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Sent: Monday, August 29, 2016 5:36 PM
To: Godfrey, Rob
Subject: Fwd: Afternoon Clips – Monday, August 29, 2016

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Subject: **RE: Afternoon Clips – Monday, August 29, 2016**

We have been in communication with Rep. Crosby throughout last session regarding the moped bill. Since session ended, the only correspondence that was received from Rep. Crosby was a text which included a link to an article about a moped accident on Highway 78 in Charleston County. I will follow up with Rep. Crosby regarding his comment.

From: Haley, Nikki
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On helmet issue, is it true Crosby was not responded to??

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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Gov. Haley directs SC agencies to plan possible budget cuts
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article98636257.html>
Cassie Cope

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley has ordered state agencies to plan for a 3 percent budget cut in their spending proposals for next year. S.C. lawmakers will have roughly \$440 million in added money to spend next year, the state's chief economist projected last week. While more than this year, that is only about a third of the added money that the state had this year. Still, Haley said state agencies need to identify areas that could be cut in their budgets now, "instead of being forced to make tough decisions amid economic downturn or crisis." State agencies first must submit their budget proposals to Gov. Haley. Haley, typically, unveils her state spending plan after lawmakers return in January. That plan advises lawmakers on her legislative priorities. However, her plan carries little weight with lawmakers, who write the state budget.

Post and Courier: Haley asks agencies to trim budgets by more than \$200 million

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160829/160829372/haley-asks-agencies-to-trim-budgets-by-more-than-200-million>

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley told agency heads and financial officers to prepare for "leaner times," asking them to find areas to reduce their budgets by at least 3 percent, in a memo she sent Monday. The total would mean at least a \$200 million reduction across state government. If agency budget writers conform to Haley's request, \$100 million of the recommended cuts would come from the education and higher education budgets. The move is an attempt, Haley said, to get ahead of "tough decisions amid economic downturn or crisis." The request came after state economists said last week that lawmakers will have around \$440 million in additional money next year. The amount is lower than what lawmakers had to work with this past year. State agencies begin submitting their budget requests at the end of September to the Executive Budget Office for the upcoming fiscal year that begins next July. Haley's office then releases her budget before the start of the legislative session early next year, but House and Senate lawmakers ultimately draft the budget that returns to her desk in the spring.

Post and Courier: Dabo Swinney and Clemson alumna Gov. Nikki Haley at odds on mopeds and helmets

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160829/160829368/dabo-swinney-and-clemson-alumna-gov-nikki-haley-at-odds-on-mopeds-and-helmets>

Maya T. Prabhu

Two of the state's best-known figures appear to be at odds over who should have to wear a helmet when operating a moped. Clemson University football coach Dabo Swinney and Clemson alumna Gov. Nikki Haley have found themselves on different sides of the public policy question. Swinney recently urged that the state require everyone who rides a moped or motorcycle to wear a helmet. His call came after freshman defensive end Xavier Kelly was hit and injured Aug. 17 while riding a moped without a helmet. He was left with a gash in the back of his head and stitches in his toe. "I mean, I need some help from the state," Swinney told reporters Aug. 19. "Dadgumnest thing I've ever seen in my life, that we allow people to go 80 miles an hour up the interstate with no helmet.

We got a seat belt law, but no helmets?"Haley in June vetoed a bill that would have had everyone under age 21 wear safety equipment while riding a moped. Had Haley signed the bill that passed the General Assembly earlier this year, the 18-year-old Kelly would have been required to have on a helmet at the time of the crash.

NOTE: "I believe that adults over the age of 18 — who are allowed to vote and serve our military — should decide for themselves what they should wear for their personal safety," Haley wrote in her June 10 veto message to lawmakers. "Mandating that adults must wear helmets and safety vests is government overreach." Haley's office declined to comment Monday on Swinney's safety call.

Associated Press: Lawmaker proposes giving governor control over state agency

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tXXaJf9D

SC State Wire

A state Senate Democrat says he'll propose that Department of Disabilities and Special Needs be added to the governor's cabinet. Columbia Sen. John Scott told The Greenville News (<http://grnol.co/2bLszPp>) that he's lost faith in the agency. Scott serves on the medical affairs committee and the panel's Republican chairman, Sen. Harvey Peeler, likes the idea. The department serves about 20,000 adults with severe intellectual disabilities, autism, traumatic brain or spinal cord injuries. The agency has about more than 2,000 workers employees and uses thousands of service providers. Scott says some of the people served by the agency and its providers have died from abuse or neglect. He says he wants changes in structure. A spokesman for Gov. Nikki Haley says she thinks more accountability would be good for the department.

Greenville News: Democratic senator wants DDSN placed in governor's cabinet

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/08/28/democratic-senator-wants-ddsn-placed-governors-cabinet/89330940/>

Tim Smith

A state Senate Democrat said he plans again to file legislation placing the state Department of Disabilities and Special Needs in the governor's cabinet to increase accountability. Sen. John Scott of Columbia, who serves on the Senate Medical Affairs Committee, told The Greenville News he has lost faith in the agency and believes change is needed. "We don't want to be harsh but we do want this agency to come into compliance," he said. Scott may find support among Republicans for the legislation, said outgoing Sen. Mike Fair, a Greenville Republican who also serves on the Medical Affairs Committee. "That probably could happen," Fair said. "The whole matter of reform was something, at least in our time, that was started by Carroll Campbell. Republicans since then more often than not have been for continued reform, which usually makes

the cabinet larger but makes the agency smaller."Sen. Harvey Peeler, a Gaffney Republican who chairs the Senate Medical Affairs Committee, said he likes the idea."That's not a bad idea," he said. "I need to take a look at the specifics. But that's not a bad idea. Matter of fact, I think it's a good idea."

NOTE: Rob Godfrey, a spokesman for Gov. Nikki Haley, said, the governor "believes more accountability would be a good thing for DDSN."

SC Political News:

Associated Press: Lawmaker: Board probed by deputies, FBI, SLED should quit
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ASkJHPJK

Jeffrey Collins

A lawmaker wants the director and board that run the Richland County Recreation Commission to step down as local, state and federal authorities investigate the agency. Rep. Mia McLeod said whether the commissioners and Executive Director James Brown III are guilty of crimes does not change her mind. The Columbia Democrat said Monday that sexual harassment and bribery allegations are so bad they cast a cloud over the good work the commission does. Brown has been on leave since July. The commission is being probed by Richland County sheriff's deputies, the State Law Enforcement Division and the FBI. It also faces several lawsuits. Richland County lawmakers appoint the board, but can't suspend or fire them. Sen. John Scott says he wants to wait until the investigations are finished.

The State: State legislator calls for embattled Rec Commission's director, some board members to quit

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article98580812.html>

Avery G. Wilks

The embattled Richland County Recreation Commission's executive director and five of its board members "who support him" should quit, a Richland County legislator said Monday. State Rep. Mia McLeod said their resignations are necessary for the commission to regain the public's trust amid ongoing state and federal law enforcement investigations into corruption at the office, and given civil lawsuits accusing director James Brown III of sexual harassment and other improper behavior. The Richland Democrat also announced she will push to give Richland County lawmakers the power to discipline those members with cause if she is elected to the state Senate this November. "Whether true or not, the perception is that this commission recklessly disregards the public's interest and concerns and wreaks havoc on employees who are simply trying to do their jobs free from threats, harassment, intimidation and retaliation," said McLeod, who stood alone at her press conference but said a "majority" of the Richland County State House delegation agrees.

Post and Courier: New mug shot law not yet easing burden for those found innocent of crimes

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160828/160829402/new-mug-shot-law-not-yet-easing-burden-for-those-found-innocent-of-crimes>

Maya T. Prabhu

A new mug shot law that was supposed to bring relief to those who have been arrested and cleared of wrongdoing appears to need more work, the bill's sponsor said. People who have been arrested and either had their charges dismissed or were found innocent can ask private mug shot publishing companies, such as www.mugshots.com, to remove any photos and information from their website within 30 days of receiving notice. If the company does not remove the information, a person has the ability to sue. But Sen. Paul Thurmond, R-Charleston, said companies either are making it difficult to be served with legal documentation or refusing to comply outright. "We're finding that companies will not accept service," he said. "If they don't accept service then you can't get that time-clock started. That has been a wrinkle and some people that I have heard from are pretty frustrated."

The State: Steady 'til November? Clinton maintains polling lead over Trump

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article98544062.html>

Bristow Marchant

A strange election year took another strange turn last week, as Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump spent a whole day accusing each other of harboring bigoted views. Trump outright said of Clinton, "She's a bigot," while talking to CNN, blaming her for the problems of non-white, inner-city communities. The same day, Clinton accused Trump of drawing supporters from the "emerging racist ideology" of the "alt-right" with rhetoric critical of Mexicans, Muslims and other groups. In an attempt to counter that image, Trump has sought to soften his stance on immigration and reach out to black voters, including a speech in majority-black Jackson, Miss., where Trump turned the stage over to the man who led the campaign to get Great Britain to leave the European Union. For her part, Clinton spent the week disputing an Associated Press report on the number of Clinton Foundation donors she met with while at the State Department. Meanwhile, top Republicans called for Clinton to be investigated by a special prosecutor.

The State: Republicans, Democrat launch S.C. lobbying firm
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article98557352.html>

Jamie Self

Who says S.C. Republicans and Democrats can't get along? Long-time Republican strategist Warren Tompkins is partnering with two former S.C. House members, including Democrat Boyd Brown – a bombastic former Fairfield County state representative and Democratic national committeeman known for his sharp-tongued outbursts. Republican Michael Thompson also is part of the new firm. Thompson represented Anderson in the Legislature for a decade before moving to Washington, D.C., where he raised money for congressional Republicans. Brown has been working in real estate and development since he left the Legislature in 2012. He and Thompson launched a lobbying firm earlier this year, working for some local government clients. Now, the duo is merging with Tompkins' veteran lobbying operation.

SC Agency News:

The State: SC tax agency collects \$178 million in unpaid fees, fines

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article98516642.html>

Cassie Cope

The S.C. Department of Revenue collected \$178 million last year for unpaid debts that Palmetto State residents they owed to another state agency or a local government. That amount, collected through two programs, is \$17.1 million more than the agency collected in the previous fiscal year. The two programs allow the Revenue Department to collect unpaid fines or fees owed to local governments or other state agencies, including colleges. "Unpaid liabilities hurt any organization and leave the burden on those who do pay their fair share," said Revenue Department chief Rick Reames. The Setoff Debt program allows the Revenue Department to offset an S.C. residents' tax refund by the amount that person owes a local government or state agency. That program collected \$163.4 million in the fiscal year that ended June 30. That is up \$13.6 million from the year before. The second program, called Governmental Enterprise Accounts Receivable (GEAR), allows the Revenue Department to act as a collection agency to collect a debt — putting a levy on a debtor's bank account or a lien on their house. GEAR often is used if a debtor is not owed a tax refund. GEAR collected \$14.5 million in the state's fiscal year that ended June 30, up \$3.5 million from the fiscal year before.

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press: Judge to hear objections to closing church shooting hearing

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0Gt7SPGC

SC State Wire

A federal judge will hear from news media organizations objecting closing a hearing in the trial of the man charged in the deaths of nine black church members in Charleston. The defense wants to keep some evidence out of Dylann Roof's trial. U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel has proposed closing Thursday's hearing saying revealing evidence before the court rules whether it can be admitted could interfere with seating an impartial jury. The Post and Courier newspaper and WCBD-TV have objected to the closed hearing. Gergel will hear from their attorneys on Wednesday. Roof faces numerous federal charges including hate crimes in the June 2015 shootings at Emanuel AME Church. His trial has been scheduled for November and prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

The State: Dylann Roof trial: Judge sets hearing on prospect of keeping some evidence secret

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article98576882.html>

John Monk

Federal Judge Richard Gergel has set a hearing Wednesday in Charleston to determine whether to proceed with keeping secret some potential evidence in Dylann Roof's upcoming death penalty trial. In the 14-month legal saga concerning Roof and the June 2015 racial killings at Charleston's AME Mother Emanuel church, nearly all court hearings have been public. Gergel previously set a hearing Thursday that is closed to the public and press to decide which evidence would not be admissible at trial. During Thursday's hearing Gergel will listen to arguments from defense and prosecution attorneys on whether certain evidence will be allowed in Roof's upcoming trial in November. Gergel has said that hearing should be closed to protect Roof's right to a fair trial. Lawyers for Charleston media WCBD-TV and the Post & Courier newspaper have filed motions requesting the judge hear their arguments on why Thursday's evidence hearing should be open.

Post and Courier: Federal judge to reconsider closing Dylann Roof hearing

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160829/160829385/federal-judge-to-reconsider-closing-dylann-roof-hearing>

Andrew Knapp

A judge overseeing Dylann Roof's federal case will reconsider closing a hearing this week after The Post and Courier and another Charleston-area news organization objected to the move. U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel said in an order Monday he would hear arguments on the issue in a separate proceeding at 10 a.m. Wednesday in downtown

Charleston. The hearing in question, set for 10 a.m. Thursday, is expected to be an opportunity for opposing attorneys to discuss whether certain evidence should be suppressed, or excluded, from Roof's death penalty trial in November. Roof, 22, who is white, is charged with 33 federal counts in the June 2015 shooting deaths of nine black parishioners at Emanuel AME Church in what authorities called a hate crime. He also is charged with murder and attempted murder in state court. Publishing information that potential jurors might not see at trial, Gergel has said in a past order, could jeopardize Roof's right to a fair proceeding. Court rules allow anyone opposed to such a closure to voice opposition before the proceeding. Gergel said "any interested party" could file an objection by Friday.

SC After Recent Violence:

The Herald: Worshipers converge in Rock Hill for rally to promote racial unity

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article98346147.html>

David Thackham

David Roth felt called to action. And he wasn't about to question it. "God put it on my heart," he said, smiling. "When God moves, he moves, and you feel it." Roth, the outreach director for the York Baptist Association, said he felt dismayed by recent racial tension broadcast across the country on television and other media. During his 18 years of working with local churches in Rock Hill and around the county, Roth says he has always been accepted by worshipers of all races. Roth said he wanted to show that Rock Hill citizens of every color could come together in faith: He saw that wish come true Saturday morning when worshipers from across the city came together at the Rock Hill amphitheater for what Roth called a "Celebrate Solidarity" rally. Roth said he contacted nearly 100 churches, including 80 within the YBA, to come out in support of the event, which featured several speakers and singers throughout the early morning.

Sun News: Well-armed criminals prompt police to ask for stronger armor

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article98360317.html>

Audrey Hudson

A nationwide increase of violence directed toward law enforcement – plus high-profile active shooter situations – has Horry County Police officials investigating the need for their officers to be outfitted with ballistic armor vests to protect against rifle rounds. "It's the next layer of protection for our officers," said Lance Winburn, interim chief for Horry County Police. "Our officers wear vests underneath their shirts and those protect against what we carry, handguns," Winburn said. "But more and more, watching the news and looking at what the trends are and a lot of our gang members

locally, we've got information they are employing higher powered weapons now."More than 200 vests would be needed to outfit the entire department. Winburn said they are still in the planning stage, looking at the cost of such a purchase and how it could be funded.

LGBT Laws:

Charlotte Observer: Eight Carolinas colleges included on 'Shame List' for LGBT discrimination

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/local/article98549892.html>

Mark Price

Charlotte-based Campus Pride, one of the nation's leading advocates for LGBT college students, released its annual Shame List Monday, highlighting "The Absolute Worst Campuses for LGBTQ Youth." Eight Carolinas colleges are on it. In all, the national listing includes 102 campuses that Campus Pride says openly discriminate against LGBTQ youth in policies, programs and practices as documented on the site listing. In nearly every case, the Carolinas colleges included are religious-based. Among the eight Carolinas colleges are Charlotte Christian and Theological Seminary, which Campus Pride says has applied for an exemption to Title IX in order to discriminate against its students on the bases of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, pregnancy or receipt of abortion while still receiving federal funds. Belmont Abbey College in Gaston County, also qualified for the Shame List because it holds an exemption to Title IX, allowing the college to discriminate against its students on the basis of gender identity while still receiving federal funds, said Campus Pride.

NOTE: Other Carolinas colleges included: Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.; Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C.; Anderson University in Anderson, S.C.; Charleston Southern University in Charleston, S.C.; North Greenville University in Tigerville, S.C. and Southern Wesleyan University in Central, S.C.

Associated Press: Transgender inmate latest to push for hormone treatment

<http://bigstory.ap.org/ddf90a12b22644cd9c746e8d6c0af040>

Jim Salter

A transgender inmate is suing the Missouri prison system for refusing to provide hormone therapy as she transitions to a woman, adding her voice to those of prisoners in other states who argue that denying such treatment amounts to cruel and unusual punishment. Lambda Legal filed the lawsuit in federal court in St. Louis last week on behalf of Jessica Hicklin, a 37-year old inmate serving life in prison after being convicted of first-degree murder at age 16, when she went by her birth name, James. She is challenging a state Department of Corrections policy that bars hormone therapy for inmates who weren't receiving it before being incarcerated. According to her lawsuit, it wasn't until last year that medical experts determined that Hicklin has gender dysphoria, in which a person

feels extreme distress because of a disconnect between their birth sex and gender identity. But in a blog posted on Lambda Legal's website, Hicklin wrote that she felt she was a girl since she was very young."Even at 16, I felt I was on my way to certain death. I didn't know what gender dysphoria was, or how to explain my feelings to my family or others in my small town," wrote Hicklin, who was convicted of fatally shooting a man during a drug-related crime in the small town of Clinton in 1995.

Opinion/Editorial:

Aiken Standard: Editorial: Pick up the Senate pace, end minority reports
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160828/160829589/editorial-pick-up-the-senate-pace-end-minority-reports>

Editorial

The state Senate is supposed to be a deliberative body, but that doesn't mean that it should move at a glacial pace, or in some instances not at all. The fact that individual senators are able to use the rules to bring important legislation to a halt says that the rules ought to be changed. A prime example last session was the derailment of a bill to improve the state Freedom of Information Act. The bill would have expedited requests of private citizens exercising their right to obtain public information. It also would have kept officials from charging an inordinate sum to access that information — a way of punishing those requesting the information.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: North Carolina warily watching 2 tropical weather systems

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=uN0SxvL0

Ben Finley and Jonathan Drew

Business owners, beachgoers, and fishing captains on North Carolina's Outer Banks were warily watching tropical weather Monday that could rain out one of the last busy weeks of the summer. The first weather system was expected to become a tropical storm before brushing the North Carolina coast Tuesday, bringing heavy rain and high winds to barrier islands popular for serene beaches. Another tropical depression in the Gulf of Mexico could hit northern Florida as a tropical storm later in the week and then move up the Atlantic coast toward North Carolina, though its exact path is hard to predict days in advance. Coastal Dare County in North Carolina could face winds of up to 45 mph with higher gusts and heavy rain that could flood low-lying areas from through Wednesday, according to an emergency management news release. To the south, Carteret County officials also warned of flooding and advised residents to closely monitor forecasts. A tropical storm watch was in effect for areas of the coast from Cape Lookout to the Oregon Inlet along the Outer Banks.

Island Packet: South Carolina to start screening blood donations for Zika
<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article98551667.html>

Rebecca Lurye

In the next four weeks, South Carolina and 10 other states should begin screening blood donations for the Zika virus, following a U.S. Food and Drug Administration recommendation. Georgia has also been instructed to begin screening “as soon as feasible,” along with Alabama, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, New York and Texas, due to either their number of travel-associated cases or their proximity to Florida — where 14 people have acquired the virus from local mosquitoes. The Red Cross announced Friday it was conducting blood donor tests for Zika in five southeastern states and would be expanding testing to four more states in the next two weeks. It has also stopped collecting blood in South Florida and is not accepting donations from those who have traveled to Miami-Dade County within the past month. Zika typically stays in blood for one to two weeks, but it has been detected up to two months after a person experiences symptoms of the virus, according to the FDA.

Post and Courier: Gas prices jump ahead of holiday weekend

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160829/160829389/gas-prices-jump-ahead-of-holiday-weekend>

Warren L. Wise

Gasoline prices climbed for a second straight week ahead of the upcoming holiday weekend, but they are not expected to rise much higher as the summer driving season comes to a close. The price in South Carolina jumped 5.4 cents per gallon during the past week to an average of \$1.94, according to gas price gauger GasBuddy and motor club AAA. Two weeks ago the price averaged \$1.80 a gallon. Though higher, the average price per gallon is still about 9 cents lower than this time last year across the Palmetto State, which continues to offer the lowest gas prices in the nation. Nationally, the cost per gallon rose 3.4 cents last week to an average of \$2.21, according to both gas prices services. That’s 28 cents per gallon less than one year ago at this time. “As the summer driving season wraps up, gasoline prices have risen for 14 consecutive days, thanks in large part due to a late-summer rally in oil markets, driven by OPEC threats,” said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy. “While the final note may be a bit sour, the sweetness of what is still the cheapest summer gas in a decade will linger.”

Associated Press: Study: Aerospace in South Carolina has \$19 billion impact

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentquid=4kz3dZJ6

SC State Wire

A new study shows that the growing aerospace industry in South Carolina now pumps \$19 billion into the state's economy. Media outlets report that the study was conducted by University of South Carolina research economist Joey Von Nessen. Currently about 100,000 jobs are tied to the aerospace industry. Private-sector aerospace workers make about

\$70,000 a year - almost 70 percent more than the average wage paid in South Carolina. The impact of the industry has grown by about \$2 billion since Von Nessen last studied the aerospace sector of the economy two years ago. Boeing assembles its 787 Dreamliner aircraft in North Charleston.

Associated Press: Demand for Volvo jobs crashes website; state adds incentives

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kLIBu8mk

It seems a lot of people want to help Volvo build cars at its first auto manufacturing plant in North America. The Post and Courier of Charleston (<http://bit.ly/2c2eRVQ>) reports that when the company announced last week a slate of job openings for its new \$500 million plant northwest of Charleston, thousands of people went online crashing the Berkeley County jobs website. The jobs were listed Aug. 23 on the BerkeleyMeansBusiness.com industrial recruiting site. In two days, the site was swamped with 24,000 hits. Usually the site gets between 300 and 500 visits a day. "Thousands of people were going to the site at the same time," said county spokesman Michael Mule. "The site normally does pretty well, but nothing to that magnitude." The plant under construction and is expected to open in 2018 and is expected to employ about 2,000 workers in the next decade.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Police reconsider ties between Brittanee Drexel case, crimes targeting other women

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160829/160829371/police-reconsider-ties-between-brittanee-drexel-case-crimes-targeting-other-women>

Andrew Knapp

Investigators have taken a fresh look at unsolved crimes targeting two other women as new developments surface in Brittanee Drexel's presumed slaying. The FBI recently revealed in court that they suspect Drexel, 17, was taken from Myrtle Beach in April 2009 and held in McClellanville, where she was raped and shot. The vacationing New York teenager's body was discarded in an alligator pit, an agent said, citing a "jailhouse confession." A father and a son from the town were alleged to have played roles in Drexel's demise. With that new insight based on witness accounts and with other evidence they have gathered, investigators are reconsidering possible links between Drexel's disappearance, the attempted abduction of a Myrtle Beach woman a year later and the 1998 slaying of Shannon McConaughy, 19, whose body was found in Awendaw. In each case, authorities have developed suspects from the same McClellanville family, but none of them have been successfully prosecuted.

The Herald: Accused killer of 'wrong man' in Rock Hill slaying fires lawyer
<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/crime/article98590947.html>

Andrew Dys

The Rock Hill teen accused of murder when police say he killed the wrong man during a street feud fired his lawyer Monday, likely delaying his trial. Quinteris Miller, 18 – who days earlier was charged with shooting into a house with nine people inside – remains jailed without bond. He was scheduled for trial next month, but a judge allowed him to fire his public defender and get a court-appointed lawyer. Miller rejected a plea deal earlier this summer in both shootings. Prosecutors say Miller shot Anthony Hart on Frank Street on Aug. 9, a crime in which they say he shot the wrong man after a street feud turned deadly. It happened a week after he allegedly shot into a different Frank Street house filled with people, including children. One of the victims, in jail in Chester County on unrelated charges, was brought to the courtroom in chains Monday.

Associated Press: Report: Clown spotted trying to lure kids into woods
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentquid=hrz5xBeb

SC State Wire

A neighborhood in South Carolina is reporting that people dressed as clowns have been seen trying to lure children into the woods. Greenville County deputies say they've found no evidence of anyone behind the apartment complex where residents reported seeing clowns trying to attract children. Drew Pinciario of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office said in a statement Monday that officers investigated the woods behind Fleetwood Manor Apartments last week after receiving the reports but found "no signs of suspicious activity or characters dressed in clown attire." Patrols in the area are being increased. An incident report from the sheriff's office says that several children reported that clowns tried to lure them into the woods with money. Media outlets reported the apartment property manager put out a statement to alert parents.

Greenville News: Patrols increased after complaints of clowns at Upstate apartments

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/08/29/patrols-increased-after-complaints-clowns-upstate-apartments/89535700/>

Elizabeth LaFleur

Reports of clowns trying to lure children into the woods at a Greenville County apartment complex are going viral. Greenville County deputies say they have increased patrols at Fleetwood Manor Apartments after receiving two complaints about a clown behaving strangely in the area. A resident reported "a suspicious character, dressed in circus clown attire and white face paint, enticing kids to follow him/her into the woods," according to a police report. Deputies spoke with another resident who said her son reported seeing clowns in the woods whispering and making strange noises, according to the report. The resident also said her oldest son told her he heard chains and banging on the front door of the residence, according to the report.

Associated Press: Man gets 15 years in prison for 1.6 million child porn pics

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=pFH4ZmPt

SC State Wire

State prosecutors say a 66-year-old South Carolina man will serve 15 years in prison for sharing more than 1.6 million pictures of child pornography on the internet. Attorney General Alan Wilson said in a news release that Edward Neiger uploaded the images and more than 11,000 sexually explicit videos involving children for 12 years from his Cayce home. Prosecutors said Neiger pleaded guilty last week to five counts of second-degree sexual exploitation of a minor and five counts of third-degree sexual exploitation of a minor before getting his 15-year sentence. He will also have to register as a sex offender. Wilson says Neiger did not create any child pornography on his own. Authorities found the images after searching Neiger's home in July 2015.

Post and Courier: Charleston jury awards \$4.65 million in wrongful death case tied to defective Ford Motor Co. airbag

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160829/160829382/charleston-jury-awards-465-million-in-wrongful-death-case-tied-to-defective-ford-motor-co-airbag>

David Wren

A jury awarded \$4.65 million last week in federal court to the widow of a former Charleston area pharmacist who killed himself after an automobile crash in which a defective airbag resulted in serious injuries. Crystal Wickersham, who was married to John Wickersham, sued Ford Motor Co. over the defective airbag, saying pain from the injuries her husband suffered led him to take his life more than a year after the 2010 Ford Escape he was driving struck a tree in a single-vehicle crash. Ford had asked for the case to be dismissed, saying John Wickersham had a long history of depression and suicidal thoughts and that his death was unrelated to the accident. Following a 10-day trial in Charleston, a jury determined that while John Wickersham's mental status contributed to his suicide, Ford's negligence was overwhelmingly to blame for his death.

Associated Press: Man stuck by more than 1 vehicle in hit-and-run

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=AMYY1BFC

SC State Wire

The South Carolina Highway Patrol is looking for the vehicles involved in a deadly hit-and-run in North Myrtle Beach. City spokesman Pat Dowling tells local media outlets that a man walking along the road was struck by more than one vehicle and died at the scene about 2 a.m. Monday. The accident happened at the junction of U.S. 17 and state Highway 22. Horry County Deputy Coroner Darris Fowler identifies the victim as 23-year-old Andrew McGuire of Myrtle Beach.

Morning News: Marion Fire Department CPR device aims to save lives

http://www.snow.com/news/local/article_8b02387c-6e0d-11e6-94d3-2b337399985c.html

Naeem McFadden

Marion County Emergency responders provided a public display of a new tool that wastes little time helping to save lives and allows crews to focus on additional ways to treat patients. The City of Marion Fire Department presented one of four new Lund Hospital Cardiac Arrest System (LUCUS) 2 Chest Compression System designed for automatic cardiopulmonary resuscitation. City of Marion Fire Department Chief Trey Cooper said the new devices were purchased with the help of the Marion County Healthcare Foundation's \$56,692 donation. They will be equipped in the Marion Fire & Rescue Squad vehicle along with three Marion County EMS crews to pump oxygen to the heart and brain with uninterrupted chest compressions. "Each ambulance that runs 911 calls will have a LUCAS device and CPR is very manpower intensive," Cooper said. "It doesn't seem like a strenuous activity but this device cuts down a job that took about four or five people."

Associated Press: Shooting at off-campus Clemson party with up to 1,000 people

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SC State Wire

Authorities say up to 1,000 people were at a party at an off-campus apartment complex near Clemson University where a 21-year-old man was shot in the neck. Pickens County Chief Deputy Creed Hashe said in a news release that the victim of the shooting early Sunday morning is expected to survive. Hashe says several men got into a fight at a party at The Cottages of Clemson about three miles from campus when someone fired at the victim who was on the ground struggling with other people. Hashe says deputies know who fired the shot, but the incident is still under investigation and that person has not been charged. Hashe says 500 to 1,000 people were at the party, clogging roads and making it tough for deputies to respond.

Greenville News: Pickens County Schools replacing substandard security equipment

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/08/29/pickens-county-schools-replacing-substandard-security-equipment/89355210/>

Ron Barnett

The all-seeing eye of the Pickens County School District's security camera system keeps watch over more than 16,000 students every day, scanning the schools and their grounds incessantly, even when no one is in sight. But the technology that's supposed to ensure that nothing goes unseen in the hallways and outside the buildings has been on the blink, at least in some places. Most of the more than 1,800 cameras that protrude from the ceilings and exterior walls of the schools are working fine, but they have been blind on occasions because of inferior hardware causing servers to shut down, according to district officials. Some members of the school board were disconcerted at the price tag the district IT office came up with for fixing and maintaining the system: more than \$1 million over five years, including \$240,000 this year. Much of the first year's budget

will go to replace servers that are expected to crash because their hard drives are substandard.

Herlad-Journal: Mold forces solicitor's office out of courthouse

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20160829/mold-forces-solicitors-office-out-of-courthouse?rssfeed=true>

Seventh Circuit Solicitor Barry Barnette today relocated his courthouse office staff to the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office on Howard Street for the rest of the week because of mold removal at the courthouse, officials said. The solicitor will move his office back to the third floor of the 59-year-old courthouse on Magnolia Street when the cleanup is complete, according to Clerk of Court Hope Blackley. Meanwhile, Blackley and courthouse department heads met with county officials this morning to discuss the latest developments of the mold removal project and a courthouse space needs study. The cleanup started in mid-July. Neither Blackley nor County Administrator Katherine O'Neill were immediately available for comment. On Friday, Blackley ordered all four family courtrooms closed through this week due to mold removal in that area. Family court was being relocated to other courtrooms near the front of the courthouse. Blackley said several employees have expressed concerns about their health during the cleanup project.

Associated Press: Sign of the Times? Ongoing debate over sign on sea island

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SC State Wire

It's a sign of the times that folks on upscale Sullivans Island cannot decide on a new sign for the entrance to the island northeast of Charleston. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/2bLKwP9>) the debate has been ongoing for months over what to do about the sign on the road leading to the mainland. Council members agree the aging sign should be replaced. The question is with what. Currently it's a simple sign with a palmetto tree saying "Welcome to Sullivans Island." Councilman Chauncey Clark wants an electronic sign that will relay town information and include a tide clock. Others say that's too high-tech and out of character for the largely residential island. A committee met last week to again discuss the issue. Again there was no decision.

Associated Press: Mystery solved: Cemetery group removed

Confederate flags

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SC State Wire

A nonprofit group that helps to maintain a Georgia cemetery removed 70 Confederate flags from graves because they became worn and faded, and that they weren't stolen as some suspected, the group's president said. Members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans had placed the flags last April in Brunswick's Oak Grove Cemetery for Confederate Memorial Day, an official holiday in Georgia. The veterans group contacted police this month when the flags went missing, The Florida Times-Union reported

(<http://bit.ly/2bvFHfN>). Group leaders suspected that someone took them because they depicted the Confederate battle emblem. But Robert M. Gindhart III, president of the Oak Grove Cemetery Society's board, said the flags were removed because they had deteriorated to the point that they were no longer respectful.

Post and Courier: Carriage horse bleeding on Charleston street sparks social-media storm

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160829/160829384/carriage-horse-bleeding-on-charleston-street-sparks-social-media-storm>

Dave Munday

A carriage horse leaving blood on the street in downtown Charleston on Sunday afternoon fanned the flames of an ongoing debate. Photos of somebody cleaning blood off the pavement at Meeting and Market streets were posted to Facebook, along with claims that the carriage kept going while the horse was in pain and that pieces of its hoof were torn away when a horseshoe was jerked off. "A horse was bleeding with a detached shoe from King Street, all the way down to Meeting," according to the post by Zoe Bergmann, who has frequently protested horses on the streets of Charleston. "The driver and the passengers paid no attention to the injured horse. A woman unknown to me, ran down Market Street screaming for them to stop. They would have kept going if the attention hadn't been brought to them." The post had more than 4,200 shares and growing by Monday afternoon.

Post and Courier: Citadel considers tearing down visitors' side at Johnson Hagood Stadium

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160829/160829380/citadel-considers-tearing-down-visitors-side-at-johnson-hagood-stadium>

Jeff Hartsell

The Citadel is considering tearing down the visitors' side at Johnson Hagood Stadium and expects to make a decision by the end of the week, athletic director Jim Senter said Monday. Flaking lead paint, a health hazard, was discovered on the east side of the 21,000-seat stadium over the summer, and fans were not allowed to sit on that side during the Sertoma Football Classic earlier this month. With the Bulldogs' home opener against Furman looming on Sept. 10, a decision on a way forward must be made soon, Senter said. The school also is considering a three-phase mitigation and repair project that would have the center section of the east-side stands ready for the Furman game, with more sections available later in the season. "We are looking at every option as to what the wise and prudent thing to do," Senter said after a meeting of The Citadel's operations and risk management committee of the Board of Visitors. "There's a lot of things to take into consideration there -- the number of tickets we're selling, the revenue we're generating, the viability of the structure moving forward, the cost to repair it."

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Trump plans major ad buy after weeks of being outspent

<http://bigstory.ap.org/12674f75dbf443baa3ba737faf53d428>

Jill Colvin

Donald Trump's campaign is making its biggest general election ad buy to date, with plans to spend upward of \$10 million on commercials airing over the next week or so. The campaign is expecting to air a new ad, which paints rival Hillary Clinton as a job-killer, as soon as Monday in nine states: Ohio, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Florida, where the campaign has already been on the air, along with New Hampshire, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and Nevada — all battleground states. Trump, the Republican presidential nominee, has so far been badly outspent by his Democratic rival and groups supporting her. Since clinching her party's nomination in early June, Clinton has spent more than \$77 million on television and radio advertising, largely targeting voters in battleground states, according to Kantar Media's political ad tracker. Trump finally hit the airwaves earlier this month with an ad focused on immigration, and so far has only spent about \$5 million. Clinton has reserved about \$9.2 million in airtime this week.

National News:

Associated Press: Weiner's wife is leaving him amid a new sexting scandal

<http://bigstory.ap.org/d4a16adcff64403bb3fbc6aa907c92b1>

Jennifer Peltz and Ken Thomas

Hillary Clinton aide Huma Abedin said Monday that she is leaving her husband, Anthony Weiner, after the former New York congressman was accused in yet another sexting scandal. "After long and painful consideration and work on my marriage, I have made the decision to separate from my husband," Abedin, vice chair of Clinton's presidential campaign, said in a statement issued by the campaign. "Anthony and I remain devoted to doing what is best for our son, who is the light of our life." The New York Post published photos late Sunday that it said Weiner, a Democrat, had sent last year to a woman. The tabloid identified her only as a "40-something divorcee" who lives "out West" and is a supporter of Republican Donald Trump. The photos included several shots of Weiner bare-chested and two close-ups of his bulging underpants. In one of the pictures, Weiner is lying on a bed with his toddler son while he is texting the woman, according to the Post. The tabloid also ran sexually suggestive text messages that it said the two exchanged.

Associated Press: Police detain man dressed as Zorro just before airport panic

<http://bigstory.ap.org/b4a5a29b45084c87991b4dd0381be373>

Andrew Dalton

A false report of gunshots that sent panicked travelers fleeing from Los Angeles International Airport came right after officers with weapons drawn detained a masked man dressed in black and possibly carrying a plastic

sword, officials said. Soon after, hundreds of passengers raced onto streets or the tarmac, causing major flight delays that the airport was still recovering from Monday. Video shows at least six officers confronting the man dressed as the fictional crime fighter Zorro outside Terminal 7 around 8:40 p.m. Sunday. Investigators were focusing on what prompted the first of several 911 that came from multiple terminals, airport police Officer Rob Pedregon said Monday. The initial 911 call came in Terminal 8 around 8:45 p.m. — about five minutes after officers detained the man dressed as Zorro. Pedregon said Monday that police have found no connection between the two incidents. A search uncovered no evidence of a gunman or shots fired. Officials said Sunday night that loud noises spurred the reports, and police are still investigating their source.

Associated Press: FAA forecast: 600,000 commercial drones within the year

<http://bigstory.ap.org/db1e7ee3659349dbbfa0ba953b64cdd4>

Joan Lowy

There will be 600,000 commercial drone aircraft operating in the U.S. within the year as the result of new safety rules that opened the skies to them on Monday, according to a Federal Aviation Administration estimate. The rules governing the operation of small commercial drones were designed to protect safety without stifling innovation, FAA Administrator Michael Huerta told a news conference. Commercial operators initially complained that the new rules would be too rigid. The agency responded by creating a system to grant exemptions to some of the rules for companies that show they can operate safely, Huerta said. On the first day the rules were in effect the FAA had already granted 76 exemptions, most of them to companies that want to fly drones at night, Huerta said. "With these rules, we have created an environment in which emerging technology can be rapidly introduced while protecting the safety of the world's busiest, most complex airspace," he said.

World News:

Associated Press: Brazil's Rousseff faces senators, says accusations meritless

<http://bigstory.ap.org/a2050afa4e7e49d29896a9fed6741aad>

Mauricio Savarese and Peter Prengaman

Fighting to save her job, suspended Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff told senators on Monday that the allegations against her have no merit and that history would judge the country if she is removed from office. "I know I will be judged, but my conscience is clear. I did not commit a crime," Rousseff told senators at her impeachment trial. Rousseff reminded senators that she was re-elected in 2014 by more than 54 million voters. She said that at every moment she has followed the constitution and done what was best for the country. "I can't help but taste the bitterness of injustice" of this process, she said. In the middle of her second term, the left-leaning leader is accused of breaking fiscal rules to hide problems in the federal budget. Brazil's first female president denies wrongdoing and

argues that her enemies are carrying out a "coup d'état." During her 30-minute speech, Rousseff argued that in early 2015 the opposition in Congress began creating a climate of instability by refusing to negotiate and throwing "fiscal bombs" in the face of declining revenues. She said the impeachment process had exacerbated the recession in Latin America's largest economy, flipping the blame on the opposition, which often argues she has to be removed for the financial climate to improve.

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