipped over and he fell into the water as he tried to untangle the line.

Associated Press: Man dead, second injured in North Charleston shooting

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=DEO9hU6P

SC State Wire

Authorities are investigating a shooting in North Charleston that left one man dead and a second in the hospital with gunshot wounds. Police tell local media outlets they received a call to a residential neighborhood about 2 a.m. on Saturday. They found one man dead of gunshot wounds. A second shooting victim was taken to the Medical University of South Carolina. The identity of the dead man was not immediately released.

The State: Woman who admitted to starving son is impoverished, intellectually disabled, lawyer says

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article91502042.html>

Sarah Ellis

In an unusual move, a Columbia public defender spoke out Saturday on a young mother's behalf in response to what he called a "one-sided, misleading and, in many ways, inaccurate" portrayal of a case and sentence by 5th Circuit Solicitor Dan Johnson in a news release a day earlier. Ashley Cheatham, a 24-year-old Columbia mother of three, was given a suspended sentence and three years' probation after admitting that she starved her infant son in 2014 even though she had vouchers for free infant formula. Cheatham's attorney, Robert Bank, said the woman wasn't trying to starve her son, even though Johnson's office had urged the judge to send her to jail. She could have faced 10 years in prison for inflicting great bodily injury upon a child and unlawful conduct toward a child, but the judge chose otherwise, Johnson said in a news release Friday.

Associated Press: Child found dead in car seat in Horry County home

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=PVSQCIQ6

SC State Wire

Horry County police are investigating after a 4-month-old girl was found dead in a car seat in a residence in Aynor. Police spokesman Lt. Raul Denis tells local media outlets that police were called Thursday evening about a report of an unresponsive child. When the officers arrived about 6:45 p.m., emergency medical services workers were already on the scene and the girl was dead. The child was

found in a car seat on a couch in the residence. The name of the child was not immediately released and Denis says that, while police are investigating, no charges have been filed.

Post and Courier : Charleston County School District proposes closing school for students with multiple and severe disabilities

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160723/160729734/charleston-county-school-district-proposes-closing-school-for-students-with-multiple-and-severe-disabilities>

Deanna Pan

The Charleston County School District may close the Lowcountry's only public school designed to exclusively serve children with multiple and severe disabilities, leaving parents scrambling less than four weeks before the start of the school year. District officials met with the board of Pattison's Academy for Comprehensive Education and, citing cost concerns, proposed a plan to shutter the former charter school and send its students back to their home schools. Officials said this proposal would save the district more than \$800,000. Pattison's board member Randy Disharoon, whose son attended the school, said he feels betrayed. "We voluntarily gave up our charter with the understanding that the kids were all going to stay together and all the teachers were going to be given contracts, and neither of those two understandings were met or honored," Disharoon said. "We trusted CCSD staff ... They burned us."

Independent Mail: Clemson dean has \$50M plan for his school

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/clemson-dean-has-50m-plan-for-his-school-3850d15e-3d55-3bb4-e053-0100007fb0d2-388034352.html?d=mobile>

Mike Eads

Bobby McCormick has a \$50 million plan for Clemson's newly reconstituted College of Business. McCormick is dean of the college, which spun off from the university's behavioral science program when the ambitious Clemson Forward restructuring plan started July 1. His future aspirations for the college aren't dissimilar from some of President Jim Clements' and Provost Bob Jones' goals for the entire university — raising Clemson's profile from national to global, attaching a higher cachet to a Clemson degree, and widening the school's financial base. "The business school needs an external constituency outside the narrow confines of Pickens County, and part of that is finding private partners that are not traditional Clemson donors," McCormick said. "It will be impossible for the business school to grow without private dollars. There is dwindling state support for higher education, so if we're going to educate kids to work in the global economy, we'll need a larger community of donors."

NOTE: McCormick made his case for the campaign last week to seemingly sympathetic trustees of the university at their summer meeting at the Madren Conference Center. The university board of trustees includes eight alumni of the business school, and several others have top administrative jobs with the university. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley got her degree from Clemson's business school, too.

Independent Mail: Clemson program educates student-athletes about sexual misconduct

<http://www.independentmail.com/sports/college/clemson/clemson-program-educates-student-athletes-about-sexual-misconduct-384e22b8-8a2b-1114-e053-0100007ffa-388033652.html>

Brad Senkiw

On the heels of sexual misconduct allegations within football programs at Baylor University and the University of Tennessee that have put administrations under the spotlight, LSU announced this month it would take a more proactive, rather than reactive, approach beyond just educating student-athletes on sexual abuse, assaults, harassment and awareness. At Clemson University, Loreto Jackson, the

associate athletic director of student-athlete wellness and development, had the same idea. Hers, however, came 10 years ago. In the wake of a very public Duke University lacrosse rape case in 2006, Jackson took a hard look at how that university handled the incident. "What became apparent is how the behaviors of a few could bring down a prestigious institution," Jackson said about the Duke scandal, which included three falsely accused players. "With all that in light, it kind of was our wake-up call (at Clemson). What are we doing? What are our policies? What are we telling our young people? We decided to be proactive and prevent, mitigate the management of the situation and recover. So if anything were to happen, we were ready, but also can we prevent these things from happening?"

The State: Why won't Columbia host a national Corvette convention? Blame our small convention center

<http://www.thestate.com/news/business/article91482647.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

When the National Corvette Restorers Society was looking for a place for its 2019 annual meeting, board members wanted to come to South Carolina. Columbia caught their meeting planner's eye. The Capital City's growing downtown and exploding restaurant, bar and microbrewery market would make it a new and fresh destination for the organization's 800 or so attendees. The planner also liked the brand new Spirit Communications minor league baseball park, the revitalized Main Street and the additional attractions at Riverbanks Zoo and the State Museum. But there was a problem. The tiny exhibition space at Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center – at 23,700 square feet, the smallest in the state by half – didn't have room to display all 90 of their sports cars. So the group is going to Greenville instead.

Post and Courier: Volvo's water line decision could pit Berkeley County officials against residents

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160723/160729748/volvos-water-line-decision-could-pit-berkeley-county-officials-against-residents>

David Wren

Development typically follows the path of water and sewer lines, and that has some Berkeley County officials worried about where the pipes serving Volvo's new car plant will go. At stake is the rural lifestyle residents of the nearby Lebanon community have enjoyed for decades — a lifestyle that is supposed to be protected by a development agreement the county approved in 2013 covering the roughly 6,800-acre Camp Hall tract where Volvo is building its \$500 million campus. The agreement details such things as how roads and traffic will be managed, how big the buffers between new development and existing landowners will be and how the sewer lines will route to the Lower Berkeley treatment plant near the Naval Weapons Station in Goose Creek.

Associated Press: If you dream it, SiMT Makerspace will 3-D print it

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

SC State Wire

The space is what you make it. Or rather, what you make in it. The building possibilities are numerous in the new Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology (SiMT) Center Makerspace, located in the Gould Business Incubator at Florence-Darlington Technical College. The Makerspace is a 3-D printing lab that is open to the public to explore and create. Managing director Ashley Dingle said the cost to use the lab is set up similar to the pricing for a gym membership. "People can come in here for \$25 a month, \$15 for students, so it is very reasonable," Dingle said. "It is just like a gym; all of the machines don't have to be in use but, if you want to, you can use them all, however you want." Though the technology is still relatively new, Dingle said even people who have

never used it before can do so easily.

Herald-Journal: Greenville Hospital System chosen for federal cancer treatment initiative

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160723/articles/160729858>

Bob Montgomery

Better care at lower cost may be on the way soon for cancer patients in the Greenville Health System. GHS is one of three physician group practices in South Carolina chosen to take part in a cancer care initiative that rewards health systems for providing better patient care and lowering costs. The other participants are in Rock Hill and Charleston. A GHS spokeswoman said several patients in the Spartanburg area that utilize GHS' Cancer Institute will benefit from the program. "This new care delivery model aligns well with our vision and will help us transform cancer care for patients both now and in the future," Dr. Larry Gluck, an oncologist and medical director of GHS' Cancer Institute, stated in a press release. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services developed a five-year oncology care model that includes a network of more than 3,200 oncologists and covers about 155,000 Medicare beneficiaries nationwide.

National News:

Associated Press : Trump vs. Clinton: Is a 2017 'peaceful transfer' possible?

<http://bigstory.ap.org/f2e630b69d45477887b9e75ba4eb694f>

Bill Barrow

Hillary Clinton should be in jail. Donald Trump threatens America's very existence. These are not fringe opinions. They are widespread views across the nation's bitter political divide. That means that on Nov. 9, the morning after Election Day, tens of millions of Americans will awaken to the realization that someone they loathe will be the 45th president of the United States. The dynamics of the race, more ominous than the usual rough-and-tumble of politics, leave many Republicans and Democrats worried that many voters will be unwilling to accept the outcome. That could weaken the new president from the very first day in office. Intense, sustained opposition diminishes a president's political capital and emboldens opposition lawmakers who have to answer to their own supporters. "Politics has never been genteel ... but generally both parties and their leaders have recognized the legitimacy of the process, and that seems to be fraying," said Republican Steve Schmidt, top strategist for Arizona Sen. John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign.

World News:

Associated Press: After Obama's green light, Afghan forces on the offensive

<http://bigstory.ap.org/077df8a2095948c38631b7fa3a8f5b86>

Lynne O'Donnell

After two years of heavy casualties, the Afghan military is trying to retake the initiative in the war against militants with a new offensive against Islamic State group loyalists, an assault that will see American troops back on the battlefield working more closely with Afghan soldiers. Afghan President Ashraf Ghani recently announced a major assault against fighters loyal to the Islamic State group, who over the past year captured positions along Afghanistan's eastern border with Pakistan, mainly in Nangarhar province. That goal to uproot IS from Afghanistan has taken on new urgency in the wake of a deadly suicide bombing of a protest march Saturday in Kabul that killed at least 80 people. The Islamic State group's Aamaq online news agency quickly claimed responsibility for the attack, the first IS attack in the Afghan capital and one of the deadliest ever to hit Kabul. Ghani, in a live televised address after the bombing, told the nation, "I promise you I will take revenge against the

culprits."

Associated Press: Afghanistan marks day of national mourning after huge attack

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Afghanistan marked a national day of mourning on Sunday, a day after at least 80 people were killed by a suicide bomber attack on a peaceful demonstration. The attack was claimed by the Islamic State group. Funerals were due to begin quietly in western Kabul as families collected their dead from hospitals and morgues across the capital, and graves were dug in preparation. Authorities say another 231 people were wounded, some seriously, in the attack Saturday afternoon on a march by members of the ethnic Hazara community, who are predominantly Shiite Muslim. Most Afghans are Sunni, and the IS group regards Shiites as apostates.

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