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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Cleveland Notebook

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160718/160719393/cleveland-notebook>

Emma Dumain

Gov. Nikki Haley made a surprise appearance Monday inside the Quicken Loans Arena in a video shown on the jumbo screen. But the footage was outdated. GOP organizers showed Haley from a 2013 Republican Governors Association shot. Haley's office confirms she was told in advance the segment would be aired. Otherwise, Haley is not scheduled to speak at the convention as part of the fallout from her differences with presumptive nominee Donald Trump. Haley will be in Cleveland on Wednesday, including to address the South Carolina delegation.

Post and Courier: Latest from the S.C. Republicans in Cleveland (Live)

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160718/160719448/latest-from-the-sc-republicans-in-cleveland-live>

Emma Dumain

5:50 p.m. Gov Nikki Haley's office confirms she was told in advance that a 2013 Republican Governors Association video of her would be shown at the Cleveland convention. Because of her differences with Donald Trump, Haley has chosen not to speak at the Republican National Convention this week. Delegates still got to see her on video screens inside the arena's jumbotrons Monday afternoon.

3 p.m.: Gov. Nikki Haley is not speaking at the Republican National Convention this week, but delegates still got to see their governor speak in a special Republican Governors' Association video screened on the arena's jumbotrons on Monday afternoon.

YouTube: RGA Convention Video: Republican Governors Are Driving America's Comeback

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4lVEUBD3r6I&feature=youtu.be>

In case you missed it, watch the RGA video that just aired this afternoon at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, highlighting how Republican governors are driving America's Comeback. The video features 15 of our nation's 31 Republican governors emphasizing how they are using conservative policies to get results for their states.

NOTE: Nikki Haley 1:56-2:45

Politico: The Shadow Convention for the GOP's Future

<http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2016/07/rnc-2016-gop-republican-party-leaders-future-donald-trump-214065>

Shane Goldmacher

CLEVELAND—It was mid-April when as many as 1,000 alumni of the most recent Republican administration descended on Dallas for a staff reunion to reminisce about sunnier times. Former President George W. Bush autographed cowboy hats, Vice President Dick Cheney snapped selfies and First Lady Laura Bush chatted up the crowd. The memories were happy; the fajitas were

plentiful. When it came to talk of 2016, though, the mood was grim. The Republican primary had just narrowed to essentially two choices, each anathema to these card-carrying members of the GOP establishment: Ted Cruz and, even more egregiously, Donald Trump. But few were as dark about the Republican Party's future as former President Bush himself. In a more intimate moment during the reunion, surrounded by a smaller clutch of former aides and advisers, Bush weighed in with an assessment so foreboding that some who relayed it could not discern if it was gallows humor or blunt realpolitik.

NOTE: From the billionaire brothers Charles and David Koch to an increasingly influential GOP financier Paul Singer, from those who fell short in 2016—Ted Cruz and Scott Walker—to those who could be fresh faces in 2020—Tom Cotton, Ben Sasse, Nikki Haley—from House Speaker Paul Ryan to the not-so-subterranean contest for the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee, the maneuvering is underway to pick up the shards of the shattered GOP.

NOTE: Then there are the Trump foes—Ben Sasse of Nebraska, who has been the most outspoken senator opposing Trump, and Gov. Nikki Haley of South Carolina, who rebuked Trump in the national State of the Union response in January. They are staying away from Cleveland and tamping down talk of their political futures but are nonetheless discussed as among the party's rising stars.

New York Magazine: As Roger Ailes Falls, So Does the GOP's Mask of Inclusivity

<http://nymag.com/thecut/2016/07/roger-ailes-falls-so-does-the-gops-mask.html>

Rebecca Traister

There was a raw poetry to the fact that news that Fox News chief Roger Ailes is on his way out broke within an hour of the official kick off of the Republican Party's national convention on Monday. Roger Ailes, of course, transformed cable news, and partisan coverage, through his stewardship of Fox News. The network that he took over in 1996 swiftly became the major media mouthpiece for contemporary conservatism, catapulting Republicans out of the Bill Clinton era and to a string of major electoral victories, at federal, state and local levels. Which makes it especially ironic that Ailes's looming termination in response to a sexual harassment investigation comes at the precise moment that the party he helped to reinvent finds itself publicly imperiled.

NOTE: The GOP's rising stars included Marco Rubio, Susana Martinez, and Nikki Haley, politicians who were able to speak about their own experiences of having faced bias on account of their identities, allowing people to put aside the fact that they did not support policies that would ease these challenges for others.

Hudson County View: CarePoint Health's Garipalli has given \$40k to Hudson Dems since 2010

<http://hudsoncountyview.com/carepoint-healths-garipalli-has-given-40k-to-hudson-dems-since-2010/>

John Heinis

CarePoint Health Co-Founder Vivek Garipalli made headlines on Friday after he was revealed as the \$1 million donor to a super PAC aligned with Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop's expected gubernatorial run, but donating to Hudson County Democrats is nothing new for the healthcare mogul. Garipalli supported U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez's 2010 re-election bid with a \$1,500 contribution on September 28, 2010, according to a report filed with the Federal Election Commission (FEC). He again supported Menendez with a \$2,500 donation on July 24, 2012, and then two separate \$1,300 (totalling \$2,600) on May 2, 2014, FEC filings say. More locally, back on September 17, 2010, Garipalli made a donation to former Bayonne Assemblyman Jason O'Donnell (D-31), later contributing the same amount on May 22, 2012 and then \$500 on April 12, 2013, according to reports filed with the New Jersey Election Enforcement Commission (NJ ELEC). O'Donnell decided not to run for re-election last year, paving the way for Nick Chiaravalloti to represent District 31 in Trenton.

NOTE: According to The State, the only Garipalli contribution even close to that was a \$250,000

donation made to a super PAC linked Republican South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley earlier this year.

SC after Baton Rouge Shootings:

The State: Richland County fires three EMS employees, another resigns because of threatening posts

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article90359437.html>

Clif Leblanc

A total of seven local first responders have lost their jobs over social media posts about Black Lives Matter protests the night of July 10. Richland County on Monday said three additional ambulance workers were terminated or resigned in the wake of the interim county administrator's investigation of what they wrote as 800 protesters clogged downtown streets and blocked the I-126 bridge. A senior paramedic was fired last week, but the county didn't name the worker, Tommy Boland, until Monday. Boland was a nine-year veteran of Emergency Medical Services, the county's ambulance service. Others identified Monday are Troy Beckham, a paramedic crew leader, who had been employed by the county for 12 1/2 years, according to a news release. He was fired. Also terminated was Tyler Dixon, an emergency medical technician, who has worked for the county for five years. Donald Oliver, also a medical technician, resigned in the wake of the investigation. Oliver was an eight-year employee, the county said.

Independent Mail: VIDEO: Anderson-area law enforcement agents reacting to shootings

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/anderson-area-law-enforcement-agents-reacting-to-shootings-37f03383-dbe3-4024-e053-0100007f04f0-387353021.html>

Mike Ellis

Gail Hayes' cousin, Greenville County Sheriff's Office Deputy Marcus Whitfield, was fatally shot in the line of duty in 1999. Since then, Hayes, a Honea Path resident, has encouraged her children to pray every time they see a police officer. Her children, now adults, today are teaching their children the same prayer: "Protect and keep them oh Lord as they protect and serve." Saying the simple prayer is something they can do to help officers, Hayes said. "I've had officers' wives ask me to pray for their husbands, and I'm honored to get the opportunity," she said. The prayers help, said Robert Ayers, president of the Anderson-based Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 10. While recent targeted shootings of officers in Dallas and Louisiana have upped the stakes, officers have long been aware of the dangers they face, said Ayers, a former Anderson police officer and former probation agent.

The Herald: Rock Hill police chief reviewing demands from concerned black men group

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article90353677.html>

Andrew Dys

Just two days after a group of concerned black men hand-delivered a list of 10 demands to the Rock Hill Police Department, the group's leadership is set to meet with city's mayor Tuesday. Contact with the police chief is pending. The group – Concerned Black Men of the city of Rock Hill – is demanding more accountability, transparency and communication between the police and black residents after a spate of violent actions and shootings by police against black people around South Carolina and the nation. The group marched from downtown to the police department Saturday afternoon, before presenting a list of demands that the city and its police department live up to their core mission of building trust among residents – a mission the black men say the city and police have failed to achieve. The march and delivery of the letter has led to immediate action.

Associated Press: Rock Hill mayor to meet with Concerned Black Men group

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

SC State Wire

The mayor of Rock Hill will meet with a group of black men after the group hand-delivered a list of demands to the Rock Hill Police Department over the weekend. The Herald of Rock Hill (<http://bit.ly/29RltHF>) reports that Mayor Doug Echols is scheduled to meet with Concerned Black Men of the city of Rock Hill Tuesday afternoon. Brad Rawlinson, a Rock Hill lawyer and organizer of the group, says the group wants to discuss concerns including the use of unmarked vehicles with no dashboard cameras, use of force complaints, officer interaction with the public in predominantly black neighborhoods and other topics. Rock Hill police spokesman Mark Bollinger says Police Chief Chris Watts has also reviewed the letter of demands and will directly contact the group at a later date.

Herald-Journal: Spartanburg County unites to remember officers killed in Dallas, Baton Rouge

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160718/articles/160719711>

Zach Fox

Many of those in the packed pews of Spartanburg First Baptist Church got emotional as they remembered law enforcement officials killed this month in Dallas and Baton Rouge. The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office held a special ceremony at Spartanburg First Baptist Church to honor the eight officers, all shot and killed in the line of duty this month. Law enforcement officers, elected officials and community members filled the church sanctuary to show their support for law enforcement. "We're the good guys," said Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright. "Our resolve is stronger now than it has ever been." Wright spoke to the large crowd in front of a memorial bearing the names of 386 officers from across South Carolina who have died in the line of duty. The event was originally planned to be a tribute to officers killed in an ambush-style attack in Dallas on July 7. Then, Sunday morning, three officers were shot and killed in Baton Rouge.

Herald-Journal: Spartanburg police wear bands to mourn fallen officers

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160718/articles/160719718>

Daniel J. Gross

Spartanburg police are wearing black bands around their badges to honor the officers who have been killed in Dallas and Baton Rouge, La. Police Chief Alonzo Thompson ordered the bands be worn to mourn the line-of-duty deaths until all of the officers killed have been laid to rest. "This latest incident has resulted in more senseless and unnecessary killings. Another incident where police officers simply fulfilling the commitment they made to their community and while doing so, were murdered," Thompson said in an email Sunday after three officers were killed in Baton Rouge. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to our fallen brothers, their families and their respective agencies." On July 7, five police officers were killed in Dallas, Texas, during a protest over fatal police-involved shootings of black men in Louisiana and Minnesota. Spartanburg Police Lt. Tim Suber said officers here are trying to "stay the course" while mourning those who lost their lives.

Greenville News: Body cameras for Greenville police officers coming by end of year

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/07/18/body-cameras-greenville-police-officers-coming-end-year/87269504/>

Eric Connor

New body cameras for Greenville city police officers will be in full use by the beginning of the new year, Police Chief Ken Miller said. The announcement was part of a presentation Miller made to the City Council on Monday giving an overview of a five-year plan the department has formulated for its future. The presentation included discussion of an outside review of its training practices, a new community policing plan, hiring of a new position to prevent gang involvement, restructuring school

resource officer duties and re-evaluating the city's youth curfew. The idea for an outside review of training practices came after the July 7 shooting of police officers in Dallas but before protests in downtown Greenville last week following the shooting deaths of black men at the hands of officers in Baton Rouge and Minnesota.

Dylann Roof Case:

Post and Courier: In Dylann Roof hearing, judge rules jury should be picked from Charleston area
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160718/160719596/in-dylann-roof-hearing-judge-rules-jury-should-be-picked-from-charleston-area>

Andrew Knapp

A federal judge on Monday afternoon ruled that attorneys should pick a jury from the Charleston area in Dylann Roof's death penalty trial. The hearing took place at 2 p.m. at U.S. District Court in downtown Charleston and was a chance for Judge Richard Gergel to settle disagreements between Roof's defense team and prosecutors. Among the issues with jury selection, Roof's lawyers had asked that the panel members be chosen from just the Charleston region while prosecutors have sought a statewide pool. Gergel said Monday it would take an "unusual...situation" to have a statewide jury. Roof did not appear at the hearing after waiving his right to appear.

SC Political News:

The State: GOP rejects proposed changes to SC's first-in-the-South primary
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article90401172.html>

Jamie Self

South Carolina and other early-voting Republican primary states have staved off efforts to weaken their influence in picking GOP presidential nominees. But GOP officials did agree to study the primary lineup sometime before the 2020 election cycle. South Carolina now goes third overall in that lineup — behind Iowa and New Hampshire — and first in the South. "We look safe for now," said S.C. GOP chairman Matt Moore, a member of the Rules Committee, where the party's primary system was discussed last week. Last week, the Rules Committee rejected a proposal to force S.C. Republicans to distribute presidential convention delegates proportionately — based on how well candidates perform in the state's first-in-the-South primary. The move could have lessened the impact of the S.C. primary in shaping the nominating contest. S.C. Republicans now use a hybrid winner-takes-all system, where the statewide primary winner gets 29 delegate votes and the remaining delegates — and their votes — are awarded to the first-place finisher in each of the state's seven congressional districts.

Post and Courier: In black pastor from back home, S.C. GOP delegates see a chance to make inroads with minorities

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160718/160719396/in-black-pastor-from-back-home-sc-gop-delegates-see-a-chance-to-make-inroads-with-minorities>

Emma Dumain

A survey of nearly a dozen members of the South Carolina delegation showed most had never heard of Mark Burns. But all of them said they were happy the evangelical pastor from the Palmetto State was being given a central role in the Republican National Convention. Burns gave a three-minute benediction at the conclusion of the first session on the first day at Quicken Loans Arena in which he bellowed thanks to God for "guiding (Donald Trump), giving him the words to the unite the party, this

country, that we together can defeat the liberal Democratic Party.” He’s also been added to the prime-time speaking schedule Thursday evening — the night Trump formally accepts the nomination for president of the United States — to talk about healing after the recent fatal confrontations between black Americans and law enforcement officers. Burns also happens to be black, and to that end, represents a demographic still noticeably absent from both the Republican Party and the RNC festivities.

NOTE: He also said to look at Gov. Nikki Haley, who is of Indian heritage, and U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, who is black, as examples of where the South Carolina GOP is paving the way.

Associated Press: South Carolina lieutenant governor to give nominating speech

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WZPUbv30

SC State Wire

South Carolina Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster says he will be giving one of two speeches nominating Donald Trump as the party's presidential pick at the Republican National Convention. McMaster confirmed to The Associated Press on Monday that he would make his nominating speech on Tuesday. He was the first statewide elected politician in the country to back Trump's candidacy when he announced his support ahead of early voting South Carolina's February primary. McMaster said Trump has a unique opportunity to unite a Republican Party fractured by a lengthy, hard-fought primary season.

Post and Courier: Henry McMaster to deliver nominating speech for Donald Trump

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160718/160719425/henry-mcmaster-to-deliver-nominating-speech-for-donald-trump>

Emma Dumain

Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster has been rewarded for his loyalty to Donald Trump with the role of delivering the presumptive presidential nominee's nomination speech Tuesday night. McMaster will speak for roughly five minutes in the 5:30 p.m. hour, confirming his duty to two reporters during an interview Monday in a stairwell off the floor of the Republican National Convention. McMaster will make remarks alongside the top Republicans in the U.S. House and Senate, Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. Co-headlining the task of delivering a nominating speech will be U.S. Rep. Chris Collins, R-N.Y. McMaster and Collins have something in common. McMaster was the highest ranking elected official to endorse Trump early on; Collins was the first sitting member of Congress.

The State: SC's McMaster to give nominating speech for Trump at RNC

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article90324477.html>

Jamie Self

South Carolina's Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster has earned a speaking spot at the Republican National Convention. Donald Trump has asked McMaster to deliver a nominating speech during Tuesday's convention proceedings, said the Columbia Republican who surprised his friends in January when he became the first statewide elected official in the country to endorse Trump. It's "quite an honor," McMaster told reporters Monday at the convention. "He's going to be a great president." Trump went on to win the state's first-in-the-South Republican primary with 33 percent of the vote. The nominating speech, which will begin at 5:30 p.m., is an "historic role" and honor, said Ed McMullen, Trump's S.C. state chairman who has been helping with convention planning. McMaster said he's not nervous about delivering the speech under the bright lights of the convention hall. He said he's working on his remarks and has not received any notes yet from the Trump

campaign.

Independent Mail: Anderson delegate says security is tight at GOP convention

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/local/delegate-from-anderson-says-security-is-tight-at-republican-convention-37ee542b-e350-66a7-e053-01000-387332441.html?d=mobile>

Kirk Brown

The heightened security is hard to miss at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, said Anderson resident and South Carolina delegate Susan Aiken. Aiken said Monday that she has seen law enforcement officers "on every corner" in downtown Cleveland. She also said that she has watched helicopters buzzing around from her 14th-floor hotel room near the Quicken Loans Arena, which is where the convention is happening this week. On Sunday night, Aiken said, a demonstration forced her and the rest of the South Carolina delegation to sit on a bus for about an hour before they could proceed to a reception. Police are expecting protests to intensify before the convention wraps up Thursday. About 5,500 law enforcement personnel from across the nation have been deployed to keep the peace. While saying she has concerns about security, Aiken added, "I was not going to let that stop me from coming."

NOTE: Gov. Nikki Haley, who spoke at the GOP's 2012 convention in Tampa, Florida, plans to attend this year's event but is expected to keep a low profile. Haley supported U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, who finished a distant second to Trump in February's Republican presidential primary in South Carolina before later dropping out of the race.

NOTE: Reince Preibus, the Republican Party's national chairman, asked Haley to speak at the convention a couple of weeks ago, according to Rob Godfrey, Haley's deputy chief of staff. Haley "was grateful for the invitation and looks forward to attending the convention, but, as we have said before, she has no plans to speak, so she declined the opportunity," Godfrey said.

Aiken Standard: Aiken resident: Atmosphere 'Electric!' on Republican National Convention floor

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160718/160719512/aiken-resident-atmosphere-x2018electricx2019-on-republican-national-convention-floor>

Dede Biles

When the Republican National Convention opened officially Monday in the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Aiken's Jane Page Thompson was on the floor as a member of the South Carolina delegation. She described the atmosphere as "Electric!" in an email that arrived at the Aiken Standard at 3:51 p.m. In addition, Thompson wrote, "I'm meeting some great, average, dedicated Americans who live in Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands who feel alienated by the president's current proposal to legalize illegal immigrants ahead of giving the same voting rights to the citizens of those American territories." Thompson also mentioned the continuing push by anti-Donald Trump delegates to prevent his nomination as the GOP's presidential candidate. "There has been a last-minute effort by those against Trump to call for Roll Call voting for the rules," Thompson wrote. "Their attempt to 'shake things up' at this last minute was hardly a surprise, but is only a delaying tactic."

Morning News : Florence's Republican Convention delegate asks himself, 'Are you ready for this?'

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_a917360a-4d47-11e6-b731-2f57185b1016.html

Bill Pickle

I have been asked many times: "What do you think about going to your first Republican National Convention?" I must say as a first-time delegate, I was really excited about taking part in the process of nominating the Republican Party presidential nominee. Within minutes of fellow politicians and friends finding out that I was elected the comments, questions and complaints hit like a hailstorm. "You voting for Trump?" "You are not going to let the 'Never Trump' folks (not quite the words they

used) do their thing, are you?" "You would not even think about voting for Trump, would you?" Etc., etc., etc. The more people talked to me, the more I realized just how important this process is to our process of elections. Involved in daily interviewing and talking to candidates, their staff and supporters, I have found my questions and reactions to them have become more thoughtful and in-depth. As I began preparing for the trip, I found that it was even more of an experience and chore. What to wear, what to buy to wear and how much. Now that I am in Cleveland, the whole thing seems more real. The number of complete strangers I have talked to in the first eight hours easily surpasses 500. I have talk to 11 media folks face to face and another seven via text message and email.

Charlotte Observer: Charlotte Muslim leader brings message of love to Republican convention
<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/election/article90384887.html>

Jim Red flower pen in hand, Charlotte's Rose Hamid spoke in Cleveland's Public Square Monday, delivering the message she hopes to bring to a larger audience at this week's Republican National Convention: that Islam is not a violent religion to be feared. "It doesn't have to be us versus them," she told a few dozen listeners. "These terrorist groups are not following the Islamic doctrine." Her remarks came an hour after the head of the nation's largest Islamic group delivered a similar message a block away. Nihad Awad, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, told reporters, "We all have the same love for and commitment to America." But their message is likely to face skepticism from many of the delegates at a convention poised to nominate a candidate who has called for a temporary ban on Muslim immigration, at least from countries with a history of terrorism.

Island Packet: SC delegate always prepared — with autograph book
<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/state/south-carolina/article90407277.html>

Bella Fordyce

Professional football players, the ambassador of New Zealand, and Karl Rove: what do they all have in common? They're all people South Carolina delegate LaDonna Ryggs has had the pleasure of meeting at Republican National Conventions. While waiting to enter the Quicken Loans Arena for Monday's convention opening, the Greer native shared the contents of her yellow, cartoon elephant-emblazoned autograph book she carries to all delegation functions. The Cleveland convention is Ryggs' third consecutive RNC — she served as an at-large delegate for South Carolina in St. Paul, Minn., in 2008, and Tampa, Fla., in 2012. At 2008's convention, she filled pages with signatures from U.S. Rep. Michelle Bachmann, who had made a bid for the GOP nod herself earlier in the year; radio host Jason "Mr. Right" Lewis, and players from the Minnesota Vikings Football team. In Tampa for the 2012 RNC, she was even able to snag the John Hancock of the nominee himself — Mitt Romney, along with his wife, Ann. As far as the best autograph in her collection, Ryggs said that her favorite encounter had to be with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

The State: Legislators urge Recreation Commission members to work with them
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article90419157.html>

Cassie Cope

A handful of Richland County lawmakers urged the county Recreation Commission Monday to work with them amid an ongoing corruption investigation involving the commission and its director. "I hope that we can work together to right the ship," state Sen. Joel Lourie, D-Richland, told Recreation Commission members. Democratic state Rep. Beth Bernstein agreed. "We want to make sure that we have a good, working relationship with the commission." Commission chairwoman J. Marie Green refused to comment after the meeting. The Recreation Commission and its director, James Brown III,

who is on paid leave, have come under fire in recent months. State and federal law enforcement agencies are looking into allegations of corruption at the commission. Civil lawsuits also have accused Brown of sexual harassment and other improper behavior. Two board members, Barbara Mickens and Green, have been named in civil lawsuits as well. The lawmakers' call for togetherness comes a week after the Richland legislative delegation was divided over a letter sent to the board, asking for answers to questions about the recent turmoil.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: Grand jury law needs a rewrite — this time by the Legislature

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article90329322.html>

Cindi Ross Scope

IT'S TEDIOUS AND time-consuming and difficult to restore the state constitution to what it meant before a court reinterpreted it. But laws are relatively easy to change, and the Legislature needs to do precisely that after the Supreme Court last week completely changed the meaning of an important criminal law. In deciding that Solicitor David Pascoe can initiate a State Grand Jury corruption investigation without the authorization of Attorney General Alan Wilson, the court essentially rewrote S.C. 14-7-1630(B), which limits that authority to the attorney general acting in conjunction with the SLED chief. If you look up the law, it still says that. But in its order last week in Pascoe v. Wilson, the court's majority said the Legislature could not have possibly intended to limit this power to the attorney general, because that would mean the State Grand Jury could not be used to investigate an attorney general. And that, the court concluded, would be an "absurd result" — a term of art that means the court may reinterpret even an unambiguous law. Which it did, saying that henceforth the attorney general's designee may initiate an investigation in his stead.

Post and Courier: Target S.C. gun violence

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160719/160719406/target-sc-gun-violence>

Editorial

As South Carolina legislators convene hearings on gun-related issues in South Carolina this summer, the recent surge of gun violence should have lawmakers looking at every aspect of those laws that have broadened the availability of firearms on the street. The hearings, called primarily to address the so-called "Charleston loophole," need to explore ways to help get weapons off the streets — even if it means reversing laws that gun-happy legislators have passed. The carnage in Baton Rouge and Dallas, Orlando and San Bernardino, and Charleston, demand a response.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Duke Energy CEO: buyout foresees greater natural gas demand

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=eGrFRNJ4

Emery P. Dalesio

Duke Energy Corp.'s purchase of Piedmont Natural Gas Co. will create a company with the financial resources to expand the distribution of natural gas across the country as utilities shift further away from coal to the cleaner-burning fuel, the chief executive of the country's largest electric company said Monday. Duke Energy is spending \$5 billion for Piedmont Natural Gas to secure natural gas and control costs for its own power plants and to position for a national expansion in future gas demand, Duke Energy CEO Lynn Good told utilities regulators in North Carolina. "Natural gas will continue as an increasingly important part of the nation's energy mix as the shift away from coal continues," Good said. "The combined company will be well-positioned for a future that may require additional natural

gas infrastructure and services."

Post and Courier: New coalition rallies against proposed rate hike by SCE&G

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160718/160719429/new-coalition-rallies-against-proposed-rate-hike-by-sceg>

Gavin Jackson

Leaders from small business, environmental and community groups joined forces Monday to challenge South Carolina Electric & Gas' largest rate increase proposal in years. The Coalition to Stop the Blank Check said SCE&G's 3.06 percent rate increase plan is detrimental for low-income customers and small businesses. The increase would cover ballooning costs at the V.C. Summer nuclear plant near Jenkinsville, north of Columbia. Frank Knapp, Jr., president and CEO of the S.C. Small Business Chamber of Commerce, said the state needs to stop letting the utility pass along the cost to customers. "Right now there's a blank check that the company holds and they are exercising that blank check by raising costs dramatically and delaying the plant's construction," Knapp said during a Statehouse news conference Monday.

Post and Courier: Extradition worries keep Greek crewman in South Carolina

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160718/160719422/extradition-worries-keep-greek-crewman-in-south-carolina>

David Wren

A chemical tanker crewman who was detained in South Carolina for months under a controversial material witness law says the U.S. government tried to place him into a homeless shelter and is putting his family at health and financial risk by refusing to let him return to his native Greece. Prosecutors, however, say Greece's weak extradition laws give them no choice but to make sure the maritime worker doesn't leave the state until his trial, which has not been scheduled. Panagiotis Koutoukakis faces two felony charges and up to 25 years in prison for his alleged role in a conspiracy to falsify records and cover up illegal pollution discharges while the tanker Green Sky was at sea. The falsified records were discovered last year while the tanker was docked at the Port of Charleston, according to court documents.

Local News:

Associated Press: Mother who attempted to kill children to learn fate Friday

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KFIC4sTj

SC State Wire

A woman who authorities say tried to kill her children by driving them and herself into the ocean in Florida will return to court Friday to find out if a judge will send her back to a psychiatric hospital. Ebony Wilkerson of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, appeared before a judge Monday. She stood trial for the attempted murder of her three young children after authorities say she drove into the Atlantic Ocean just off of Daytona Beach in 2014. She was found not guilty by reason of insanity on three charges of child neglect and child endangerment. Wilkerson could have her conditional release revoked after she stopped taking her medication while staying at Lake Wales Care Center. Wilkerson suffered a psychiatric episode in May as a result of being off of her medication. Prosecutors have filed a motion to have Wilkerson sent back to a psychiatric hospital.

Post and Courier: Judge to consider request for restraining order against Charleston County coroner

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160718/160719415/judge-to-consider-request-for-restraining-order-against-charleston-county-coroner>

Andrew Knapp

A judge on Thursday will consider a restraining order that would halt Charleston County Coroner Rae Wooten from arresting anyone as a result of an inquest into a Mount Pleasant toddler's death. Circuit Judge J.C. Nicholson is set to weigh arguments during the 2 p.m. proceeding at the Charleston County Judicial Center, local attorney Mark Peper said. Wooten asked the S.C. Attorney General's Office for legal advice after an inquest jury last week implicated Bryan Seabrook, 29, with homicide by child abuse and Seabrook's girlfriend, Marty Dixon, 48, as an accessory. Authorities have said that Dixon's grandson, 2-year-old Elijah Washington, was abused before his death in March 2013. He suffered a severe blow to the stomach that caused internal bleeding, they said.

Post and Courier: Charleston police offer active shooting tips to local hospitality industry

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160718/160719395/charleston-police-offer-active-shooting-tips-to-local-hospitality-industry>

Melissa Boughton

The Charleston Police Department is taking a proactive approach to preparing people in the hospitality industry for an active shooting situation. Lt. Heath King and Sgt. Tom Adams, leader of the SWAT team, spoke Monday at an active shooter preparedness training event created specifically for the hospitality industry. "The clubs and everywhere else (downtown) is taking security real serious at this point with all that's going on in the world," King said. "Prevention is what we're really trying to get out." The presentation was created by the department in the wake of the massacre in Orlando's nightclub, Pulse, where a gunman killed 49 people and wounded 53 others. King said it's important that the hospitality industry be armed with the most current information on how to manage a critical incident that could occur inside a business and how to take preventative steps.

Herald-Journal: First four jail inmates earn GED diplomas

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160718/articles/160719717>

Daniel J. Gross

Amber Wilds held her mother tightly after being handed her GED diploma on Monday. Tears streamed down her face. She donned a black graduation cap and gown for the ceremony, worn over her orange jumpsuit and rubber shoes issued by the Spartanburg County Detention Center. She said it took a trip to the county jail to get back on the right track after dropping out of ninth grade. Wilds, 25, was one of the first four inmates to complete the GED since the jail launched a tutoring program in late April. The jail is working with Spartanburg County Adult Education and the University of South Carolina Upstate to facilitate the tutoring and testing with inmates. A ceremony was held Monday morning to honor their achievement. Wilds said she had always enjoyed school but ended up being in and out of jail for various offenses. She said she has the ability to change now with her new education. "It's amazing to have to come to jail to get your GED, but at least I've got it. It's something no one can take from me," Wilds said. "Before, (jail) was a revolving door for me. I've got everything I need. It's impossible to fail now."

Morning News: Pee Dee farmers get help with aid applications

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_266c61ca-4d3e-11e6-8b2a-6bc3e7de6b27.html

Joshua Lloyd

Several groups with state reach pulled together Monday afternoon to help local farmers impacted by October's "1,000-year flood" navigate the process of securing their portion of the \$40 million in grant monies set aside by the state legislature earlier this year. Similar meetings have been held across the state in recent weeks, and S.C. Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman Sr., who wasn't able to attend the meeting, called for one to help Florence area farmers. South Carolina Farm Bureau Representative David

Branham said the meeting was intended to make a seemingly arduous application a smooth one. "We've got a team of people evaluating the application process step-by-step and working with folks to try and make sure that everybody who qualifies and is eligible for funds is able to get those," Branham said.

The State: Columbia, Bull Street developer to OK delay in construction of city-funded garage

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article90369687.html>

Clif Leblanc

Bull Street developer Bob Hughes and Columbia City Hall are about to change their contract to allow a delay in construction of a city-funded garage until next year. That is the effect of an update that City Council is scheduled to vote on Tuesday. A 800-space parking garage is projected to cost some \$16 million and the public is required to build it – and a second one of equal size later – under the agreement the city made with Hughes four years ago. Hughes already has met the financial investment he must make to trigger the construction of the first garage, according to Gregory Tucker, who oversees the construction of public utilities on the 181-acre property. So far, Hughes and the sub-developers who have committed to BullStreet, have gotten building permits for construction that totals \$17.2 million, Tucker said.

The State: Plan for Lexington County quarry taking shape

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article90353817.html>

Tim Flach

Stone mining at a proposed quarry on the west edge of Lexington County will occupy nearly a quarter of the 553-acre site, Vulcan Materials officials said Monday. The outline came as company officials prepare for a showdown next month with nearby residents opposing a \$40 million project slated to open in 2018. "We appreciate the feedback we've received from the community," company vice president Elliott Botzis said. "We've worked together to understand each others' needs." Vulcan is seeking to open the quarry on a site midway between Batesburg-Leesville and Gilbert, saying it will be an eventual replacement for its 125-year-old mine in the Olympia area near Columbia.

Associated Press: Talking is over: Hilton Head moving on \$16M redevelopment

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SC State Wire

After years of debate the Town of Hilton Head Island is moving forward on one of the most expensive municipal project in town history - a \$16 million redevelopment of the Coligny area near Sea Pines Plantation. The area is the posh resort's most popular tourist destination and The Island Packet of Hilton Head reports (<http://bit.ly/2aq4WsKs>) that town officials said Monday work is expected to begin later this year. The plans call for developing a new public park and playground as well as a new building for the local children's museum. The work is expected to take just over a year to complete. The town acquired the 15-acre tract about 20 years ago and there have been discussions ever since about how to use the land.

National News:

Associated Press: After outbreak of dissent, Trump powers toward the prize

<http://bigstory.ap.org/dd92adba4f434556bd120b4adc643a77>

Kathleen Hennessey and Calvin Woodward

Barring a last-minute jolt to the proceedings, Donald Trump is hours away from attaining the 2016 presidential nomination despite efforts to stop him that spilled messily into the opening of the

Republican National Convention. As his wife, Melania, put it from the stage, "It would not be a Trump contest without excitement and drama." She generated a lot of buzz with her well-received speech and, later, a controversy over some of her remarks. Two passages of her address matched nearly word-for-word the speech that Michelle Obama delivered in 2008 at the Democratic National Convention. Trump's campaign responded in a statement that said her "immigrant experience and love for America shone through in her speech." The statement didn't mention Mrs. Obama.

Associated Press: Trump campaign dismisses criticism of Melania Trump speech

<http://bigstory.ap.org/52b83e75a4104d2eb10d39fb3ce5be42>

Erica Werner and Scott Bauer

The Trump campaign on Tuesday dismissed criticism that Melania Trump directly lifted two passages nearly word-for-word from the speech that first lady Michelle Obama delivered in 2008 at the Democratic National Convention, calling the complaints "just absurd." "There's no cribbing of Michelle Obama's speech," Paul Manafort, Trump's campaign manager, said Tuesday morning in a CNN interview. "Certainly, there's no feeling on her part that she did it," he said. "What she did was use words that are common words." Mrs. Trump's star turn at the Republican National Convention Monday night captivated a GOP crowd that had rarely heard from the wife of Donald Trump. The passages in question focused on lessons that Trump's wife says she learned from her parents and the relevance of their lessons in her experience as a mother. Manafort said Mrs. Trump was aware of "how her speech was going to be scrutinized" and said any notion that she picked up portions of Mrs. Obama's convention talk was "just absurd."

World News:

Associated Press: IS group claims responsibility for train attack in Germany

<http://bigstory.ap.org/b4bf2100fdc04d82a7f036c917bb124a>

Kristen Grieshaber

A note found in the Afghan train attacker's room where he also kept a hand-painted flag of the Islamic State group indicates he may have been self-radicalized, a top German top security official said Tuesday. Bavarian Interior Minister Joachim Herrmann told reporters that the 17-year-old Afghan asylum seeker, who shouted "Allahu akbar" as he attacked people on a train Monday night in southern Germany, had written notes in Pashto that indicated he may have self-radicalized. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack which was posted on the group's Amaq news agency on Tuesday. Herrmann said people close to the attacker told investigators he had seemed like a calm person, not overtly religious or an extremist.

Associated Press: Turkey's Erdogan recounts night of coup, mulls death penalty

<http://bigstory.ap.org/fc87557cb7874e31949c232467ff3b2e>

Dominique Soguel and Suzan Fraser

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan made a series of televised appearances overnight in which he disclosed dramatic details of his survival on the night of a failed coup and raised the specter of reintroducing the death penalty to punish conspirators. He told U.S. broadcaster CNN he narrowly escaped death after coup plotters stormed the resort town of Marmaris where he was vacationing. "Had I stayed 10, 15 additional minutes, I would have been killed or I would have been taken," he said in the interview broadcast late Monday. Addressing hundreds of supporters outside his Istanbul residence in the early hours of Tuesday, Erdogan responded to calls for the death penalty with the simple statement: "You cannot put aside the people's demands."

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