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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WACH: Catchphrase used by Governor Nikki Haley under fire

<http://wach.com/news/local/catchphrase-used-by-governor-nikki-haley-under-fire>

Thomas Lanahan

A catchphrase used by Governor Nikki Haley has recently come under fire from members of her own party. The catchphrase in question is "It's a great day in South Carolina." Republican South Carolina Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom voiced his concern over the phrase after interrupting Haley during a meeting last week, saying, "the phrase created the impression or could create the impression of some inappropriate melding of politics and the public business that we come here to conduct." Haley then responded by saying that she would make sure that every day is a great day in South Carolina.

Charleston Business Journal: Lyft launches ride-hailing services in Charleston area

<http://charlestonbusiness.com/news/technology/lyft-launches-ride-hailing-services-in-charleston-area/>

Liz Segrist

Another ride-hailing company has come to Charleston. San Francisco-based Lyft launched services in the area Thursday, according to its website. Users can get a ride by downloading the transportation app, adding a payment method, entering pickup and drop-off locations and requesting nearby drivers. At the end of the ride, users pay through their phones and rate their drivers. Lyft operates similarly to its competitor Uber, except Lyft customers can tip their drivers via the app. Lyft has raised more than \$2 billion thus far. During its latest \$1 billion funding round, \$500,000 came from General Motors. The companies are collaborating to develop software for self-driving cars.

NOTE: In early 2015, the S.C. Public Service Commission sent a cease-and-desist order to Uber for operating without the necessary permits. That decision was soon reversed and Uber was granted a temporary license to operate following pressure from area tech companies and Gov. Nikki Haley. In summer 2015, a law was approved allowing "transportation networking companies" to operate in the state and be regulated.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: Sanford attends Panama Canal expansion ceremony, reports good news for Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160627/160629494/sanford-attends-panama-canal-expansion-ceremony-reports-good-news-for-charleston>

Emma Dumain

On Sunday, U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford was one of 14 members of Congress to witness — in person — the long-anticipated expansion of the Panama Canal. The South Carolina Republican, who celebrated alongside 70 heads of state, told The Post and Courier the culmination of the seven-year, \$5 billion project will have a very big impact back home. "Here we are, very many miles away, and they keep bringing up Charleston," Sanford said of the briefings the congressional delegation received in Panama on Sunday morning. "I think it was illuminating on what a big deal this is, the way it changes, frankly, the viability and service area of the Port of Charleston," said Sanford, who lives in Mount Pleasant. Sanford's inclusion was part of an official trip organized by the House Transportation

and Infrastructure Committee. He was invited by committee chairman Rep. Bill Schuster, R-Pa.

SC Elections:

Associated Press: Handful of legislative nominees to be decided Tuesday

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ajs2hK5y

Bruce Smith

A handful of nominees for seats in the South Carolina General Assembly will be selected Tuesday as voters go to the polls to settle party runoffs. There are runoffs in six state Senate and seven House primaries. There are no statewide races to be decided in Tuesday's voting. Candidates needed 50 percent plus one vote during the June 14 primary to avoid a runoff. A look at some of the races to be decided with the polls open from 7 a.m. through 7 p.m....

SC Agency News:

Associated Press: Death of Florence County inmate under investigation

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

SC State Wire

Authorities say the cause of the death of an inmate at the Florence County Detention center won't be known until toxicology tests are completed. Coroner Keith von Lutcken tells local media outlets that 51-year-old Gerald Bush was taken to a hospital early Saturday for treatment of an unspecified medical emergency. He later died at the hospital. No other details were immediately released. The state Law Enforcement Division is assisting in the investigation.

Post and Courier: S.C. corrections department investigating killing of Lee facility inmate

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160627/160629504/sc-corrections-department-investigating-killing-of-lee-facility-inmate>

Maya T. Prabhu

An incident at the maximum-security Lee Correctional Institute in Bishopville last week left one male inmate dead and another hospitalized. Ae Kingratsaiphon, 35, was killed in a dorm Thursday evening, spokeswoman Stephanie Givens said. Kingratsaiphon was convicted of murder and began serving a life sentence in 1999.

A second inmate was taken to an outside hospital and still was receiving treatment on Monday, Givens said. S.C. Law Enforcement Division spokesman Thom Berry said the agency documented the scene for the S.C. Department of Corrections. Givens said she could not release more details while the SCDC police services is investigating the incident. The department refused to release an incident report from the event.

The State: Inmate killed, another injured at Lee Correctional during incident

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article86239387.html>

Cynthia Roldan

An inmate serving a life sentence for murder at Lee Correctional Institution was killed on Thursday during an incident that left another injured. The South Carolina Department of Corrections is still investigating the incident in which Ae Kingratsaiphon, 35, of Aiken County, died, said agency spokeswoman Stephanie Givens. The extent of the injuries of the second inmate are unknown, but he was taken to an outside medical facility for treatment. The dorm in which the incident took place is still on lockdown. Lee Correctional Institution in Bishopville is one of the state's largest correctional facilities, and is currently housing 1,375 inmates.

Aiken Standard: DHEC encouraging S.C. residents get tested for HIV; Aiken location open for testing

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160627/160629594/dhec-encouraging-sc-residents-get-tested-for-hiv-aiken-location-open-for-testing>

Maayan Schechter

In recognition of the National HIV Testing Day, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control is asking South Carolina residents to get tested. In a press release, DHEC stated one in eight people living with HIV in the U.S. don't know they have it, meaning they are not receiving the care and treatment necessary to improve their health and prevent transmission. "More than 16,000 individuals are currently living with HIV/AIDS in South Carolina," said DHEC Director of Health Services Lisa Davis. "Early detection through testing for HIV remains essential to successfully identifying and treating the disease and is critical to preventing new infections." An estimated 90 percent of new HIV infections in the U.S. could be prevented by testing and diagnosing people who have HIV and ensuring they receive prompt care and treatment, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: Penny tax dispute hurting small businesses

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article85795587.html>

Opinion

To address this, the county developed the small local business enterprise program, which became the vehicle to award more contracts to small and local businesses, many of which are minority-owned. Many of us saw the penny tax program as the first major opportunity to win substantive contracts with the county, thus growing our business and gaining capacity. That's why I was such a strong advocate for the penny tax, spending my personal resources and my political capital to promote its passage. Now, if the Revenue Department's efforts to withhold funds from the county are successful, my company will not be able to collect on the work that we've done, which is worse than not getting the work at all. Oftentimes, small businesses operate on small budgets, much like the average household. So I ask county and Revenue officials and Judge Cooper how long they could sustain their households if they were not able to collect a paycheck for the work that they spent the past six months completing.

The State: To cut flood risk, tackle stormwater problem

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article85794892.html>

Opinion

The October floods were an eye-opening event that cost lives and billions of dollars in damage. This may have been a 1,000-year storm event, but that does not mean we will never see anything like it again. It is imperative that we find a comprehensive solution to myriad problems surrounding Gills Creek Watershed, with flooding certainly at the forefront. This is a challenge that individuals and even neighborhoods cannot address on their own; it requires a mutual, shared responsibility across the watershed. A special purpose tax district, approved for one lake community and under consideration for several others in Forest Acres, is an opportunity to provide some stability and funding for selected lake and dam projects. The stormwater problem is not a new problem, nor is it unique to our area. This is a legacy of decades of development during a time when natural drainage systems were poorly understood, and eventually compromised. The typical practice was to get the water off-site as quickly as possible. The consequences, multiplied over time, are often disastrous for people and places downstream.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: S.C. gas prices dip below \$2/gal; 1.8 million in Carolinas to travel over Fourth of July

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160627/160629507/sc-gas-prices-dip-below-2gal-18-million-in-carolinas-to-travel-over-fourth-of-july>

Warren L. Wise

Just in time for the Fourth of July holiday, motorists across South Carolina will once again enjoy

gasoline prices below \$2 a gallon. The average price now stands at \$1.99 a gallon on average, the lowest in the nation, after falling 2.8 cents during the past week throughout the Palmetto State, according to gas price service GasBuddy. Motor club AAA puts the price a penny higher. The price of gasoline is now 45 cents per gallon less than this time one year ago. The national average stands at \$2.31 a gallon after falling 2.4 cents during the past week, according to GasBuddy. That's down about 47 cents from one year ago this week and is 10 cents off the peak of \$2.39 so far this year.

Local News:

Sun News: Horry Council quashes proposed merger of sheriff, police departments

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article86214387.html>

Audrey Hudson

Local residents will not get the opportunity to vote in the November election on whether the sheriff and county police department should merge into one agency, members of the Horry County Council decided Monday. The council's Public Safety Committee dismissed the issue citing time constraints. In order to meet the deadline to get a question on the ballot for November, it must be approved by August 15 after the council votes on the measure three times, and only one meeting is scheduled before then. Councilman Paul Prince recommended the committee allow the full council one vote on the matter to gauge momentum. His request was dismissed and the panel dropped the issue without a recommendation or vote to allow council consideration. The merger issue was initiated last month by Prince after the early retirement of former Chief Sandra Rhodes, and in response to an ongoing investigation of individuals within the police department by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, as well as several lawsuits.

Associated Press: SLED investigating after Orangeburg County deputy fired

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=U3P1GPE6

SC State Wire

The State Law Enforcement Division is investigating after an Orangeburg County sheriff's deputy was fired after a woman said he forced her to perform a sex act. Sheriff Leroy Ravenell released a statement to media outlets Sunday saying the deputy was fired June 13 when the allegation came to his attention. SLED spokesman Thom Berry confirms the agency is investigating. The name of the deputy was not released. State Rep. Justin Bamberg, who represents the woman, says the incident happened when deputies responded to a domestic call in Cordova on June 12. Bamberg says one deputy remained outside with the woman's boyfriend while another was inside with the woman. The attorney says that deputy allegedly said threatened to jail her boyfriend unless she performed a sex act.

The State: Lawmaker calls on SLED to investigate all potential cop crimes

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article86200012.html>

Cynthia Roldan

Rep. Justin Bamberg is proposing the State Law Enforcement Division investigate all potential crimes committed by local police after a woman was allegedly assaulted sexually by an officer. An impartial source should conduct the probe of alleged crimes committed by any deputy or municipal police officer, said Bamberg, a Democrat who represents Bamberg, Barnwell and Colleton counties. SLED already investigates all officer-involved shootings for all law enforcement agencies except for the Richland County Sheriff's Department. Bamberg, an attorney, represents the family of Walter Scott, a black motorist who was shot and killed while fleeing from a North Charleston Police Officer during a traffic stop on April 4, 2015. The officer, Michael Slager, was fired and charged with murder, with his trial scheduled to start Oct. 31.

Post and Courier: Charleston County deputy arrested on DUI charge

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160627/160629505/charleston-county-deputy-arrested-on-dui-charge>

Dave Munday

A Charleston County deputy was arrested on a DUI charge Sunday. Jeffrey Booker, 45, was charged with driving under the influence by the Highway Patrol, according to Maj. Eric Watson. Booker was taken to the Charleston County jail around 3 a.m. Sunday and released later that morning on \$997 bail, according to jail records. Booker, a deputy since 2007, has been placed on administrative leave with pay pending an administrative investigation, Watson said.

Post and Courier: Search continues for inmate who broke out of St. George jail

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160627/160629510/search-continues-for-inmate-who-broke-out-of-st-george-jail>

Dave Munday

The search continues for an inmate who escaped from the Dorchester county jail in St. George Friday. Donald Ray Little Jr., 34, whose last known address was Tryon Street in Summerville, was still on the loose Monday. He was in jail for a probation violation after being convicted of burglary and manufacturing methamphetamine. Little and two other inmates broke out a second-floor window with a support bar from a metal writing table, let themselves down with bed sheets and stole a pickup truck, according to the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office. Matthew and Michael Chaplin were recaptured Sunday at a house in Goose Creek.

Morning News: Marlboro County nightclub shooting injures four, deputies search for suspect

http://www.scnw.com/news/article_e1e75022-3c72-11e6-9186-5f8435ed0217.html

The Marlboro County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help to provide information regarding a shooting early Sunday morning at a nightclub. The shooting occurred at approximately 3 a.m. at the MGM nightclub, also known as Fortune, located near the North Carolina state line. Four nightclub employees were transported to area hospitals for their injuries, according to Lt. Jamie Seales of the Marlboro County Sheriff's Office. The investigation into the incident showed that disagreements with nightclub security led to multiple altercations. "A gun fight ensued in the parking lot and multiple pieces of ballistic evidence was recovered," Seales wrote in a release. "Shots also went through the building and struck people inside."

Associated Press: Council considers euthanasia ordinance after dog is shot

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=aolj4S5l

SC State Wire

The Anderson County Council is taking the first step toward making it illegal for owners to euthanize their dogs after a boxer was shot, blinded and left to die. The Anderson Independent-Mail reports (<http://bit.ly/28Uqziz>) the council voted unanimously Tuesday on the first reading of an ordinance that lays out stricter rules, including that a domesticated dog could only be euthanized by a veterinarian or a licensed euthanasia technician. The move comes after a 2-year-old boxer named Amara was found Jan. 28 in Townville. Veterinarians discovered she had been shot in the head. The owner said he shot the dog after she became aggressive toward his wife. He wasn't charged. The ordinance must be voted on two more times to become final. The earliest that could happen is likely in August.

Post and Courier: Gator pulled from surf off beach at Sullivan's Island

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160627/160629502/gator-pulled-from-surf-off-beach-at-sullivans-island>

Bo Petersen

Look what the tide pushed out — a 5-foot long alligator, there in the early morning surf along the beach at the lighthouse. The swimmer who reported it had to be startled. But by the time the gator was treble-hooked and pulled to shore three hours later, it didn't have much left to be startled about. That area of the beach was closed to swimming during the capture, and no one was ever in danger, said Andy Benke, Sullivan's Island town administrator. He monitored the capture, though the reptile came in with little or no fight. "I think it was tired, dead tired," he said. The alligator was the third this month to be seen or captured in the water off the island. A 6-footer was captured at neighboring Isle

of Palms in April. What's going on here? Not much.

National News:

Associated Press: Big ruling for abortion rights in Supreme Court's Texas case

<http://bigstory.ap.org/654afc839388440f8a4efc2eb22ca41a>

Mark Sherman

The Supreme Court issued its strongest defense of abortion rights in a quarter-century Monday, striking down Texas' widely replicated rules that sharply reduced abortion clinics in the nation's second-most-populous state. By a 5-3 vote, the justices rejected the state's arguments that its 2013 law and follow-up regulations were needed to protect women's health. The rules required doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals and forced clinics to meet hospital-like standards for outpatient surgery. The clinics that challenged the law argued that it was merely a veiled attempt to make it harder for women to get abortions by forcing the closure of more than half the roughly 40 clinics that operated before the law took effect. Justice Stephen Breyer's majority opinion for the court held that the regulations are medically unnecessary and unconstitutionally limit women's right to abortions.

Associated Press: High court overturns former Virginia governor's conviction

<http://bigstory.ap.org/895740bda46c4596951c5937ced1eded>

Sam Hannel

A unanimous Supreme Court on Monday overturned the bribery conviction of former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell in a ruling that could make it harder for prosecutors to bring corruption cases against elected officials. McDonnell had been found guilty in 2014 of accepting more than \$165,000 in gifts and loans from a wealthy businessman in exchange for promoting a dietary supplement. He was sentenced to two years in prison, but was allowed to remain free while the justices weighed his appeal. The court voted to narrow the scope of a law that bars public officials from taking gifts in exchange for "official action," saying it does not cover routine courtesies like setting up meetings or hosting events for constituents. The case was sent back to lower courts to decide whether prosecutors have enough evidence to try McDonnell again.

Associated Press: Clinton's VP thinking: Don't harm Dem chances to take Senate

<http://bigstory.ap.org/c849190e2fb842488db0c7edc956bb97>

Lisa Lerer and Julie Pace

As Hillary Clinton considers her choices for vice president, she's seriously weighing the potential negative impact her decision could have on Democratic efforts to retake control of the Senate, according to party members familiar with her thinking. She's also said to be worried about how her pick could affect congressional elections in 2018, at the midpoint of her presidency should she win the White House. Her political calculus underscores how closely linked she believes her success as president would be to having her party in power on Capitol Hill. Clinton's concerns center on senators whose seats would be filled by a Republican governor if they move into the White House — including Cory Booker of New Jersey and Sherrod Brown of Ohio. Examined by Clinton's vetting team in an early stage of the vice presidential process, it's unclear whether they have been moved onto her short list. The Democrats familiar with Clinton's thinking all spoke on condition of anonymity, because they were not authorized to publicly discuss her search for a running mate.

World News:

Associated Press: UK's anti-EU victors will find it hard to fulfill promises

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e5f4d0dfa1264b3babb2096085713687>

Jill Lawless

Politicians who wanted Britain to leave the European Union were not shy about making promises. They plastered their campaign bus with vows to "take back control" on immigration and boost funding

for the beloved National Health Service. But with Britain facing months or years of negotiations to detach itself from the 28-nation bloc, victorious "leave" leaders will find their pledges of prosperity, sovereignty and more public spending hard to keep. They know it, and are already lowering expectations. Conservative "leave" supporter Iain Duncan Smith now says the campaign had not laid out promises but simply "a series of possibilities." And having shocked the world — and global markets — with the referendum result, Britain appears in no hurry to rush out the EU's exit door.

Associated Press: France opens manslaughter inquiry into EgyptAir crash

<http://bigstory.ap.org/9641aec15dc54d04b08cdd9a76c4205a>

Angela Charlton

French authorities opened a manslaughter inquiry Monday into the May crash of an EgyptAir plane that killed 66 people, saying there is no evidence so far to link it to terrorism. Prosecutor's office spokesman Agnes Thibault-Lecuivre said the inquiry was launched as an accident investigation, not a terrorism investigation. She said French authorities are "not at all" favoring the theory that the plane was downed deliberately, though the status of the inquiry could eventually change if evidence emerges to that effect. Investigators decided to start the probe before waiting to analyze the plane's flight data and voice recorders, based on evidence gathered so far, she said, without elaborating. EgyptAir Flight 804, an Airbus A320 en route from Paris to Cairo, slammed into the Mediterranean on May 19. The reason for the crash remains unclear. The pilots made no distress call and no group has claimed to have brought down the aircraft.

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