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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Report offers details about Guantanamo detainees on way out

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e03ab567e15e4306909b039c7a856a5a>

Deb Reichmann

Following a lengthy tug-of-war with Capitol Hill, the Pentagon has given a senator the first-ever, unclassified report detailing the suspected militant backgrounds of more than 100 detainees at or recently released from the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay — a report that will likely spur more debate over shutting it down. The report, given to Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., who shared it with The Associated Press, tells the story of detainees like Karim Bostan, who once ran a flower shop and later was accused of running an al-Qaida affiliated explosives cell believed to have targeted U.S.-led coalition forces in eastern Afghanistan. He's been at Guantanamo for more than 13 years, but has been cleared for transfer to a country willing to accept him. "While the Department of Defense watered down information and failed to provide key details regarding some detainees, the report still provides Americans with a consolidated, unclassified source of information regarding the dangerous terrorists at Guantanamo who the administration has recently released or plans to release soon," Ayotte said in an email response to questions. She has pushed the Obama administration for years to be more transparent about who is being transferred out.

Madison County Record: U.S. India PAC endorses Karlapalem as Madison mayor

<http://www.madisoncountyrecord.com/2016/08/09/u-s-india-pac-endorses-karlapalem-as-madison-mayor/>

The U.S. India Political Action Committee (USINPAC) has announced its support of Hanu Karlapalem in the race for mayor of Madison. This endorsement "places Karlapalem amongst the company of many other well respected and notable elected officials," campaign manager Rebecca Lee said. Lee cited other candidates the PAC has supported including Nikki Haley, Governor of South Carolina; Kamala Harris, California Attorney General and leading Candidate for U.S. Senate; Tulsi Gabbard, U.S. House of Representatives from Hawaii; and former Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal.

Times and Democrat : Right to Try 'gets lifeboats in the water'

[http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/right-to-try-gets-lifeboats-in-the-water/article\\_3920095e-63f1-5f91-9d9c-75dcf99891d4.html](http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/right-to-try-gets-lifeboats-in-the-water/article_3920095e-63f1-5f91-9d9c-75dcf99891d4.html)

The South Carolina General Assembly gets criticism for what it does not do. In 2016, it likely won't be coming from those for whom legislative action this past session has provided new hope for living. A law giving terminally ill patients access to medicines that have passed Phase 1 of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval process but are not yet on pharmacy shelves passed the Legislature with overwhelming bipartisan support. The bill was signed by Gov. Nikki Haley. The South Carolina Right To Try Act allows doctors to prescribe to terminally ill patients medicines being safely used in clinical trials. Right To Try is already law in 28 states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming. The law is under consideration in six other states this year.

NOTE: A law giving terminally ill patients access to medicines that have passed Phase 1 of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval process but are not yet on pharmacy shelves passed the Legislature with overwhelming bipartisan support. The bill was signed by Gov. Nikki Haley.

Post and Courier : Berkeley school board gives OK to initial reading to reinstate prayer

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160809/160809446/berkeley-school-board-gives-ok-to-initial-reading-to-reinstate-prayer>

Brenda Rindge

The Berkeley County School Board is a step closer to opening its meetings invocation and possibly a step closer to a lawsuit. The board voted unanimously to give initial approval to adding the invocation. The policy needs a second vote before it takes effect. The board had opened its meetings with the Lords Prayer but recently switched to a moment of silence because of objections that the prayer endorsed a particular faith. "I appreciate everyone's hard work on working through this policy in light of the threats we've gotten," said board member Mac McQuillin, a lawyer. It took courage for us to do this motion and I'm proud." The Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a Washington D.C.-based nonprofit, wrote school board members in June and again Monday to warn them that prayer at meetings is a violation of the Establishment clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

NOTE: In July, state Sen. Larry Grooms, R-Charleston, sent a letter to board members — signed by 50 legislators — citing a 2014 U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Town of Greece v. Galloway*, which reaffirmed the right to pray at public meetings. Additionally on June 3, Gov. Nikki Haley signed an amendment to the Public Prayer and Invocation Act that includes a school board as being as a "deliberative body" with the right to open meetings with an invocation.

Associated Press: South Carolina school board moves to reinstate Lord's Prayer

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dOfNMOhW](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dOfNMOhW)

SC State Wire

Despite the threat of a lawsuit, the Berkeley County school board is moving to reinstate saying the Lord's Prayer before its meetings. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/2ayM7Hf>) the school board gave initial approval Tuesday after dropping the use of the prayer earlier this year. The board has been using a moment of silence instead. State Sen. Larry Grooms sent the board a letter signed by 50 state lawmakers citing a 2014 U.S. Supreme Court decision reaffirming the right to pray at public meetings. Gov. Nikki Haley last month signed a state law allowing school boards the right to open meetings with prayer. Americans United for Separation of Church and State wrote members in June and again Monday warning that using the prayer is unconstitutional.

SC Political News:

The State: Nonprofits give \$42,000, exiting SC private school-choice program

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article94569777.html>

Jamie Self

As they close their doors, the privately run nonprofits that had been raising money for the state's private school-choice program have handed over \$42,000 in donations to a new state program. The private nonprofits had until Aug. 1 to cease operating and transfer any remaining donations to a new nonprofit set up by the state to provide private-school tuition grants to children with disabilities. Legislators moved to close the privately run nonprofits — and set up a state-run nonprofit — after hearing concerns that the private nonprofits were unfairly distributing grants. A state audit found that

one nonprofit was giving grants to students whose parents had donated to it, a violation of state law. As of early Tuesday, that new state-run nonprofit – Exceptional SC – had received more than \$4 million in donations. Taxpayers who donate to Exceptional SC qualify for a tax credit — worth the value of their contribution — that can lower what they owe in state taxes by up to 60 percent.

Associated Press: After student tossed, S. Carolina eyes role of officers

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1yMLEXN8](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1yMLEXN8)

Seanna Adcox

Ten months after video captured a South Carolina deputy pulling a teenager from her desk and tossing her across the floor, state officials have tentatively approved regulations limiting officers' involvement with student discipline. The state Board of Education also recommended new classifications for student misbehavior. Under the changes approved Tuesday, officers should not get involved until offenses become criminal, posing a "direct and serious threat" to safety, such as assault and gun possession. Last October, a Richland County deputy was called after a student refused to stop using her cellphone and wouldn't leave the classroom for a teacher or administrator. The deputy was fired after the video spread. The new rules put using a cellphone in class among the lowest-level offenses. Both regulations require another vote before going to legislators.

The State: Use police in schools for crimes, not discipline, SC board says

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article94611607.html>

Jamie Self

Police officers in S.C. schools only should get involved with student behavior when it reaches criminal levels, not to enforce discipline, the state Board of Education said Tuesday. "Our No. 1 priority is school safety and making sure that the environment there is conducive to learning and every child feels safe," state Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman said, before the Education Board unanimously agreed to give initial approval to the proposed rules. The changes, which must clear several more hurdles before taking effect, come almost a year after a Richland County Sheriff's Department deputy forcibly removed a Spring Valley High School student from her desk and tossed her across the floor. An administrator had called the deputy — serving as a school resource officer — in to address the student's behavior after she reportedly refused to put away her cell phone.

Island Packet: Ethics commission redefines Moss' deadline for requesting open hearing

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article94645572.html>

Rebecca Lurye

By the Aug. 7 deadline, 10 days out from his scheduled appearance before the South Carolina Ethics Commission, Jeff Moss had not requested that his hearing be open to the public. However, the commission now says that deadline — written in the commission's notice of Aug. 17 hearing — was really more of a suggestion. The Beaufort County School District superintendent can request to argue his ethics case in an open session up until the day of the hearing in Columbia, commission director Herb Hayden said Tuesday. The final decision would then be up to the panel of three commissioners overseeing the hearing, he said. The hearing notices, which the commission provided to The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette in April, state that the proceedings would be held in a closed-door session "unless the respondent requests an open hearing. All such requests must be received by the commission no later than 10 days prior to the hearing."

Post and Courier: Activist accused of trying to blackmail school district

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160809/160809454/activist-accused-of-trying-to-blackmail-school-district>

Paul Bowers

An elected official and outspoken community activist is being accused of blackmail after he threatened to expose an alleged sex scandal if the Charleston County School District did not give jobs to certain people. Tony Lewis, chairman of the downtown Constituent District 20 School Board, recently left a voicemail for school district Human Resources Executive Director Bill Briggman in which he listed the names of five women and said, "Y'all better get them ladies a job." He said the women worked for the school district in various positions and had been either fired or reassigned. He also sent a text message to Briggman on Sunday night. "I Will Take Actions Against The District My Self As A Community Activists Do The Right Thing The Media's Is Waiting On My Call," Lewis wrote in a text message time-stamped at 8:13 p.m. "Thank You Mr. Briggman I have lot of information on the staff at how they cover up lot of thing containing the having sexual relation with student so if y'all don't want that information in public and to know y'all better give all these ladies their job back."

Associated Press: 15 states to appeals court: Overturn endangered frog ruling

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SC State Wire

Fifteen states are asking a federal appeals court to reconsider a Louisiana landowner's attempt to keep the government from listing 1,500 forest acres as essential to an endangered frog. A 2-1 June ruling upheld a district judge's decision that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was within bounds in declaring the land part of a critical habitat for dusky gopher frogs, now found only in Mississippi. Federal scientists say it's the only potential breeding ground outside Mississippi. Tuesday's petition says the rulings leave the concept of essential habitat without meaningful limit. It supports the landowner's earlier request for a hearing by the entire 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

NOTE: The states are Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas and Wyoming.

Greenville News: Furman invites Gowdy, Fedalei to debate; Fedalei accepts

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/08/09/furman-invites-gowdy-fedalei-debate-fedalei-accepts/88496678/>

Amanda Coyne

Furman University has invited Rep. Trey Gowdy, a Spartanburg Republican, and Democratic challenger Chris Fedalei to debate in October. The candidates are facing off in the election for South Carolina's 4th Congressional District this November. Fedalei accepted the invitation Tuesday night. A spokeswoman for Gowdy did not immediately respond when asked if the incumbent congressman would participate. Danielle Vinson, a political science professor and an expert on the U.S. Congress, will moderate the debate, which will be held at Furman on a to-be-determined October date. "We think it would be a helpful to voters in the 4th Congressional District to be able to hear the candidates discuss their experience, their visions for the future, and the important issues facing Congress and the nation," said Vinson in the invitation. "And it would benefit our students to see what substantive civil conversation between candidates with different views can look like."

Michael Slagger Case:

Post and Courier: 42,000 officers asked to join lawsuit after police group drops Michael Slager from legal coverage

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160809/160809463/42000-officers-asked-to-join-lawsuit-after-police-group-drops-michael-slager-from-legal-coverage>

Andrew Knapp

Police officers in South Carolina and eight other states could join a class-action lawsuit in hopes of getting back the money they spent to fend off allegations of misconduct. The suit filed last week in Charleston state court came after the Southern States Police Benevolent Association refused to pay an attorney to represent Michael Slager, the former North Charleston officer who shot Walter Scott to death last year. Slager, a group member who had signed up for its legal defense benefit, sued. But many others in law enforcement also grew unhappy over the association's decision not to cover Slager in the murder case, said one of his attorneys in the civil suit, Ronnie Richter. Richter and partner Eric Bland then filed the separate class action that seeks to add some of the other 42,000 officers in the association's coverage area. Lt. Donald Stanley of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office is named in the suit as lead plaintiff of the potential class. At issue is whether the association effectively became an insurer by offering the legal coverage. Both suits allege that the group skirted state insurance regulators by calling the offer a "member benefit" for those who pay \$23.50 in monthly dues.

## SC After Police Shooting:

Post and Courier: Illumination Project presents new road map for police-community relations in Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160809/160809451/illumination-project-presents-new-road-map-for-police-community-relations-in-charleston>

Paul Bowers

De-escalation, cultural sensitivity and “people skills” could become hallmarks of the Charleston Police Department, according to a plan presented to the public Tuesday night. The Illumination Project, a Charleston Police Fund initiative meant to improve police-community relations, released a list of 86 proposed strategies at a public input session. A second session will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Greater St. Luke AME Church, 78 Gordon St. The group presented a draft list of proposals, which included: New police officers would job-shadow school resource officers “to get to know youth in a positive way.” Police would publicly share demographic and geographic data on citizen-police interaction once every quarter. The public would be invited to quarterly staff meetings with top officers from each patrol team. The Police Department would create a new award for officers who de-escalate citizen encounters and avoid the use of deadly force.

The State: She wore the badge in Columbia before women were supposed to be cops

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article94661592.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

Ethel Dike Greene worked the streets of Columbia in 1973 – before it was considered acceptable for women to be cops. Greene was the first female officer – and the first African-American female officer – to work street patrol at the Columbia Police Department, officials said at a news conference Tuesday. Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott called Greene a “trailblazer.” “It took a unique person to be that very first one,” Lott said. Greene spoke to a group of female cops from both the city and the county. She urged them not to let anyone call them “police women” instead of officers, and recounted her journey in law enforcement. “After I was trained, I started walking the beat in Five Points on midnight,” Greene said. “It didn’t bother me – I had a gun.” Greene also reminisced about meeting the sheriff at the start of his career – drawing laughs when she described him as a cute young man with a ponytail.

## Savannah River Site/MOX News:

Aiken Standard: Savannah River Nuclear Solutions CEO Carol Johnson to retire; Stuart MacVean named successor

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160809/160809547/savannah-river-nuclear-solutions-ceo-carol-johnson-to-retire-stuart-macvean-named-successor->

Thomas Gardiner

Carol Johnson’s tenure as president and CEO of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions will soon come to an end, leaving Stuart MacVean her successor. Johnson took the reigns of SRNS in June 2014, saying she put retirement plans on hold for the position – plans she expects to return to. In an email letter sent to SRNS employees on Aug. 9, Johnson said, “The time has come for me to return to the retirement and personal plans that were placed on hold when I was given the opportunity to serve as your President & CEO. An honor I couldn’t decline.” According to the letter, the transition becomes final in September when MacVean takes charge. MacVean will be the fifth leader of the organization since 2008. Since winning the contract for management and operations out at the Savannah River Site from the U.S. Department of Energy in 2008, SRNS has kept individuals in the CEO position on average less than two years.

## Opinion/Editorial:



Aiken Standard: Editorial: Solutions needed in MOX funding debate

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160808/AIK0201/160809563>

Editorial

It's a shame more people weren't on hand Thursday to hear an important legislative update from U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-South Carolina. But for the approximately 30 people attending the town hall organized by the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce, the affable senator from the Lowcountry delivered a lot of important news. Scott addressed a wide variety of topics, including roads, education and issues affecting small-business owners. But the bulk of Scott's visit centered on the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility, or MOX, at the Savannah River Site. Scott echoed the sentiments of most Republican lawmakers that the approximately \$7.7 billion project must move forward. "One of the economic engines of the area, certainly without any question, is the Savannah River Site," Scott said. Alternatives to MOX include, but are not limited to, downblending, shipping waste out of state or glassification.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Deputies: 40 arrested in child-sex sting in east Georgia

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SC State Wire

Deputies say dozens of people have been arrested in a child-sex sting in east Georgia. Effingham County sheriff's officials tell news outlets in a statement that 40 people, ranging in age from 17 to 57, were arrested this summer for trying to have sex with children. Deputies lured the suspects Effingham and Chatham counties over the past 10 weeks by posing as underage children on the internet. Officials say the suspects, who hail from Georgia and South Carolina, were arrested on child molestation and computer pornography charges. Some of their mugshots were released Tuesday. Deputies say some of the suspects would try to meet the children and arrive at locations where they were arrested. One of those arrested was former Portal Elementary Principal Paul Hudson.

Local News:

Greenville News: Family of flood victims file wrongful death suit against city

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/08/09/family-flood-victims-file-wrongful-death-suit-against-city/88474298/>

Anna Lee

Relatives of two flood victims whose bodies were recovered in the aftermath of a torrential 2014 storm have filed lawsuits against the city of Greenville. Kimberly Jackson, 36, and Timothy Sullivan, 39, were swept away by raging waters after they tried to walk to safety from their stranded car, authorities said at the time. As much as 6 inches of rain fell on Greenville County that August weekend, flooding a number of low-lying areas including the intersection of Byrdland Drive and Airport Road, where Jackson and Sullivan were pulled into a 10-foot metal pipe and carried downstream into Laurel Creek. "The obvious gross negligence of the city became apparent in our investigation of the facts," said state Sen. Karl Allen, who's representing the two families. The wrongful death suits, filed Monday at the Greenville County Courthouse, alleges the city "failed to barricade and block hazardous and unsafe streets" and install guards over the "wide entrance of the culverts to prevent automobiles, debris and persons from being pulled into the drains with no reasonable escape out."

The Herald: Herald exclusive: Charge dismissed against Rock Hill barber accused of pulling gun on man

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article94731097.html>

Andrew Dys

Larry Thomas has never cut black hair. Not the hair color, the race. The white Rock Hill barber has cut hair since 1964 – the year segregation was declared illegal, but was still going strong. He has never cut a black man's hair and he never will, Thomas says, because he doesn't have the skill to cut that type of hair. That's the only reason, he says. "I am not a racist," Thomas said Tuesday, after receiving three months' worth of hate mail, phone messages and threats that claimed otherwise. Thomas is no longer an accused gun criminal, either, after prosecutors dismissed a felony gun charge against him in connection to a May 10 incident during which he told a black man who walked into his Celanese Road shop that he did not cut black hair. Thomas had faced up to five years in prison if convicted of pointing and presenting a gun. Now the case is gone, but the controversy is not.

Associated Press: Baby-sitter charged after child accidentally shoots himself

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SC State Wire

Police in South Carolina say the baby sitter of a 4-year-old child who accidentally shot himself has been arrested. News outlets report that Greenville police say Lydia Riley was arrested and charged with illegal neglect of a child after the boy shot himself in the hand at a home Aug. 1. Police say the child had grabbed a pistol from a kitchen table. Greenville Police Officer Gilberto Franco says the boy was taken to the hospital. Authorities say the injury was not life-threatening. Police say Riley was caring for the child and was getting groceries from her car when the shooting happened. Two other children were there when the shooting occurred. It isn't immediately clear if Riley has an attorney.

Associated Press: Man fleeing police charged after woman dies in accident

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SC State Wire

The South Carolina Highway Patrol has charged a Charleston man after authorities say he tried to elude police, crashed and a woman passenger was killed. Patrol Lance Cpl. Matthew Southern tells local news outlets that 27-year-old Jacquan Terrinado Spann is charged with offenses including felony driving under the influence and failure to stop for police. Authorities say Spann was pulled over for speeding Sunday night and then drove off. During the chase, his car crashed and 25-year-old Megan Calhoun of Goose Creek was thrown from the vehicle and killed. Spann was charged Tuesday after he was released from the hospital. It was not immediately known if he has an attorney.

Associated Press: Deputy fatally shoots man who barricaded himself in home

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SC State Wire

Authorities say a standoff in South Carolina turned deadly when a deputy shot a man who had barricaded himself inside his home. Anderson County Deputy Coroner Don McCown tells news outlets that 44-year-old Jeffrey Allen Morris died at a hospital Tuesday. Sheriff John Skipper says the incident began that afternoon when deputies tried to serve Morris a probation-violation warrant. It's unclear what that violation was. He says Morris barricaded himself inside his home with a long rifle. Skipper says deputies set off a flash-bang grenade to try to force Morris out. After that, Skipper says Morris raised his gun at a deputy who shot him. Skipper said he believes only one deputy fired but cannot say how many shots were fired. He says Morris is not believed to have fired at deputies.

Associated Press: Man dies following hourslong standoff with deputies

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SC State Wire

Authorities in South Carolina say a man is dead after he shot himself twice before pointing a gun at a deputy who then returned fire. Richland County Sheriff's Lt. Curtis Wilson tells news outlets that deputies responding to a domestic dispute found the unidentified man armed and barricaded inside his home about 5 p.m. Monday. Authorities tried to negotiate with the man, who they say was pointing a gun at deputies, telling them to shoot him. Wilson says deputies shot the man with a bean bag. That's when authorities say the man picked up his gun, shot himself twice and pointed the weapon back at a deputy. The coroner's office says 69-year-old James Jennings Jr. died from several gunshot wounds, including at least one that was self-inflicted.

Island Packet: Judge agrees to release unredacted police investigation docs

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article94711977.html>

Lucas High

A Beaufort County judge ruled late Tuesday afternoon that The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette are entitled to an unredacted copy of a report related to an internal investigation into citizen complaints against a former Beaufort County sheriff's deputy. The decision by Beaufort County Special Circuit Court Judge Marvin Dukes reversed his previous ruling that determined the newspapers could receive only certain portions of the report. That original decision came after an anonymous plaintiff sought to block the release of the documents related to the investigation. Dukes heard arguments for reconsideration Monday, with the newspapers challenging the ability of an unnamed third party to try to block the release of documents the government had deemed as public record.

The State: Hawk-killing USC trustee says he got bad deal from 'bird lover' judge

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article94652257.html>

John Monk

Charles Williams, University of South Carolina trustee who pleaded guilty to killing federally protected hawks, is appealing his sentence, claiming the judge gave him an excessive fine of \$75,000 because she is a "bird lover." Magistrate Judge Shiva Hodges should have disqualified herself before passing sentence in June because she is a self-described "nature lover" who is overly fond of birds, and her impartiality in the matter "might reasonably be questioned," wrote Williams' lawyers in an appeal motion. At that June 6 hearing, Williams, 66, an Orangeburg lawyer, pleaded guilty to trapping and killing seven hawks in violation of the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which protects some 800 birds. He and three employees were charged with killing some 30 hawks; prosecutors dropped other charges against the four.

The State: USC, neighborhood leaders closer to agreement on student housing village

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/education/article94753762.html>

Avery G. Wilks

Downtown neighborhood leaders and the University of South Carolina have moved closer to agreement on a plan for a housing village that would transform the south side of the school's campus. Leaders from neighborhoods near the proposed "Campus Village" met last week to discuss changes that USC has offered to its original plan for an up-to-3,800-bed housing development. The project is bordered by Pickens, Heyward and Sumter streets, near the school's soccer stadium. Neighborhood leaders replied to USC on Tuesday with a few more suggested changes, according to Kit Smith, one of several leaders in talks with USC. Smith would not discuss the details left to be ironed out, saying she did not want to compromise the negotiations.

The State: Canned goods emergency at Columbia food bank: Harvest Hope has urgent summer need

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article94685892.html>

Cliff Leblanc

Many bins of canned goods for hungry families who rely on Harvest Hope Food Bank are empty, and people who depend on the giant food distributor will face even tougher times if help doesn't arrive quickly. "I need an influx of some major donors," Harvest Hope chief executive officer Denise Holland said Tuesday of what she called a food emergency. "I need a lot of hearts to be softened. I need it fast." For the second time in some 3 1/2 years, the food bank that serves 20 counties has made a public appeal to food manufacturers, distributors, grocery stores, corporate backers and individual donors. Harvest Hope is caught in the same vice that food banks are facing nationally, Holland said. Supply is down because canned food makers, distributors and grocery stores have tightened their inventories, she said. That means fewer cans left over for donation or sale to food banks at reduced prices.

The State: Some SC growers reviving crops not seen for generations

<http://www.thestate.com/living/food-drink/article94600247.html>

Susan Ardis

Glenn Roberts and Eufren Ninancuro stand at the edge of a 15-acre field at Jatun Killa Farm in Eastover enjoying, just for a brief moment, their success. What was once a hay field is now planted with French Huguenot black landrace buckwheat, an heirloom food crop variety that hasn't been in production since World War II. "The last time (this crop) was important in agriculture was in the 1950s," said Roberts, founder of Anson Mills and president of the Carolina Gold Rice Foundation. "As soon as chemical fertility came, they didn't need this anymore because it's a potassium source for healthy soil. But they put potassium into chemical fertilizer, so they don't need this. All the reserves were turned into fertilizer. That eliminated this crop." This variety of buckwheat is just one of the heritage crops being reintroduced and lovingly cultivated at this farm and others across the state.



Independent Mail: Meal tax gets narrow approval from county council

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/meal-tax-gets-narrow-approval-from-county-council-39ab7925-405a-4f7f-e053-0100007fa931-389683371.html>

Nikie Mayo

Insults were hurled and questions were raised, but in the end the Anderson County Council voted 4-3 to give initial approval to a 2 percent hospitality tax. The tax, which is applied prepared food and beverages, already is collected in many restaurants in municipalities throughout Anderson County. The city of Anderson, for example, has used hospitality tax revenues to help pay for Linley Park. The tax now being studied would be collected in Anderson County's unincorporated areas, including restaurants near Interstate 85 at Exit 19 and eateries along U.S. 76. No one representing those restaurants addressed the council. Councilmen Ken Waters, Francis Crowder, J. Mitchell Cole and Tom Allen voted in favor of the tax on first reading. Councilmembers Cindy Wilson, Gracie Floyd and Chairman Tommy Dunn voted against it. The council must approve the tax two more times before it would take effect. As it stands, the target date to begin collecting those taxes is Oct. 1.

Post and Courier: Folly Beach City Council gives initial OK to plastic bag ban

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160809/160809440/folly-beach-city-council-gives-initial-ok-to-plastic-bag-ban>

Prentiss Findlay

A ban on businesses putting customer purchases in plastic bags was approved Tuesday night at a meeting of City Council. The vote was unanimous. A second council vote in favor of the plan is required before the plastic bag ordinance becomes law. That could happen next month. Council members debated whether it is the role of government to tell business it can't use plastic bags for customer purchases. "This is nothing but a feel-good piece of legislation," said Councilman Pennell Clamp.

Post and Courier: Charleston County Council approves half-percent sales tax referendum, voters decide its fate in November

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160809/160809445/charleston-county-council-approves-half-percent-sales-tax-referendum-voters-decide-its-fate-in-november>

Abigail Darlington

Charleston County Council on Tuesday gave final approval to a referendum that will ask for a half-percent sales tax increase for transportation and greenbelt projects but voted against a separate referendum to ask if county voters want Interstate 526 completed. Council voted 6-3 in favor of the sales tax plan that would bring in \$1.89 billion for road projects and public transportation and \$210 million for greenbelts. The group amended the list to include \$85 million more than originally budgeted for land conservation, which was deducted from the money allocated for roads and public transit. Chairman Elliott Summey said the sales tax was necessary since the state isn't providing enough money to fix the county's transportation problems. "This state continues to fail this community," he said. "That's why we're having to vote on this half-cent sales tax, not because anybody wants to raise anybody's taxes." Councilman Henry Darby, who voted "no" along with council members Anna Johnson and Vic Rawl, said that's why he didn't support the half-cent sales tax referendum.

Post and Courier: Heavy lifting: South Carolina nuclear plant marks construction milestone

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160809/160809453/heavy-lifting-south-carolina-nuclear-plant-marks-construction-milestone>

John McDermott

Crews at the Midlands nuclear plant that's being expanding have installed the two last heavy-duty components. Weighing in at a combined 310 tons, the pair of "super modules" were lifted into place on July 20 and Aug. 5, South Carolina Electric & Gas said Tuesday. The pieces are so large and heavy that they could not be made off-site. They were moved with an assist from one of largest cranes in the world — a 560-foot-tall derrick, the utility said. The larger of the two weighed 250 tons. The steel modules — the last of six — will make up the walls of a large water-storage tank that will absorb heat and provide back-up cooling for the second of two reactors being added at the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station. Cayce-based SCE&G said the installation of the final structures was a milestone for the Fairfield County project, which has been plagued by delays and cost overruns. Fluor Corp. was brought in to replace the original construction manager earlier this year.

Post and Courier: Boeing's Dreamliner orders slow, but 500th delivery could be on the horizon

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David Wren

The 500th 787 Dreamliner to be built since the wide-body jet entered production in 2007 could find a customer before the end of this year if Boeing Co.'s delivery rates hold up over the next few months. "This is something they can achieve by the middle to end of December as long as there aren't any delays," said Uresh Sheth, who tracks 787 production. Sheth, author of the "All Things 787" website, said Boeing would have to deliver 11 Dreamliners per month going forward to achieve that milestone. That is less than the current production rate of a dozen Dreamliners per month. Boeing's North Charleston campus, which fabricates and assembles the 787, delivered the 400th Dreamliner to Singapore airline Scoot in April. Dreamliners also

are built at Boeing's Everett, Wash., plant.

## Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Trump, on defense, blames media for Second Amendment flap

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2185d29322c84a54b790291dab9f1a0c>

Josh Lederman

On the defensive once again, Donald Trump is blaming faulty interpretations and media bias for an uproar over his comments about the Second Amendment. He's insisting he never advocated violence against Hillary Clinton, even as undeterred Democrats pile on. The latest controversy to strike Trump's campaign arose, as they often do, out of an offhand quip at a boisterous campaign rally. Claiming falsely that Clinton wants to revoke the right to gun ownership guaranteed in the Constitution's Second Amendment, Trump said there would be "nothing you can do," if she's elected, to stop her from stacking the Supreme Court with anti-gun justices. Then he added ambiguously: "Although the Second Amendment people, maybe there is — I don't know. But I'll tell you what: that will be a horrible day." Was Trump suggesting gun owners take matters into their own hands if Clinton wins the White House? Or was he merely musing about the indisputably powerful influence of the gun lobby?

## National News:

Associated Press: US to release report criticizing Baltimore police force

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Juliet Linderman and Eric Tucker

Baltimore police officers routinely discriminate against blacks, repeatedly use excessive force and are not adequately held accountable for misconduct, according to a harshly critical Justice Department report being presented Wednesday. The report, the culmination of a yearlong investigation into one of the country's largest police forces, also found that officers make large numbers of stops — mostly in poor, black neighborhoods — with dubious justification and unlawfully arrest citizens for speech deemed disrespectful. Physical force is used unnecessarily, including against the mentally disabled, and black pedestrians and drivers are disproportionately searched during stops, the report says. The Justice Department released a copy of the report in advance of its public announcement at an event Wednesday morning in Baltimore.

Associated Press : Car hits protester in Ferguson, shots ring out

<http://bigstory.ap.org/799509d97a69460bbd8a126345569f90>

Gunshots rang out but apparently hit no one after a car struck a protester during a peaceful demonstration in Ferguson, Missouri, on the second anniversary of Michael Brown's death. Witnesses told The Associated Press that a car drove into a group of protesters who were blocking a street during the demonstration Tuesday night to mark two years since the unarmed black 18-year-old's fatal shooting by a white police officer. They said the car struck a young man so hard that he flew into the air. "A lady came down and hit a protester — knocked the shoes off his feet," said Sharon Cowan, who was at the scene. "Hit him, and he rolled and he bounced." Ferguson police said in a statement that several people chased the car and fired about two dozen shots at the vehicle. A city spokesman later said the vehicle was pockmarked with bullet holes. Police are asking for the public's help to identify the shooting suspects.

## World News:

Associated Press: The Latest: Road cyclists start time trials on wet roads

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The first riders are off in the women's and men's Olympic time trials, greeted at the Pontal area of Rio de Janeiro by hard rain and cold winds buffeting off the coast. The miserable conditions should make a brutal course even more grueling. Ireland's Dan Martin, who competed over part of it in the road race, tweeted that he was "not sure I'd want to ride down that descent in the wet nevermind race." USA Cycling chief executive Derek Bouchard-Hall called the conditions "rather bleak." Two-time gold medalist Kristin Armstrong is last off in the women's race for the U.S., while reigning bronze medalist Chris Froome of Britain is last off in the men's race.

Associated Press: Phelps wins Olympic gold medals No. 20 and 21 in Rio

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Paul Newberry

Michael Phelps sat alone, thoroughly exhausted. He put his head in his hands and then motioned at his neck as though he had nothing left to give. No need. His work was done. He had his 20th and 21st gold medals. Phelps made up for one other rare losses in his brilliant career by winning the 200-meter butterfly Tuesday night, a victory that sent him climbing into the stands to kiss his 3-month-old son Boomer. An hour later, he returned to take what amounted to nothing more than a triumphant victory lap in anchoring the 4x200 freestyle relay, the crowd's deafening roar growing louder with every stroke. "That was probably one of my most challenging doubles," the 31-year-old Phelps said. "Doing a double like that is a lot harder than it once was."

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