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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley order addresses what she calls hidden budget earmarks

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Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley is hoping to force South Carolina legislators to be more forthright about budget earmarks. The Republican governor issued an executive order Thursday aimed at stemming so-called "pass-throughs." That's when legislators send money to an agency without its request, to be spent on local projects. Her order requires Cabinet agencies to verify such projects benefit the public and fit the agency's mission before funding them. It also requires an annual report detailing those earmarks. Haley said last month while issuing her budget vetoes that pass-throughs are "really starting to become a problem." For example, this year's budget allocated \$6.4 million to the Department of Parks Recreation and Tourism for unspecified "revitalizations." Legislators overrode Haley's line-item veto. The order covers the 16 agencies that report to Haley.

Moultrie News: Life Resources receives Psychologically Healthy Workplace Award

<http://www.moultrienews.com/20160707/160709911/life-resources-receives-psychologically-healthy-workplace-award>

Life Resources was one of three South Carolina businesses and the only organization in the Lowcountry to receive this recognition for 2016. They also received a congratulatory letter from South Carolina Governor, Nikki Haley, applauding the organization for its excellence in business and service to the community. Nominees for the PHWA are evaluated based on five areas: employee involvement, work-life balance, employee growth and development, health and safety, and employee recognition. The award program highlights a variety of workplaces, including large and small, for-profit and nonprofit organizations and is given out annually on both state and national levels through the American Psychological Association. Dr. Boatwright said, "The fact that this award evaluates the psychological and relational health of an organization makes this recognition particularly meaningful, as our team recognizes that we can only offer to others what we live out on a daily basis."

Post and Courier: Thousands sent emails to Gov. Nikki Haley to bring down Confederate flag, documents show

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160706/160709650/thousands-sent-emails-to-gov-nikki-haley-to-bring-down-confederate-flag-documents-show>

Doug Pardue and Jennifer Berry Hawes

In the days after the Emanuel AME Church shooting, Gov. Nikki Haley was inundated with thousands of emails from people around the country expressing everything from outrage to sympathy in beseeching her to remove the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds. "The world is watching," an Asheville, N.C., writer said. Early on, only an occasional writer supported flying the flag, calling it a symbol of heritage. Others, however, offered cutting, racially charged comments. The comments are among a string of correspondence Haley's office received last summer in the wake of the Emanuel AME Church killings and subsequent debate over the flag. The more than 10,000 emails — some from as far away as Hawaii and Alaska — were released Wednesday after The Post and Courier and several other media outlets requested the documents through the state's Freedom of Information Act. The emails, along with handwritten letters, were turned over in boxes at the

Statehouse.

The State: Nationwide praise, criticism for Haley after call to remove Confederate flag, emails show
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article88106507.html>

Jamie Self, Cassie Cope, Bristow Marchant and Avery Wilks

Praise and criticism from across the country flooded S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley's inbox last year as the state reeled from the shooting of nine parishioners in Charleston and grappled with whether to remove the Confederate flag from the State House grounds. The Lexington Republican on Wednesday released more than 10,000 pages of emails and letters related to the Confederate flag and the event that led her to call for its removal – a shooting at “Mother” Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, which claimed the lives of nine African-American churchgoers. In the days immediately following the shooting, emails overwhelmingly urged the governor to remove the divisive banner from its public perch. Many came from out of state. The emails, released to reporters Wednesday through an open records request, are being made public just days before Sunday's one-year anniversary of the flag's furling. The correspondence spans from June 18, the day after the church shooting, to July 13, three days after the Confederate flag was removed from the State House grounds.

Associated Press: Messages show Haley was praised, vilified on flag stance

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

Meg Kinnard and Jeffrey Collins

Thousands of people reached out to South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley after the slayings of nine black people at a historic Charleston church, condemning the violence as senseless and saddening. Many of these messages - included among more than 10,000 pages released Wednesday by Haley's office - praise the Republican governor as courageous for calling to remove the Confederate battle flag from the Statehouse grounds. But many others, while criticizing the violence, urged her to leave the flag alone rather than make a "knee jerk" reaction to the shootings. The messages arrived from across the state and as far away as Texas, Washington and Hawaii. To many, Haley sent a standard response, thanking the writer for his or her message and praising South Carolina for unifying in the face of tragedy.

Associated Press: Excerpts: SC governor's correspondence over Confederate flag

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3jNTK1tO

SC State Wire

Poignant. Thoughtful. Angry. Racist. The thousands of emails and letters sent to Gov. Nikki Haley as lawmakers debated removing the Confederate flag outside the South Carolina Statehouse reflect all sorts of emotions. Haley's office released this correspondence Wednesday as part of a Freedom of Information Act request. Her office redacted last names, email addresses and other identifying information. Here are excerpts from a very small sample, as written...

Associated Press: The Latest: Haley's office tracked support for flag removal

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

SC State Wire

Gov. Nikki Haley's office received a chart of businesses, political leaders and community groups supporting the removal of the Confederate flag during last summer's debate. The chart shows up in 10,000 pages her office released under an open records request. Amid the many messages condemning the shootings at Emanuel AME Church, some also condemned Haley's call to take down the flag from the Statehouse grounds, while others supported lowering the flag, and praised the governor as courageous for speaking out. The documents also show the Confederate Relic Room initially put a \$1 million price tag on removing the flag in an email to Haley's staff. Two days after the shooting, the governor's office also told state agencies that for nine days, their employees did not have to say, "It's a great day in South Carolina" upon answering the phone. Haley instituted that cheery greeting in 2011.

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press: Church shooting attorney calls state prosecutor 'reckless'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/d20939f879cf43d19df2afae235704ba>

Meg Kinnard

An attorney for the man facing dual death-penalty trials in the shootings of nine churchgoers in South Carolina says a state prosecutor's desire to go to trial before federal authorities is "reckless and shortsighted." Public defender Ashley Pennington also said that if Solicitor Scarlett Wilson wants justice, she should accept Dylann Roof's offer to plead guilty to murder in exchange for a life sentence. "If the Solicitor were truly concerned with certainty and finality, she would be satisfied with an agreed-upon federal trial schedule, rather than seeking a speeded-up and unworkable new trial schedule in the State Court," Pennington wrote in a state court filing on Wednesday. "Or she could immediately achieve both certainty and finality by accepting the defendant's longstanding offer to plead guilty as charged to all counts in state court, and accept a sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole," he wrote. The arguments mirror statements in Roof's federal hate crimes case, where his defenders also want prosecutors to drop the death penalty and accept a guilty plea.

Associated Press: The Latest: July 13 hearing set for church shooting suspect

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=C9rjTfPD

SC State Wire

The white man charged with fatally shooting nine black people at a South Carolina church is expected in court next week. Solicitor Scarlett Wilson says a hearing in the state case against 22-year-old Dylann Roof has been scheduled for July 13 in Charleston. Roof faces charges including nine counts of murder in state court, and Wilson is seeking the death penalty. Federal prosecutors are also seeking death on the 33 charges they're pursuing against Roof, including hate crimes and obstruction of religion. Roof's federal trial is slated to begin in November, although Wilson has said her case should go first. The state trial is currently scheduled for January.

Post and Courier: Despite Dylann Roof conflict, U.S. attorney says feds, state want same: justice

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160707/160709605/despite-dylann-roof-conflict-us-attorney-says-feds-state-want-same-justice>

Andrew Knapp

Despite courtroom conflicts between the state and federal authorities seeking Dylann Roof's execution, South Carolina's top federal prosecutor said this week that they all want the same thing: justice. Acting U.S. Attorney Beth Drake penned a letter to survivors and loved ones of those slain in last year's mass shooting at Emanuel AME Church. It was her first public comment on the case since taking over for Bill Nettles, who resigned last month. Drake and the U.S. Department of Justice have been at apparent odds with 9th Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson, who lambasted the federal government and court system for seeking to try Roof first. The federal death penalty trial is set for Nov. 7, while the state's capital proceeding is slated to start Jan. 17.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: S.C. Republicans have audience with Donald Trump on Capitol Hill

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160707/160709607/sc-republicans-have-audience-with-donald-trump-on-capitol-hill>

Emma Dumain

The GOP's presumptive presidential nominee, Donald Trump, visited Capitol Hill on Thursday to hold court with congressional Republicans — including U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford and several others from South Carolina. It was Trump's first visit to Washington, D.C., since securing the nomination. None of the Republicans from the South Carolina delegation who attended the two sessions were Trump supporters during the primary. A few of them, including Sanford, R-S.C., continue to harbor reservations. Sanford told reporters on his way out of House Republicans' meeting he continues to be

concerned about Trump's often inflammatory "tenor and tone," but said it was important the party leader made time to address lawmakers and take questions. "It's necessary to check the box," Sanford said. "At some point, the nominee needs to get to know the Republican Conference because, if in fact he wins, this is the team that's going to make his agenda happen, or we'd be responsible for its failures."

CNBC: Rep Trey Gowdy rips into FBI Director James Comey on Hillary Clinton's 'intent'
<http://www.cnbc.com/2016/07/07/rep-trey-gowdy-rips-into-fbi-director-james-comey-on-hillary-clintons-intent.html>

Arriana McLymore

A House panel grilled FBI Director James Comey two days after he recommended against prosecuting former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for an email server scandal. In the hearing, South Carolina Rep. Trey Gowdy questioned Comey on the definition of intent and how Clinton could possibly evade punishment. The exchange grew heated at times, with comments like this one from Gowdy: "You and I both know intent is really difficult to prove. Very rarely do defendants announce 'On this date I intend to break this criminal code section. Just to put everyone on notice, I am going to break the law on this date.'" Here's a full transcript of the exchange...

Island Packet: SC senator proposes legislation to revoke Hilary Clinton's security clearance
<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/state/south-carolina/article88188897.html>

Mandy Matney

A South Carolina senator is working with other Republicans on legislation that would revoke Hillary Clinton's security clearance. U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, along with U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner and U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, introduced legislation Thursday that would revoke Clinton's security clearance, as well as the security clearance of her colleagues who worked with her during her time as Secretary of State. The legislation is known as the TRUST (Taking Responsibility Using Secured Technologies) Act, introduced after the conclusion of the FBI's investigation into Secretary Clinton's use of a personal e-mail system in her capacity as Secretary of State. "The bottom line is Secretary Clinton created her own email system, used it to send classified documents, and was most likely hacked by foreign operatives," Scott said. "This exhibits a serious lack of judgment, and must have consequences.

Post and Courier: Clyburn 'tentatively' scheduled to make key slot speech at Democratic Convention

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160707/160709593/clyburn-tentatively-scheduled-to-make-key-slot-speech-at-democratic-convention>

Emma Dumain

U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn might have a plum speaking slot at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia later this month. The South Carolina lawmaker — the third ranking House Democrat and most senior black lawmaker in Congress — told The Post and Courier on Thursday he's been told he's on the schedule to deliver remarks on the last night of the convention. That's the same night that Hillary Clinton is expected to officially become the first woman to accept the presidential nomination on a major party ticket. "My staff has informed me that I am tentatively listed as a Thursday night speaker," Clyburn said. Clyburn's speech could also occur during prime time, when millions of viewers around the country are tuning into the nationally-televised pageantry.

Post and Courier: State lawmakers 'disappointed' in Berkeley school board's decision on prayer
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160707/160709598/state-lawmakers-disappointed-in-berkeley-school-boards-decision-on-prayer>

Brenda Rindge

A Berkeley County lawmaker is weighing in on the school board's recent decision to abandon its practice of reciting a Christian prayer at meetings, even drafting other legislators from the far corners of the state to get involved. Sen. Larry Grooms, R-Charleston, sent a letter to school board members

Thursday - signed by 50 legislators - urging the board to reconsider its decision last month to stop reciting the Lord's Prayer, as it has done for years. Other Berkeley County legislators who signed the letter include Rep. Samuel Rivers, Sen. Paul Campbell, Rep. Sylleste Davis, Rep. Bill Crosby and Rep. Joe Daning. "We are disappointed by the Berkeley County School Board's announcement that it will end its tradition of offering a public prayer before official meetings," reads the July 7 note. "For hundreds of years, Americans have incorporated prayer into public meetings to ask for God's wisdom for their deliberative bodies. Case law and state law affirm their right to do so."

SC Agency News:

The State: DHEC lifts Saluda River swimming advisory

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article88173852.html>

Sammy Fretwell

The state Department of Health and Environmental Control has lifted a swimming advisory for the Saluda River at Saluda Shoals Park in Columbia, according to a news release from the agency. "We have been performing daily sampling along the section of river that was impacted by improperly treated wastewater, along with the effluent being discharged from the facility, and found that bacteria levels have returned to consistently satisfactory levels," David Baize, chief of DHEC's Bureau of Water, said in the news release. On June 21, DHEC detected bacteria levels higher than normal being discharged from the Carolina Water Service Friarsgate Plant into the Saluda River near Saluda Shoals.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Seventh Zika case reported among S.C. residents

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160706/160709635/seventh-zika-case-reported-among-sc-residents->

Derrek Asberry

A seventh South Carolina resident has been diagnosed with the Zika virus. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control reported on Tuesday that the patient contracted the virus while traveling internationally and was diagnosed after returning home. Six cases in this state have occurred that way. The other case involved a resident who had sexual contact with someone who acquired the Zika infection while traveling abroad. The Zika virus is transmitted by the *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes — both of which are found in South Carolina. There is no evidence that they are spreading the disease locally.

Greenville News: SC traffic deaths down slightly compared to 2015

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/07/06/sc-traffic-deaths-slightly-less-than-time-last-year/86745182/>

Tim Smith

South Carolinians are dying on the state's roads at a rate slightly less than at this time last year. According to preliminary data posted by the State Department of Public Safety, 466 people have lost their lives in road accidents as of Tuesday, compared to 475 for this time last year. But last year's numbers were a spike upward. Traffic fatalities overall increased by 16 percent in 2015. Deaths in Greenville County this year again lead the state but also are running slightly behind 2015, with 37 killed compared to 40 this time last year. "It's a positive that traffic fatalities are going down but we still have plenty of work to do," said Tiffany Wright, a spokeswoman for AAA Carolinas, a highway safety group based in Charlotte. South Carolina's traffic fatality rate annually ranks among the highest in the country.

Local News:

Associated Press: Residents asked to be on lookout for fighter jet wreckage

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=cFZxu7EB

SC State Wire

Investigators are asking the public to be on the lookout for an ejection seat and canopy from one of two fighter jets that crashed after a midair collision in Georgia. Two F-16s from the South Carolina Air National Guard collided over Jefferson County in east Georgia while training on June 7. Both pilots ejected and survived with no serious injuries. Robins Air Force Base officials say they want people in the area to keep an eye out for any debris or remnants from the crash, especially the missing ejection seat and canopy that covers the cockpit. The base said in a statement that anyone finding wreckage should not move it, and should call 911 to report the find.

Morning News: At Florence meeting, officials explain disaster-relief plan

http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_37b6fdcf-43dc-11e6-a4a0-a37e02aaae84.html

Deborah Swearingen

The South Carolina Disaster Recovery Coordination Office met Wednesday with the public to discuss disaster relief eligibility for those in Florence and the surrounding area. The meeting came after a June decision by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to allocate approximately \$156 million in federal funding to the 22 counties in need of assistance after historic floods devastated South Carolina in early October 2015. Lexington and Richland counties and the city of Columbia will receive approximately \$60 million of the grant. The other \$96 million will go to the state of South Carolina to be distributed among the other 20 counties. Florence, Horry, Williamsburg, Darlington, Marion and Clarendon are just six of the 20 counties across the state set to receive part of the \$96 million. "The key is right now to make sure that we're all on the same sheet of music in terms of how that money's going to be spent," said retired Army Col. Kevin Shwedo, who until recently ran the state disaster recovery office.

Sun News: Search for missing 12-year-old swimmer continues

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article88146722.html>

Elizabeth Townsend

The search for a Darlington County 12-year-old boy who went missing in the ocean near 42nd Avenue North Wednesday afternoon continued through the night as Myrtle Beach police combed the shores. Rescue searchers resumed water search efforts early Thursday morning and launched jet skis while others continued to search the beaches for the boy, Lt. Joey Crosby with Myrtle Beach police said. "What they'll [rescue searchers] do this morning is go out and determine the tide. How did the currents flow last night. How is the tide influencing things today, and they'll do their search based on that," said Crosby. About 4:20 p.m. Wednesday, a call for three swimmers, all siblings and from Darlington County, went out, and Myrtle Beach police and fire officials rushed to the area of 42nd Avenue North.

Associated Press: SC man dies from heat in home without air conditioning

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=fvgqUv3I

SC State Wire

The Richland County coroner says a 31-year-old man living in a home without air conditioning in Columbia has died from the heat. Coroner Gary Watts said in a news release that Jamal Graham was taken to the emergency room Tuesday and died a day later from exposure to the heat. It's been an unseasonably hot summer in Columbia. The city has had highs of 100 degrees or more for five straight days. The nights haven't cooled down. Weather data shows the temperature has dipped below 75 degrees for just 13 hours in the past 10 days in Columbia.

The State: 31-year-old Columbia man the first Richland County heat death

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article88203157.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

A man died of heat-related conditions early Wednesday morning, which marks Richland County's first officially confirmed hyperthermia death in 2016. Jamal Dirk Graham, 31, of Atlas Road in Columbia,

was taken to the emergency room at Dorn Veterans Affairs Medical Center on Tuesday. Richland County Coroner Gary Watts said Graham was not exerting himself before he was taken to the hospital – he was in his house without air conditioning. Watts cautioned the public to be watchful for heat exhaustion and heatstroke during intense summer weather. Those who are unable to cool their homes properly should contact their local churches for possible assistance, he said. Temperatures in Columbia are expected to hit 101 degrees on Friday, 102 on Saturday and 99 on Sunday, according to the National Weather Service.

Associated Press: Woman dies after conviction in former mayor's death

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=zB8Y02G9

SC State Wire

A woman convicted on accessory charges in the death of a former South Carolina mayor has died in prison. York Police Chief Andy Robinson told The Herald of Rock Hill (<http://bit.ly/29pcJIG>) that Julia Phillips, 72, died Wednesday. Robinson did not know how she died. Phillips was sentenced to life in prison 2013 on an accessory to murder charge in the death of 79-year-old former York Mayor Melvin Roberts. Phillips was convicted after prosecutors said she made up a phony story of being attacked when Roberts was killed in 2010. Prosecutors say Phillips was Roberts' former girlfriend and developed a scheme to kill him to try to secure her financial future when Roberts was about to break up with her.

Associated Press: Deputies: Sister stabbing brother appears to be self-defense

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=y6Zd52nT

SC State Wire

Deputies say a woman appears to have stabbed her 49-year-old brother to death in self-defense in a home in Greenville. Authorities told media outlets that officers were called to the home to investigate a stabbing around 2:30 a.m. Thursday. The coroner's office said 49-year-old Gary Gossett died at the scene. Deputies say an initial investigation shows Gossett was stabbed by his sister after attacking her, but officers will consult with prosecutors before declaring the stabbing self-defense and closing the case. Authorities did not release the name of the sister or why Gossett may have attacked her.

National News:

Associated Press: Minnesota police kill man in car; video is widely shared

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2c7ef60fb98748cf9e69f3a5814af7e2>

Steve Karnowski

The fatal shooting of a black man in his car by a Minnesota police officer went viral Thursday, its aftermath broadcast live over Facebook by the victim's girlfriend, who cried that he had just been shot "for no apparent reason." The shooting happened late Wednesday during a traffic stop in the St. Paul suburb of Falcon Heights. The interim police chief in nearby St. Anthony, Jon Mangseth, said he was aware of the video but had not seen it. In the video, the woman describes being pulled over for a "busted tail light" and says her boyfriend had told the officer he was carrying a gun for which he was licensed. She says he was shot as he reached for his wallet. The video appeared to be genuine, but The Associated Press could not immediately verify it with family members, and authorities did not confirm its authenticity.

Associated Press: Louisiana officers cleared in prior use of force complaints

<http://bigstory.ap.org/dc8dd4c7d6e9409db663c54e1a3a2dcd>

Mike Kunzelman, Melinda Deslatte and Cain Burdeau

Four previous "use of force" complaints were lodged against the two white police officers in the video-recorded shooting death of a black man and they were cleared in all of them, according to internal affairs documents released Thursday. The complaints included three black men and a black juvenile. One of them was shot when police said he pointed a gun at them and the others were injured during arrests and a police pursuit in a vehicle. The documents were released a day after the Justice

Department opened a civil rights investigation into the shooting of 37-year-old Alton Sterling, who was killed by police during an altercation outside of a convenience store where he was selling CDs. Police say he was armed and an eyewitness said he had a gun in his pocket. Cellphone video posted online set off angry protests in this city of about 229,000, where 54 percent of the population is black and more than 25 percent live in poverty.

Associated Press: No double standard in Clinton probe, FBI director says

<http://bigstory.ap.org/c5ba063a01bd4e2986d6d5a94aa2b753>

Eric Tucker and Matthew Daly

Summoned before Congress and aggressively questioned by Republicans, FBI Director James Comey on Thursday strongly defended the government's decision to not prosecute Hillary Clinton over her private email setup. He said there was no evidence that she knew that anything she was doing was against the law or had lied to federal investigators. Comey's appearance before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee marked his first public statements since an FBI announcement that removed the threat of criminal charges against the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee but also revived public scrutiny of her handling of classified information. A number of Republicans suggested there was a double standard for charging everyday people accused of crimes as opposed to high-level people like Clinton. Lawmakers asked Comey if he had been hearing that, too. "I've heard it a lot," he said. "It's not true, but I've heard it a lot."

Associated Press: Trump attempts to reassure skittish GOP lawmakers

<http://bigstory.ap.org/9d6ca273a64e4e8b8376048807762a52>

Erica Werner and Richard Lardner

Donald Trump tried to assure skittish GOP lawmakers Thursday that they all share the same Republican Party goals, but Senate antagonists withheld support after a tense meeting with the presidential candidate. Protesters chanted in sweltering heat outside, while inside a packed room at the Republican National Committee, Trump offered a simple message, according to Rep. Ken Calvert of California: "We all need to stick together. Things will all work out in November." With GOP lawmakers unanimous in their desire to beat Hillary Clinton this fall, some welcomed the reassurance and applauded Trump's remarks. It wasn't enough for others, as lawmakers who have been wary of Trump's incendiary comments and off-putting campaign style said they remain unconvinced. Trump defended himself against some of his harshest Senate critics. Addressing Nebraska GOP Sen. Ben Sasse, he said, "Surely, you don't want Clinton." Sasse's spokesman, in a statement, said the senator considers the two presidential choices as a "Dumpster fire," adding that "nothing has changed."

CNN: Ted Cruz to speak at RNC following Trump meeting

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/07/07/politics/donald-trump-meets-with-ted-cruz-reince-priebus/index.html>

Jeremy Diamond and Noah Gray

Sen. Ted Cruz, Donald Trump's former chief rival for the GOP nomination, will speak at the Republican National Convention later this month, the Texas senator told reporters after the two met Thursday in Washington. Cruz told reporters Thursday that the real estate mogul offered his former primary rival a speaking slot during the meeting and Cruz accepted. He added that he and Trump did not discuss an endorsement. Cruz said that Trump offered Cruz a speaking slot and that he accepted. "We had a positive and productive meeting this morning with Donald Trump. Donald asked me to speak at the Republican convention and I told him I'd be happy to do so," Cruz told reporters. The two men met Thursday with Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus at the National Republican Senatorial Committee headquarters where Trump also met with several dozen other Republican senators on Thursday. The meeting marked the first time Cruz and Trump met in person since the Texas senator dropped out of the presidential race more than two months ago.

World News:

Associated Press: UK to get 2nd female PM: May, Leadsom in Conservative runoff

<http://bigstory.ap.org/41975f117a924889832e23e709425537>

Jill Lawless

Britain is on course to get its second female prime minister, after Conservative lawmakers chose Home Secretary Theresa May and Energy Minister Andrea Leadsom on Thursday to fight a runoff contest for leadership of the country's governing party. The race pits a stalwart of the center-right government — May — against a rising star of the party's right. The winner will become the first woman to lead Britain since Margaret Thatcher, who governed from 1979 to 1990, transforming the country with her staunchly free-market policies. May received 199 votes in a ballot of Conservative members of Parliament, while Leadsom received 84. Justice Secretary Michael Gove got 46 votes and was eliminated from the race. Some 150,000 Conservative Party members will now vote by postal ballot on the two candidates, with the result announced Sept. 9.

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