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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Confederate flag supporters describe how their views changed

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Meg Kinnard

Like many other white southerners, Justin Hough used to consider the Confederate flag part of his regional heritage, not a symbol of hate. That changed when a white man who posed with the flag was charged with killing nine black churchgoers last year. Hough is one of thousands of people who felt compelled to share their feelings with South Carolina's governor after she called for removing the flag from its place of honor. "It's a tarnished, tattered image of the South," Hough told The Associated Press, and southerners who don't acknowledge this either don't understand the impact, or are "just lying about what it says to other people." The AP reached out to writers of these emails and letters after Gov. Nikki Haley's office released 10,000 pages of documents last week in response to requests for public records from last summer's flag debate.

NOTE: When Haley first campaigned for governor in 2010, she joined the ranks of South Carolina politicians who said the issue had been settled for all time by a 2000 compromise that moved the banner from atop the capitol dome to a 30-foot pole near a Confederate soldier monument.

NOTE: The photos of Dylann Roof posing with the battle flag before the killings inside the historic Emanuel AME Church reopened difficult conversations about Confederate symbols, and just five days after the shootings, Haley said the flag must come down.

Aiken Standard: Gov. Haley to join groundbreaking ceremony for manufacturing facility in Barnwell

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160713/160719813/gov-haley-to-join-groundbreaking-ceremony-for-manufacturing-facility-in-barnwell>

Maayan Schechter

Gov. Nikki Haley will stand among others in a groundbreaking ceremony today in Barnwell for a new manufacturing facility. The ceremony starts at 11 a.m. Last year, the Aiken Standard learned more than 100 jobs were expected to land in Barnwell County over the next few years due to the roughly \$215 million High Density Fiber manufacturing facility. KronotexUSA, an American subsidiary of Swiss Krono Group, made the announcement in December 2015 of the expansion of its existing facility at 810 Technology Drive in Barnwell. The expansion will allow KronotexUSA to produce 300,000 cubic meters of high-density fiberboard per year which the company will use for laminate flooring manufacturing operations and sell to furniture, cabinet, fixture, door and other wood-based manufacturers, according to a press release.

Area Development: Tower International Establishes Manufacturing Plant In Fountain Inn, South Carolina

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/155e446e457f9f9c>

Tower International, a leading integrated global manufacturer of engineered structural metal components and assemblies, is establishing its first operations at Southchase Business Park in Fountain Inn, South Carolina. The company is investing \$75 million in the new facility, creating 140 jobs in Greenville County. Associates at the company's Greenville County operations center will manufacture large complex assemblies for a leading automobile manufacturer commencing in September 2017.

NOTE: “We couldn’t be more excited about Tower International’s decision to do business in South Carolina. This \$75 million investment and the 140 new jobs it means for Fountain Inn are real reasons to celebrate, and we look forward to watching Tower thrive in our state for many years to come,” Governor Nikki Haley said.

Horry News: Arizona aircraft maintenance company establishing operations in Myrtle Beach
http://www.myhorrynews.com/news/business/article_2f11d576-4910-11e6-8b91-6f00d83cabe6.html
Arizona-based Kingman Airline Services will be investing \$2.5 million to establish operations at Myrtle Beach International Airport. The company, which provides aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul, will lease an existing facility and ramp space at the airport, and is expected to create 180 new jobs. According to a press release from South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley’s office, Kingman will hire airframe and powerplant technicians, operators, and craftsmen in addition to managerial, professional and service positions.

NOTE: “Kingman Airline Services’ decision to do business in South Carolina is great news for our state and for our growing aerospace industry,” said Haley. “The 180 jobs that will be created by this \$2.5 million will make a real difference in Horry County, and we look forward to watching this great company grow and thrive here for a long time.”

SC after Dallas Shootings:

The State: After Black Lives Matter march, 2 more Columbia rallies scheduled
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article89373997.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

Following on the heels of a Black Lives Matter march Sunday night, two rallies are scheduled at the S.C. State House for Saturday. One rally is being organized by Building Communities and Families, while the other is a Black Lives Matter/End Police Brutality gathering, according to documents from the S.C. Department of Administration. BCF has a time slot from 8 a.m. to noon reserved, but spokesman Chris A. Sullivan said things will kick off with a "pre-rally" at 9:30 a.m., where speakers will address important issues outside the scope of the main event -- which starts at 10 a.m. The second rally is scheduled for 3 to 7 p.m. Organizer Yusraa Sabree said she started putting the event together before she knew what BCF had planned for the morning, and that she'll be around to participate in that as well.

The State: 2nd Columbia firefighter being investigated for Facebook remarks about protesters
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article89225672.html>

Clif Leblanc

A second Columbia firefighter is under internal investigation for a threatening Facebook posting aimed at Black Lives Matter protesters, chief Aubrey Jenkins said Tuesday. “Start running people over,” the firefighter wrote on a personal Facebook thread related to Sunday’s protest that drew 800 people to the State House and streets in the city center. The crowd marched to the Interstate-126 bridge and shut it to traffic until police ordered them to retreat. Fire chief Aubrey Jenkins said he plans to meet Wednesday with the male firefighter, whom Jenkins declined to identify publicly. The firefighter’s remarks were posted during the demonstration that began about 7 p.m. and lasted well into the night.

Post and Courier: Charleston police listening project could offer solutions nationwide
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160713/160719754/charleston-police-listening-project-could-offer-solutions-nationwide>

Paul Bowers

Echoing President Barack Obama’s call for Americans to “reject despair” in the wake of police-involved shootings and a massacre of officers in Dallas, local leaders announced Wednesday that a slate of policy changes and trust-building initiatives could be underway at the Charleston Police Department as soon as October. And once Charleston has a plan in place, leaders of the project said

they hope to share what they learned with police department leaders nationwide, starting with a presentation at the White House. The as-yet-unspecified changes, which would require approval by City Council, are the fruits of the Illumination Project, which gathered input from about 750 community members over the course of 10 months' worth of listening sessions in the wake of the Emanuel AME shooting. "We cannot continue down the road we're going today," Police Chief Greg Mullen said in a press conference, where he was flanked by community activists who have voiced criticism of the police department in the past. "I am tired of the death. I am tired of the hurt. I am tired of worrying every minute every day about who is going to be the next person killed in a police encounter."

Aiken Standard: George Funeral Home in Aiken collecting messages for Dallas shooting victims, their families

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160713/160719811/george-funeral-home-in-aiken-collecting-messages-for-dallas-shooting-victims-their-families->

Maayan Schechter

In response to the tragic shooting deaths of five Dallas police officers last week, George Funeral Home in Aiken is collecting words of support from Aiken residents to send to the Dallas Police Department and the families of the deceased. "The events of last week have caused tremendous grief, not only for those impacted by the shootings, but for our country as a whole," said Allen Bateman, the funeral home's managing partner. "Our hope is that through the messages offered in the memorial book, we can convey both our deep sorrow over this tragedy and assure these families, and the entire law enforcement community, that our thoughts, prayers and support are with them." Last week four members of the Dallas Police Department and one member of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit were killed in an ambush during a protest against officer-involved shootings.

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press: The Latest: Defense: No plans to move federal church trial

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dBKBIRV2

SC State Wire

The attorney for Charleston church shooting defendant Dylann Roof says he doesn't now intend to ask that Roof's federal death penalty trial be moved from Charleston. But in court documents filed Wednesday, defense attorney David Bruck says it would be irresponsible to say now that he might not ask that it be moved in the future. Bruck says he's confident an impartial jury for the November trial can be selected from Charleston area. But he says if that can't be done, the defense might be forced to reconsider its position on moving the trial. Roof faces hate crimes and other charges in the June, 2015, shooting deaths of nine parishioners at Emanuel AME Church. Bruck has asked that the jury be selected from the Charleston area, instead of the entire state of South Carolina.

Wilson-Pasco Dispute:

Associated Press: Court favors solicitor over atty general in corruption case

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

Meg Kinnard

South Carolina's highest court has handed a big defeat to the state's top prosecutor, ruling Wednesday that a local solicitor was correct in thinking he had the authority to open a state grand jury investigation into allegations of legislative corruption. The 4-1 ruling went against Attorney General Alan Wilson, who had argued that Solicitor David Pascoe had overstepped his authority when he sought to empanel the grand jury. A spokeswoman for Wilson said the office respects the court's decision "and will abide by it." Pascoe didn't immediately return an email. The ruling caps months of public feuding between the prosecutors over an ongoing investigation into corruption at the South Carolina Statehouse. Their working relationship began in 2014, when, citing a conflict, Wilson picked Pascoe to head up the investigation of former House Speaker Bobby Harrell. The Republican ultimately pleaded guilty to misdemeanor campaign-spending violations and resigned, pledging to

cooperate in any ongoing investigations.

Associated Press: Solicitor: Justice unlikely in federal church slayings trial

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Su1BoMqY

Bruce Smith

A federal trial for the man charged in the slayings of nine black church members is unlikely to deliver the death penalty and he should be tried in state court first, where there is a better chance for capital punishment, a prosecutor said. Dylann Roof, 22, faces possible death sentences in state court, where he is charged with murder, and in federal court, where he is charged with hate crimes and other counts. The charges stem from the slayings of nine black parishioners during a Bible study at Emanuel AME Church in June 2015. Roof, who is white, posed with the Confederate battle flag before the killings and talked of trying to start a race war. Currently, the federal trial is set for November while the state case is scheduled for January. "The federal government's track record suggests an unwillingness to carry out a death sentence," prosecutor Scarlett Wilson wrote in court documents filed late Tuesday.

The State: SC Attorney General Wilson loses bid to stop Pascoe from investigating General Assembly

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article89305172.html>

John Monk

The S.C. Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that Attorney General Alan Wilson can't stop his special prosecutor, David Pascoe, from investigating possible corruption in the General Assembly. Although Wilson tried to stop Pascoe – and apparently halted Pascoe's investigation several months ago – the Supreme Court made it clear in its Wednesday ruling that Wilson acted unlawfully in trying to keep Pascoe from continuing his probe. Pascoe was working with SLED on the investigation. "...the Attorney General's Office's purported termination of Pascoe's designation was not valid," the Supreme Court ruled in a 4-1 opinion. The Supreme Court's decision means that Pascoe now is the effective acting Attorney General for the purpose of Pascoe's General Assembly investigation – and Wilson can't stop him from proceeding. Wilson's office released a statement after the decision came out. "We respect the court's decision and will abide by it," said the statement, forwarded by Wilson communications director Hayley Thrift. Pascoe released a statement saying, "I am gratified by the S. C. Supreme Court's decision today. I'm currently in Virginia dealing with a family illness, but expect to return to South Carolina tomorrow to meet with Chief Keel and his agents to resume work on this matter."

Post and Courier: S.C. Supreme Court rules in favor of Solicitor Pascoe in dispute with AG Wilson over corruption probe

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160713/160719765/sc-supreme-court-rules-in-favor-of-solicitor-pascoe-in-dispute-with-ag-wilson-over-corruption-probe>

Gavin Jackson

The state Supreme Court ruled in favor of 1st Circuit Solicitor David Pascoe to continue his Statehouse corruption probe with the use of a state grand jury, sending a stinging rebuke to Attorney General Alan Wilson. In a 25-page ruling, the court said Pascoe has the clear authority to continue the power over the probe, discounting Wilson's attempt to wrestle it back. The key finding was that since Wilson had made Pascoe his appointed substitute, then control of the investigation was to stay in Pascoe's hands throughout. "Since we find Pascoe was acting with the authority of the Attorney General when he signed the initiation of the state grand jury investigation, we hold the initiation was lawful and valid," the justices wrote in a 4-1 decision. "Because we find Pascoe lawfully authorized the initiation of the state grand jury investigation, the Attorney General's purported termination of Pascoe after the initiation of the state grand jury was ineffective," the decision also said.

Greenville News: SC Supreme Court rules for Pascoe, against Wilson

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/07/13/sc-supreme-court-rules-pascoe-against->

wilson/87026712/

Tim Smith

A state grand jury probe of legislative corruption will resume soon following a South Carolina Supreme Court ruling that State Attorney General Alan Wilson had recused himself from the probe and his removal of Solicitor David Pascoe from the case "was not valid." The justices, in a 4-1 decision on Wednesday, found that Pascoe lawfully sought to initiate a state grand jury probe earlier this year of legislative corruption, that the law does not limit those who can seek such a probe to the attorney general, and that an attempt by Wilson to remove Pascoe as special prosecutor was therefore "ineffective." "We conclude the General Assembly intended that the individual acting with the authority of the Attorney General may lawfully seek to impanel a state grand jury," wrote Chief Justice Costa Pleicones. "Accordingly, since we find Pascoe was acting with the authority of the Attorney General when he signed the initiation of the state grand jury investigation, we hold the initiation was lawful and valid. Because we find Pascoe lawfully authorized the initiation of the state grand jury investigation, the Attorney General's purported termination of Pascoe after the initiation of the state grand jury was ineffective."

SC Political News:

McClatchy DC: Scott, Clyburn to co-host panel with Charleston shooting families at Capitol

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/congress/article89360027.html>

Vera Bergengruen

Sen. Tim Scott and Rep. Jim Clyburn will co-host a panel discussion on racial reconciliation at the U. S. Capitol on Wednesday evening, joining survivors and family members of victims of the Charleston shooting a year ago. Scott, South Carolina's junior Republican Senator and Clyburn, the third-ranking House Democrat, will speak about the bipartisan civil rights pilgrimage they led to South Carolina in March with the Washington-based nonprofit Faith and Politics Institute. They will also remember the nine black parishioners who were killed at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston by a white supremacist last June, and discuss next steps to move the country towards racial reconciliation. Four family members of the Charleston shooting victims will join Scott and Clyburn on the panel. Nadine Collier, the daughter of Ethel Lance, was the first to speak out and forgive the gunman, Dylann Roof, at the bond hearing after the shooting. Melvin Graham, the brother of Cynthia Graham, and Daniel and Alana Simmons, the son and granddaughter of Rev. Daniel Simmons, will also participate.

The State: SC House panel reviewing state's retirement system

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article89189372.html>

Cassie Cope

A S.C. House oversight panel reviewing the S.C. Retirement System Investment Commission is likely to recommend changing the way that body is set up, a state legislator said Tuesday. The system is drawing scrutiny because it has billions in unfunded obligations. Across the system's five retirement funds, that unfunded liability is more than \$20 billion, Investment Commission executive director Michael Hitchcock told legislators Tuesday. The retirement system benefits S.C. state workers. The largest pension fund, the S.C. Retirement System, serves state and local government employees, including teachers, and has about \$24 billion in assets, Hitchcock said. The other four pension systems benefit judges and solicitors, National Guard members, S.C. police officers and General Assembly members, a system that is being phased out.

Post and Courier: Report says 'Charleston loophole' helped thousands of domestic abusers obtain guns

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160712/160719800/report-says-charleston-loophole-helped-thousands-of-domestic-abusers-obtain-guns>

Glenn Smith

Thousands of convicted domestic abusers were able to buy guns in recent years due to the same

loophole in the FBI's background check system that allowed Dylann Roof to arm himself before killing nine people at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church. That's a key finding in a U.S. Government Accountability Office report which studied the effectiveness of the FBI's background check system in keeping guns out of the hands of abusers. Under federal law, those convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence charges are banned from purchasing guns, as are those who are subject to orders of protection. The GAO found the screening system blocked about 89,000 of those people from buying guns between 2006 and 2015. But nearly 6,800 others were able to purchase firearms because the three-day time limit for an FBI background check to clear had expired before agents could complete the review.

SC Agency News:

Aiken Standard: Georgia, South Carolina sign agreement for \$75M I-20 bridge replacement
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160713/160719807/georgia-south-carolina-sign-agreement-for-75m-i-20-bridge-replacement-->

Dan Brown

A joint signing ceremony Wednesday on the edges of the Savannah River between the South Carolina and Georgia Departments of Transportation means construction can begin on the Interstate 20 bridge replacement. The project will replace four bridges to two twin bridges over the Augusta Canal and the Savannah River. Officials said the bridges that will span the Savannah River and Augusta Canal will bring a projected 87,000 vehicles daily onto the bridge into the CSRA by 2037. DOT Commissioners Russell McMurray, of Georgia, and Christy Hall, of South Carolina, signed the agreement at the Georgia Welcome Center. The construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2018, with a complete date expected in 2021.

Associated Press: Georgia, South Carolina to split costs of I-20 bridges
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=GRu6Ocdq

SC State Wire

Georgia's governor says the state will partner with South Carolina to replace bridges crossing the Savannah River and Augusta Canal that are more than 50 years old. Gov. Nathan Deal's office announced Wednesday that the estimated \$75 million project also will add lanes near the first exit on Interstate 20 in South Carolina. State officials say the Georgia and South Carolina Departments of Transportation will pay a "proportional share" of initial engineering and construction costs. Deal's office says more than 60,000 vehicles travel on Interstate 20 around the Georgia-South Carolina line each day. The replacement bridges will include three lanes of traffic in each direction, while the highway will widen to six lanes from four around the state line.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Record numbers of sea turtle nests in places in Southeast
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=GHHIVmPS

SC State Wire

It's been a good year for loggerhead sea turtles with record numbers of nests being reported in some places along the South Carolina and Florida coasts midway through the nesting season. Preliminary figures from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources show about 4,900 nests have been reported in South Carolina. There have been 344 nests already recorded on Hilton Head Island, breaking the record of 339 set during the entire 2013 season. Record numbers have also been recorded on Fripp Island and Harbor Island. "And we're not even done yet," Amber Keuhn, manager of the Hilton Head Island Sea Turtle Protection Project, tells The Island Packet (<http://bit.ly/29R2OLd>).

Aiken Standard: Zika cases in South Carolina rise to 17
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160713/160719810/zika-cases-in-south-carolina-rise-to-17->

Maayan Schechter

There are now 17 confirmed cases of Zika reported in South Carolina, according to the latest information provided by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. All 17 cases in the state have been travel-associated. Of those, 16 were in people who were infected abroad and then diagnosed after they returned home, according to DHEC. Only one case has been identified as having been sexually transmitted between a state resident who had sexual contact with someone who acquired the virus while traveling abroad. There have been no locally acquired vector-borne cases and none in pregnant women, according to the agency.

Associated Press: Study: Pipe-corroding well water prevalent in half of states

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

SC State Wire

Half of U.S. states have a high prevalence of well water that's corrosive enough to leach lead from pipes, the U.S. Geological Survey said Wednesday. The findings were based on the broadest sampling yet of untreated groundwater from private wells supplying 44 million Americans, the federal agency said. While federal and state governments regulate public water supplies, testing and treating water in private wells is almost entirely the responsibility of homeowners. The study provides a reminder that routine testing of well water, including its likeliness to leach lead from plumbing, is essential for homeowners, said Stephen Moulton, chief of the USGS water quality program.

NOTE: Corrosive groundwater was rated very prevalent in Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island and South Carolina, as well as the District of Columbia.

Post and Courier: South Carolina gets new AME bishop

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160713/160719751/south-carolina-gets-new-ame-bishop>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

The AME Church has assigned Bishop Samuel L. Green Sr. to serve as the new head of the district that spans South Carolina. Green was bishop of Arkansas and Oklahoma. His official biography says he considers the church as "a proponent of change" working for children's needs, jobs, education and housing. "Bishop Green is a great guy and will do a great job. He is younger, innovative, energetic and will bring new life to the Episcopal District," said the Rev. Kylon Middleton, pastor of Mount Zion AME in Charleston and a close friend of the late Rev. Clementa Pinckney. The slain pastor and state senator was killed with eight of his parishioners last summer at Emanuel AME. Green replaces Bishop Richard Franklin Norris, who reached the church's mandatory retirement age.

Local News:

Associated Press: South Carolina lawyer pleads guilty in Alabama sorority scam

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=G55SSSmv

Jay Reeves

A South Carolina lawyer pleaded guilty to bank fraud in a scam involving construction of a \$14 million, 40,000-square-foot sorority house at the University of Alabama, prosecutors said Wednesday. Jennifer Elizabeth Meehan, 39, of Sandy Springs, South Carolina, pleaded guilty Tuesday during a federal court hearing in Huntsville to submitting false invoices for equipment and furnishings for the new Gamma Phi Beta sorority house in Tuscaloosa, according to a statement from the U.S. attorney in Birmingham. The sorority's massive house, which opened last year, was constructed during a more than \$200 million building boom for Greek-letter social groups at Alabama, which boasts the nation's largest fraternity and sorority community.

Associated Press: Couple arrested in death of man in Conway

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

SC State Wire

A man and woman have been arrested after another man was found dead in a home in Conway.

Horry County Deputy Coroner Darris Fowler tells local media outlets that 56-year-old Roy Davis had been beaten to death. Police say the couple that was arrested was found sitting on a couch near the victim in a blood-stained house. Police responded to the home after receiving a report of a fight late Monday night. Lt. Raul Denis said the names of those arrested will be released once they are formally charged.

Associated Press: Victims of Horry County double homicide identified

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

SC State Wire

Authorities have identified the victims and continue their investigation of a double homicide near Myrtle Beach. Horry County Deputy Coroner Darris Fowler tells local media outlets that 31-year-old Rafael Aguilar and 33-year-old Carmelo Marmolejo-Calixto died of gunshot wounds in the Monday morning incident. The two, both from Myrtle Beach, were found in the parking lot of a shopping plaza in Socastee. One was found on the pavement near a van while the second was found slumped in the passenger seat of the vehicle. Last month a 65-year-old woman was found dead in a laundromat at the same shopping plaza and a man has been charged with murder in that case.

Independent Mail: Lawyer: Erick Bradshaw intends to 'cooperate fully' in federal case

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/lawyer-erick-bradshaw-intends-to-cooperate-fully-in-federal-case-37884ca2-dbd2-7a7d-e053-0100007f64c-386669221.html>

Nikie Mayo

An attorney for Erick Bradshaw Sr. said Wednesday that his client intends "to cooperate fully" as Bradshaw faces federal charges about his activities while he led Fresh Start Community Development Corp. in Anderson. The now-defunct Fresh Start got money from the state to repair houses for low-income residents in Anderson County. Bradshaw, the executive director, and Augustina Cabral-Rice, the organization's housing services coordinator, are accused of lying about the work that was done and keeping some of the money for themselves. They both had a scheduled pretrial conference in front of federal Judge Bruce Howe Hendricks in Greenville on Wednesday, though neither addressed the judge. Ryan Beasley, Bradshaw's attorney, told Hendricks that he had a lot of documents still to look at related to the case. Willie Peters III, a lawyer acting on behalf of Cabral-Rice, stood next to Beasley. Hendricks agreed to allow attorneys more time on the case, meaning that it may not come before her again until September.

The State: 10-screen theater planned for Bull Street

<http://www.thestate.com/news/business/article89329152.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

Cobb Theaters will construct a 10-screen "luxury" cinema complex at the new The Commons at BullStreet retail area on the former S.C. State Hospital grounds in Columbia. The Birmingham, Ala. - based company announced Wednesday that they had signed a lease and plans to build Cobb Luxury 10 Theatre by the summer of 2018. The complex will include a bar and full-service restaurant. It will "join a growing array of tenants who will be opening in the exciting downtown Columbia project," the company said in a release. "We are very excited to be joining The Commons at BullStreet as its entertainment anchor," said Frank Stryjewski, chief operations officer of Cobb Theatres. "We are dedicated to offering our guests the finest movie-going experience available by offering the best movies, amenities and service to every guest."

Associated Press: No building moratorium in nation's 10th fastest-growing town

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=JEY8S1Zw

SC State Wire

Leaders in the nation's 10th fastest-growing town have rejected a moratorium on new residential construction. Local media outlets report that the Mount Pleasant Town Council on Tuesday narrowly rejected a four-month ban on issuing residential building permits. Census Bureau figures show Mount Pleasant has a population of just over 81,000 and is the tenth-fastest growing community in the

nation. The Charleston suburb has added 10,000 residents in five years and was the fastest-growing community east of the Mississippi last year. Those who favored the moratorium said it would give town leaders a chance to review the impact fees the town charges developers and to look at housing affordability in the fast-growing community. Opponents say the way to make houses more affordable is to build more of them.

Associated Press: Auto parts manufacturer bringing 140 jobs to Fountain Inn

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=V5BKbrsJ

SC State Wire

A Michigan company that makes metal assemblies for automobiles is opening a plant in Greenville County, creating 140 new jobs. Tower International made the announcement Tuesday. Operations at the new \$75 million plant are expected to begin in September of next year.

Post and Courier: China's Ruili Airlines orders six Boeing 787 Dreamliners

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160713/160719766/chinas-ruili-airlines-orders-six-boeing-787-dreamliners>

David Wren

Ruili Airlines, a low-cost carrier based in China, said Wednesday it has ordered six wide-body 787-9 Dreamliners to establish long-range services to go with its fleet of smaller single-aisle planes. "With our base in Yunnan province, Ruili Airlines is positioned to help build Yunnan as the gateway between Southwest China and the rest of the world," Ma Zhanwei, chairman of Ruili Airlines, said in a statement. "The right size, long range, competitive fuel efficiency, as well as passenger appealing edge of the 787-9 make it an ideal fit in facilitating our international expansion plans." The Dreamliners — made at Boeing's North Charleston campus and in Everett, Wash. — have a list price of \$1.59 billion, although airlines typically negotiate steep discounts. Ruili Airlines first announced an intent to order the six 787-9s in May at a ceremony for the airline's two-year anniversary.

Sun News: Nearly 200 new jobs coming to Grand Strand

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article89256372.html>

New jobs are coming to the Grand Strand area along with a new repair and maintenance facility, the Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corporation will announce Wednesday morning during a press conference. Horry County Council Chairman Mark Lazarus said the new company will provide 175 jobs paying \$18 to \$22 an hour. Lazarus declined to name the new company or reveal any more details on the announcement. The press conference will be held at 11 a.m. at the Myrtle Beach General Aviation Terminal. Check back after the announcement for more details.

National News:

Associated Press: Thousands gather to mourn, honor 3 slain officers in Dallas

<http://bigstory.ap.org/1635a1fb84b64a66865ac0f4c64f43d1>

Nearly a week after five officers were killed by a gunman in Dallas, memorial services for three of them drew thousands of mourners Wednesday. Services were held for Dallas Area Rapid Transit officer Brent Thompson, Dallas police Sgt. Michael Smith and Dallas police Sr. Cpl. Lorne Ahrens — all three slain in downtown Dallas Thursday by a sniper during a march to protest recent fatal shootings of black men in Minnesota and Louisiana by police. The two other services are scheduled for Friday and Saturday. The service for Thompson, 43, drew hundreds of law enforcement officers in crisp formal uniforms to The Potter's House, the Dallas megachurch headed by celebrity Bishop T.D. Jakes. Thompson's wife Emily, a fellow DART officer whom he had recently married, called the shooter, Micah Johnson, a coward. "You know your hate made us stronger," she told the audience.

Associated Press: Son of slain Louisiana man speaks out for first time

<http://bigstory.ap.org/6b91da4ca1a6464bac95706f6ea4ba98>

Mike Kunzelman and Melinda Deslatte

The 15-year-old son of a black man killed by Baton Rouge police spoke publicly for the first time Wednesday, calling his father a good man and urging protesters not to resort to violence. Cameron Sterling's father, 37-year-old Alton Sterling, was shot to death July 5 as two white officers pinned him to the pavement outside a convenience store. The killing was captured on cellphone video and circulated widely on the internet. "I feel that people in general, no matter what their race is, should come together as one united family," Cameron Sterling told reporters outside the store where his father died. The teen remained composed as he spoke, a contrast from a week ago when he broke down in sobs and had to be led away as his mother talked in front of television cameras about his father's death. The son's comments came a day after the arrests of three people who are accused of stealing at least eight handguns from a pawn shop in what authorities said was a credible threat to harm police officers in the Baton Rouge area. The arrests come amid heightened tensions in the city following Sterling's death, the deadly police shooting in Minnesota and the killings of five police officers in Dallas last week.

Associated Press: Democrats will meet in a city of great economic inequality

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Kathy Matheson

When the Democrats come to the City of Brotherly Love to nominate Hillary Clinton for president and the talk turns to income inequality and the 1 percent, Exhibit A will be right outside their windows: Philadelphia itself. The nation's fifth-largest city is rebounding, filling some Philadelphians with an unfamiliar sense of civic pride. And yet it struggles with the gap between rich and poor that Sen. Bernie Sanders decried during his campaign against Clinton, with 26 percent of residents living in poverty, the highest rate among the 10 biggest cities in the U.S. The July 25-28 convention creates an opportunity to acknowledge the city's successes in urban revitalization, but also "to look closely at the real Philadelphia, which is also the real America," said Randall Miller, a history professor at Saint Joseph's University.

Associated Press: Trump seeks \$10 million from former aide in disclosure case

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Julie Pace and Chad Day

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is seeking \$10 million in damages from a former senior campaign consultant, Sam Nunberg, alleging that Nunberg leaked confidential information to reporters in violation of a nondisclosure agreement. In a court filing obtained by The Associated Press, Nunberg accused Trump of trying to silence him "in a misguided attempt to cover up media coverage of an apparent affair" between two senior campaign staffers. The highly unusual legal dispute reflects Trump's efforts to aggressively protect the secrecy of his campaign's inner workings. The AP reported last month that Trump requires nearly everyone in his campaign and businesses to sign legally binding nondisclosure agreements prohibiting them from releasing any confidential or disparaging information about the real estate mogul, his family or his companies. Trump has also said he would consider requiring such agreements in the White House.

Associated Press: Trump and family meet with VP finalists

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Jill Colvin, Jonathan Lemire and Steve Peoples

Donald Trump has entered the final phase of his high-profile search for a running mate, arranging last-minute meetings with his finalists and family members as his staff prepares for a Friday announcement. Trump, his adult children and key aides huddled with one of the prospects, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, Wednesday morning at the Indiana governor's mansion. Trump's family, including Ivanka Trump and her husband Jared Kushner, also met privately with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie Tuesday. The meeting was designed to let Trump's family get to know the Christie better before the presumptive nominee formalizes his decision. The meeting was confirmed by a source with direct knowledge of the meeting, but was not authorized to discuss it publicly.

Associated Press: Trump demands Ginsburg resign for criticizing him as unfit

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Vivian Salama

Donald Trump called Wednesday for Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg to resign for saying publicly that she feels he is unfit to be president. Lashing out, Trump said the 83-year-old justice's "mind is shot." "Justice Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court has embarrassed all by making very dumb political statements about me," the presumptive Republican presidential nominee wrote in an early morning tweet on @realDonaldTrump. "Her mind is shot — resign!" Ginsburg said in an interview with The Associated Press last week that she didn't want to think about the possibility that Trump would be president and predicted that Democrat Hillary Clinton will win and have a few appointments to make to the Supreme Court. It is highly unusual for a sitting justice to weigh in so publicly on a political campaign, though Ginsburg is known for speaking her mind on other issues and is celebrated as a liberal icon known to fans as Notorious RBG.

World News:

Associated Press: Theresa May is Britain's new leader as Cameron steps aside

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Jill Lawless and Danica Kirka

Theresa May became Britain's new prime minister on Wednesday, accepting an invitation to govern from Queen Elizabeth II after the resignation of David Cameron. She promised to lead a "one-nation" government dedicated to social justice and making "Britain a country that works for everyone." Alluding to the tough negotiations that lie ahead over Britain's exit from the European Union, May said, "we face a time of great national change." But she said Britain would "rise to the challenge" and forge "a bold new positive role" in the world. May is expected to begin appointing new Cabinet ministers as early as Wednesday evening — including a "Brexit" minister to oversee talks on a British EU exit from the 28-nation EU. There is also speculation that May, Britain's second female prime minister after Margaret Thatcher, will boost the number of women in top posts.

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