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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: No 'Pokemon Go': South Carolina gov wants capitol stops back
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SC State Wire

South Carolina's governor is asking the company that runs the "Pokemon Go" app to return the Pokestops and gym that are the backbone of the popular game to the state capitol. The sites had become hugely popular in the past few weeks, drawing dozens of people to the Statehouse at all hours of the day and night to hunt Jigglypuffs and Squirtles. But nearly all of them except one on the edge of the capitol grounds disappeared without warning Friday. In stepped Gov. Nikki Haley, sending a tweet asking Niantic to return the Pokestops as soon as possible. Law enforcement at the Statehouse confirmed they didn't ask them to be removed. Two weeks ago, the governor posted a picture of her capturing one of the Pokemon in her office.

WACH: Gov. Haley says she wants Pokemon back on State House grounds

<http://wach.com/news/local/gov-haley-says-she-wants-pokemon-back-on-state-house-grounds>

Matthew Stevens

Over the last few weeks you have noticed a congregation of people at the State House in Columbia playing Pokemon Go. The State House was a hot spot for Pokemon trainers to catch them all. However, the creators of the popular app announced Friday they were working to remove real-world locations where a safety issue could arise. It appears that the State House is one of those locations that have been eliminated. Governor Nikki Haley stood up for the Pokemon via Twitter Friday night. The governor tweeted out, "South Carolina always welcomes everyone to our Statehouse. We ask that you lift any recent #pokemongo restrictions!"

WIS: State House grounds Pokestops and Pokemon Go gyms disappear

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32574446/state-house-grounds-pokestops-and-pokemon-go-gyms-disappear>

Jeremy Turnage

Before you say "slow news day," hear us out on this one. We have received several messages from viewers wondering what happened to all the Pokemon Go pokestops and gyms at the State House grounds. If you're an average Pokemon Go player like some of us here at the station, you've had the same question. Sometime in the past 24 hours, the wealth of pokestops at South Carolina's seat of government have almost completely vanished. Players say they feel more secure getting in groups to play at locations like the State House and don't agree with the change. "It's a safe place. There's always a lot of people playing even after dark and its somewhere where they feel like they can come and there's safety in numbers, and they know with the increase in numbers out here there's more security around," Chris Cunningham said. "I don't have any Poke stops or anything nearby so I have to come to places like this but when they take them down where do you go after that?" asked Austin Freeman. So, what gives? The Niantic Company, the folks who created the app alongside Nintendo,

have begun removing pokestops at the request of governments, businesses, and average people. However, we've reached out to the Department of Administration and the Department of Public Safety, the agencies who handle the State House grounds, and they say they have not requested anything to the company. Gov. Nikki Haley's office had nothing to do with it either, according to a spokeswoman from her office.

The State : Pokemon "No" at SC State House as pokestops disappear

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article92630202.html>

Bristow Marchant

South Carolina's State House has gone from Pokemon Go to Pokemon No. Users of the popular Pokemon Go virtual reality game were upset to learn the game's "pokestops" appear to have been removed from the grounds of the SC State House, forcing players to hunt Pikachu and Jigglypuff somewhere else. The State House had gained a reputation as a Pokemon hot spot after the game launched earlier this month. As late as last Saturday, a "Pokemon Go Walk" around the State House was organized on Facebook. On Friday, both the S.C. Department of Administration and the Department of Public Safety said their agencies had not requested the game's developer, Niantic, have the pokestops removed. An email requesting comment from the game developer had not been answered. Haile said other pokestops in the downtown area are still where they were before, and Pokemon could still be located at the State House. But without the pokestops – where players can load up on pokeballs and set "lures" to attract the digital creatures – the State House may no longer be the hangout for players it once was. "It's very irritating if somebody was bothered by it," she said. "If it brings people to your State House, just let it happen."

SC Political News:

Associated Press: Appeals court: North Carolina voter ID law unconstitutional

<http://bigstory.ap.org/91e33ed65a54475fab4a54c5ba38bd59>

Emery P. Dalesio and Jonathan Drew

A federal appeals court ruled that a North Carolina law illegally targeted minorities with tougher ballot access rules, such as requiring photo identification to vote, adding a new partisan flashpoint in a swing state with a raft of hotly contested elections. The ruling Friday by the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals declared that the 2013 law violated the Constitution and the federal Voting Rights Act by targeting black voters "with almost surgical precision." It marks the third ruling in less than two weeks against voter ID laws after court decisions regarding Texas and Wisconsin. The law, passed two years after Republicans took control of the state legislature for the first time in a century, sought to entrench GOP politicians in power, the opinion by a three-judge panel of the court stated. "It did so by targeting voters who, based on race, were unlikely to vote for the majority party. Even if done for partisan ends, that constituted racial discrimination," said the judges. The decision overturned a federal district judge's April ruling that didn't find proof the law made it harder for minority voters to cast ballots.

Charlotte Observer : North Carolina's voter ID law struck down by federal court

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/article92595012.html>

Anne Blythe

Federal appellate judges on Friday struck down a 2013 law limiting voting options and requiring voters to show photo ID at the polls, declaring in an unsparing opinion that the restrictions "target African Americans with almost surgical precision." The three-judge panel of the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals found that the law was adopted with "discriminatory intent" despite lawmakers' claims that

the ID provision and other changes were designed to prevent voter fraud. The ruling — which could have implications for voting laws in other states and possibly for the outcome of close races in the swing state of North Carolina — sent the case back to U.S. District Judge Thomas Schroeder, who in April issued a 485-page decision dismissing all claims in the legal challenge. “In holding that the legislature did not enact the challenged provisions with discriminatory intent, the court seems to have missed the forest in carefully surveying the many trees,” the ruling states. “This failure of perspective led the court to ignore critical facts bearing on legislative intent, including the inextricable link between race and politics in North Carolina.”

Post and Courier: Federal court’s ruling against North Carolina’s voter ID laws have no implications in S.C.

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160729/160729330/federal-courts-ruling-against-north-carolinas-voter-id-laws-have-no-implications-in-sc>

Maya T. Prabhu

A federal appeals court on Friday blocked a North Carolina law that requires photo identification when voting in person. Justices said it was enacted with discriminatory intent, but their ruling will have no implications on South Carolina voters. The voter identification law implemented in South Carolina in 2013 already has been amended by the court to require the state to accept almost any “reasonable impediment” that voters offered as a reason why they didn’t have ID. “A federal court has already upheld South Carolina’s voter ID law, and it has since been implemented effectively,” said Hayley Thrift, spokeswoman for the S.C. Attorney General’s Office. “The Attorney General’s Office successfully defended our law in 2012 as it was passed by the General Assembly and signed by Governor Haley. Our law remains valid and in effect.” University of South Carolina School of Law professor Bob Bockman agreed that the state’s law would remain intact unless there were new developments. “North Carolina was more restrictive — or imposed more restrictions — on the ability of persons to register to vote than we do here,” Bockman said. “Unless there was some litigation and the court found those provisions in the South Carolina law unconstitutional, the procedure we have now would stay in place.”

The State: Back to wall, Richland elections board finally may pay \$38K to lawyer who sued board

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article92718037.html>

John Monk

For 18 months, the Richland County Board of Elections & Voter Registration and its current and former board members have refused to obey a judge’s order to pay \$34,940 in attorney’s fees to a lawyer who filed a lawsuit against the board. But after a former board member named in the lawsuit recently found out she couldn’t get a home refinance loan because the judge’s order had resulted in a lien on her property. The liens weren’t the worst part of the judge’s order to pay. Board members named in the 2014 lawsuit, including current ones, were ordered to report to the Richland County courthouse on Aug. 22. They are summoned before Master in Equity Joe Strickland so they could show the judge why some of their personal property should be not be seized by the state and sold to pay the legal bill.

SC Agency News:

Post and Courier: Job seekers’ education often outpaces employers’ needs, new study shows

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160728/160729397/job-seekers-education-often-outpaces-employers-needs-new-study-shows>

Thad Moore

South Carolina's business leaders have long worried that the state has a shortage of trained workers, people ready to fill the high-skilled jobs they badly want to attract. But a new study suggests that the state's workforce doesn't lack for education. In fact, thousands of South Carolinians may be overqualified for their jobs, according to the analysis conducted by the state Department of Employment and Workforce. The study, funded by a grant from the federal Department of Labor, found that many of the state's college graduates wind up taking jobs that don't require a degree. More than three-fifths of the state's workforce has gotten some sort of a college education, but fewer than a third of the jobs in the state need more than a high school diploma, the analysis found. That leads to big swaths of over-educated workers: Nearly half of all cashiers in the state have at least some college education. So do more than two-thirds of South Carolina's secretaries, more than 60 percent of its customer service representatives and half of its child-care workers. Federal data show the nation faces a similar imbalance, but the gap is slightly narrower. About 65 percent of the nation's workers have gone to school after high school, while 36 percent of jobs require a college education.

Post and Courier: Lawmakers say reforms will crackdown on SCDOT corruption

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160729/160729324/lawmakers-say-reforms-will-crackdown-on-scdot-corruption>

Gavin Jackson

State lawmakers said recent corruption charges leveled against former S.C. Department of Transportation employees by the state grand jury underscore the need for even more reform. S.C. Senate Minority Leader Nikki Setzler, D-Lexington, said a provision in the state budget will fund a thorough study of the agency's departments, structure, regional offices, outsourcing and money spent by local county transportation committees. That study was approved weeks before indictments surfaced Thursday that three former SCDOT employees and one contractor in the Midlands bilked the agency out of more than \$400,000 over several years. Setzler said the DOT reforms passed this year were not enough to catch such activities.

The State: I-26 delay, corruption case show SC roads agency needs review, senator says

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article92668357.html>

Cassie Cope

The Interstate 26 widening and re-paving project in Lexington and Calhoun counties is scheduled to be completed by September, more than a year behind schedule. The new deadline comes after a new paving contractor was brought on to the project, state roads officials said Friday. The \$75 million project was to be completed by July 2015, a deadline later extended until Nov. 24, 2015, according to the S.C. Transportation Department. The state roads agency said it has withheld \$2.8 million in payments from the contractor for missing its deadline – \$10,000 a day for every day past the scheduled completion date. A state senator said Friday the delay in the I-26 project and an alleged public corruption kickback scheme by former Transportation Department employees shows the roads agency should be examined. This spring, Senate Minority Leader Nikki Setzler, D-Lexington, sponsored and helped pass a budget proposal directing that a firm, specializing in efficiency, be brought in to study the Transportation department.

Associated Press: Company fined \$10K a day for I-26 widening delays

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=H78kjFtc

Seanna Adcox

The state Department of Transportation has penalized a contractor \$2.8 million so far for delays on an Interstate 26 widening project already eight months behind schedule. And the agency continues to withhold \$10,000 a day on the \$75 million contract. Scheduled for completion last November, the

project is now expected to wrap up in September. Work has progressed since Anderson Columbia, the company contracted for the 10-mile project in Lexington and Calhoun counties, replaced its original joint venture partner Boggs Paving, DOT officials said Friday. The explanation comes a day after Senate Minority Leader Nikki Setzler publicly demanded answers for the delay, saying his constituents are increasingly frustrated and angry. The pavements' deplorable condition and confusing lane markings are "ruining vehicles and risking lives," said Setzler, D-West Columbia, who has twice written to agency officials asking for a community meeting. "Motorists need to understand what's going on," he said Thursday.

WSPA: SCDOT Indictments Detail Alleged Crimes

<http://wspa.com/2016/07/29/scdot-indictments-detail-alleged-crimes/>

Robert Kittle

The State Grand Jury indictments against three former SCDOT employees give details about what they, and a fourth man who didn't work at the SCDOT, allegedly did, including bribery, kickbacks, and stealing state property. All three former SCDOT employees worked in the same shop in Columbia, the District 1 "Signal Shop." Long before these indictments came out, Sen. Nikki Setzler, D-West Columbia, put a provision in the state budget to hire an outside company, with no ties to the DOT, to study the agency. He says he was surprised by the indictments, but wanted the outside study before that because of the attention on state roads, along with the additional money the SCDOT will be getting to fix them. "It's time to take a look under the hood, see what needs to be changed in the department to make it more efficient, make it more accountable, and restore the trust of the people of South Carolina," he says.

NOTE: Gov. Nikki Haley's press secretary Chaney Adams gave us a written statement Friday, saying, "This is exactly why we said real reform – not what was passed this year – is so important: not only would it finally allow the agency to focus on road improvements that are most needed, it would allow for a clean sweep of all of the operations, provide true accountability, and help to eliminate corruption."

Michael Slagger Case:

Post and Courier: Prosecutor asks court to protect witnesses in Slager case

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160729/160729323/prosecutor-asks-court-to-protect-witnesses-in-slager-case>

Prentiss Findlay

Detailed personal information of prosecution witnesses in the Michael Slager murder trial should not be made available to his defense team, 9th Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson said in court papers filed Friday. Slager, a former North Charleston police officer, is charged with killing Walter Scott, 50. Scott was a motorist who fled from an April 4, 2015, traffic stop and fought with Slager before the policeman shot him five times as he ran away, authorities said. Wilson said that the prosecution provided the defense with copies of witness written statements and their identities. But it should not be required by a judge to provide other identifying information, such as Social Security and phone number, birth date and home address, Wilson said. Releasing such information has led to witness intimidation, violence and even murder, she said.

SC after Police Shootings:

Herald-Journal: Spartanburg Police program offers teens an alternative to trouble

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160729/articles/160729665>

Allison M. Roberts

This summer, 15 teenagers from Spartanburg County spent some time with law enforcement officers who want to help them take better paths in their lives. They were part of the Youth Empowerment Program, which takes kids who have been in trouble — either at home or at school — and redirects them to more positive outlets. The group began meeting weekly in June. Investigators Doris Boozer and Reginald Spurgeon of the Spartanburg Police Department spent every Thursday with the teens, exposing them to new experiences and educational opportunities. Will Montgomery heard about the Youth Empowerment Program from his friend, Quincy Wilson. Montgomery, 14 and a student at Byrnes High School, had truancy issues at school. This is his first year in the program, and he said it's been a good experience. "It helped me a lot with my anger and talking back to teachers," Montgomery said. "It's helped teach me respect for older people — like adults — and it shows me what I need to do in life to be successful."

Independent Mail: Sheriff: Fatal shooting not 'racially motivated'

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/sheriff-fatal-shooting-not-racially-motivated-38ca6095-0947-3da6-e053-0100007f3ad0-388694091.html>

Nikie Mayo

Anderson County Sheriff John Skipper said Friday the fatal shooting of Pat Charles Mackey near Iva "does not appear to be racially motivated," but declined to say what evidence led investigators to believe that. Mackey, who is black, died Wednesday night after a long-running dispute between him and his neighbor on Leona Drive ended in gunfire. No one has been charged in the 57-year-old Mackey's death, and the identity of his neighbor has not been disclosed by deputies. Mackey's brother, James, told the Independent Mail that Pat Mackey had been taunted by a white neighbor for several years before his death. James Mackey also said Pat Mackey and his neighbor disagreed over property lines and other issues. Skipper said Friday that he did not know the specifics of the history between Pat Mackey and his neighbor, and is trusting his investigators to handle the case. "We have investigated this, we will continue to investigate this, and we will go to the solicitor's office at some point to present what we find," Skipper said. "The determination on charges has not yet been made."

Greenville News: While being choked, officer considered shooting I-385 protester

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/07/29/while-being-choked-officer-considered-shooting--385-protester/87666088/>

Nathaniel Cary

The Greenville police officer who described being put into a chokehold by an Upstate Black Lives Matter protester he was trying to arrest during an attempted shutdown of Interstate 385 on July 9 said in a police report he nearly passed out and considered shooting the suspect as he was being choked on the pavement. Police have charged Dexter Scarborough, 23, with attempted murder, assault on a police officer while resisting arrest, pedestrian in roadway and disorderly conduct, according to warrants. Attempts to reach Scarborough at his listed address and by phone and text message were unsuccessful. Officer Joshua Pratt said in the report that he was assisting with a police roadblock to keep protesters from entering Interstate 385 near East North and Academy streets when one protester, identified as Scarborough began walking back and forth behind the police roadblock and yelling for other protesters to ignore police commands to stop walking in the roadway.

Opinion/Editorial:

Post and Courier: Haley gets too much credit for flag removal

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160730/160739941/haley-gets-too-much-credit-for-flag-removal>

Editorial: Henry Darby

Gov. Haley cannot boast that she spear headed the removal of the flag. The distinction does not belong to her. It belongs to those politicians, private businesses, and everyday people who were committed to the removal without being pressed to do so. Even during the aftermath, if Gov. Haley were innately concerned about the flag why has she not made a call for the removal of the symbol at The Citadel? Is not the flag there just as defiantly unjust as it was at the Statehouse? Is not the flag at The Citadel in greater proximity to the Emanuel AME Church than the flag at the Statehouse? Where is her courage, political indignation, and leadership now? One can commend Gov. Haley, however, for listening and adhering to the suggestions and admonitions, and persuading her fellow Republicans to join suit in the flag's removal. Her leadership was belated but without the Republican party's vote, the flag would not have been removed; and acclaim should be given to her for that measure. But to give the governor first credit for the removal of the flag is not fair. The credit justly goes to others — known and unknown — who placed their careers, businesses, and friendships on the line. They are the ones who should be praised and thanked. True leaders do not wait for beckoning to do what is morally right. They move immediately to right wrongs and say to their followers, "Come on!"

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina underemployment rate improves to lowest point since 2007

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160729/160729332/south-carolina-underemployment-rate-improves-to-lowest-point-since-2007>

Thad Moore

Seven years after the economic recovery began, joblessness in South Carolina is at its lowest point since the early 2000s. Now, new data shows the ranks of the underemployed are dwindling, too. A broader measure of the health of the state's labor market released Friday shows that more people have been able to find jobs: South Carolina's underemployment rate, which includes people who have part-time jobs but want full-time work and those who have given up on looking for work, has fallen to its lowest point since 2007. The U.S. Department of Labor says 10.6 percent of South Carolinians were underemployed between July 2015 and June, as the state appears to be catching up with the national average of 9.9 percent. (The data is released each quarter as an annual average.) South Carolina's was the 14th-highest rate in the country — an improvement from last year, when South Carolina had the nation's fifth-highest rate. And while it's still above the 9.5 percent mark it hit in 2007 before the recession, it's far removed from the depths of the downturn, when nearly 1 in 5 people in the state was out of a job or short on work.

Post and Courier: Local health experts believe S.C. mosquitoes will eventually spread Zika

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160729/160729341/local-health-experts-believe-sc-mosquitoes-will-eventually-spread-zika>

Lauren Sausser

Following Friday's announcement that mosquitoes in South Florida have likely acquired the Zika virus, a spokesman for the South Carolina health department acknowledged that insects in the Palmetto State may eventually spread the disease here, too. "There is a chance that some species could one day transmit the virus in our local communities," said Robert Yanity, a spokesman for the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. "That is why we have been preparing and implementing our Zika action plan for months." In fact, Dwight Williams, a local entomologist, said the possibility that mosquitoes in South Carolina will acquire the virus is "very likely." "In this case, it's probably going to travel with people, coming into the state who are infected and then passing it along

to the mosquito," Williams said. The Zika virus is primarily transmitted by the Aedes aegypti mosquito, which lives in South Carolina and in several other states. The virus poses the greatest threat to pregnant women.

Associated Press : Steve Spurrier returns 'home' as ambassador, consultant

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=juv5vp0H

Mark Long

Just call him the Head Ball Consultant. Steve Spurrier, who already has a statue outside Florida's football stadium and recently had the field named after him, will now serve as ambassador and consultant for the school's athletic department. Spurrier resigned from a similar position at South Carolina on Friday before the Gators announced his new role at his alma mater. He already has an office in "The Swamp" and is planning to move back to Gainesville with his wife, Jerri, and split their time between the college town and nearby Crescent Beach, where they have a home. "I knew my coaching career someday was going to be over," Spurrier said during a conference call with reporters. "I wanted to do something. I did not want to be a retired dude and do nothing. I wanted to be associated with my alma mater, the University of Florida."

Local News:

Herald-Journal: Spartanburg Police resignations leave gaps in patrol staffing

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160729/articles/160729668>

Daniel J. Gross

Recent departures from the Spartanburg Police Department have put a strain on some areas of policing, causing some specialized units to shrink and some patrol officers to work longer hours with less backup. Eight police officers have left the department within the past month, according to police department leaders. Five of them went to the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office, two left to become instructors at the criminal justice academy and one left the law enforcement profession entirely. The vacancies have left officials pulling some officers out of other divisions to fill the gaps and maintain adequate service throughout the city. The department is allocated 128 sworn officer positions, but current levels sit at 119, which includes five officers still in the 12-week S.C. Criminal Justice Academy in Columbia. After graduation, they will go through the Spartanburg Police Department's three-month-long field training program. Officers assigned to patrol account for 49 positions, including supervisors, though the department is allocated 52 positions for patrol. There are also three officers currently in field training who are not counted in the patrol officer total.

Sun News: Former county detective countersues domestic violence victim

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article92669392.html>

Audrey Hudson

Former Horry County Detective Allen Large denies in court documents filed Thursday that he coerced a domestic violence victim into participating in a nude catfight video and is now suing the woman claiming she ruined his reputation and crippled future job prospects. The woman identified only as Jane Doe 3 who filed the civil lawsuit against Large "has blatantly misrepresented facts in order to abuse the system and obtain some type of money," said the countersuit filed in the U.S. District Court of South Carolina, Florence Division. Large's counterclaim says that he never assaulted or threatened the woman whom he considered a friend, and that he is "shocked and horrified" by her claims. The woman "only filed these actions for a payday and to cash in on the other Jane Does false and wrongful publication of lies," the countersuit said. Large is the target of three lawsuits filed since December by Jane Doe 1, Jane Doe 2 and Jane Doe 3. As a detective for the Horry County Police

Department, Large met Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2 after he was assigned to investigate their sexual assault complaints filed with the agency.

Associated Press: Defendant gets 5 months in jail for talking about his case

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dzZA5b7t

SC State Wire

A man whose kidnapping case ended in a mistrial has been sentenced to five months in jail for talking to the media about his case. Media outlets report that Circuit Judge R. Markley Dennis accepted an apology from Sidney Moorer in court Friday, but still ruled he was in contempt of court for violating his gag order. Moorer spoke to a reporter after the second day of his kidnapping trial in the December 2013 disappearance of then 19-year-old Heather Elvis, who has not been seen since. The jury deadlocked, and prosecutors plan to try Moorer again. Moorer was taken to jail immediately to begin serving his sentence.

The State: Last roll call for 2 soldiers killed trying to calm a gunman, protect others

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article92750892.html>

Roddie Burris and Cynthia Roldan

United States Army soldier Jonathon Prins did not answer his last earthly roll call Friday, yet his sister gently touched the soil of the final place where Prins stood boldly alive. In separate memorial services in the metropolitan area, Prins and Charles Allen Judge Jr. were eulogized for their costly selflessness. This week, they were gunned down after they ran to intercede between a gunman, the woman he chased and a small crowd that tried to help her. At Fort Jackson's Main Post Chapel, 1st Sgt. Jihad Franklin called out loud to Prins. "Sergeant First Class Prins," Franklin said during the memorial service. There was no response. "Sergeant First Class Jonathon Prins," came the second call. Silence. Finally, a fuller call from Franklin: "Sergeant First Class Jonathon M. Prins." Still no answer – only weeping from those assembled to say goodbye. "He is the long-lost best friend you never knew you had," 1st Battalion Commander Lt. Col Michael T. Whitney said of the 29-year-old Prins. "Everyone who met him is better for having known him. The final heroic moments of his life are a testament to this fact."

The State: UPDATE: Fort Jackson drill sergeant who died after fitness training identified

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/military/article92419572.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

A senior non-commissioned officer at Fort Jackson, identified Friday as Sgt. 1st Class Clayton Z. Hughes, 35, collapsed and died after finishing a two-mile run Thursday morning, fort officials said. The drill sergeant from Delta Company, 120th Adjutant General Battalion, had just completed the final event of a semi-annual Army physical fitness test. He was taken to Providence Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead at 7:56 a.m., they said. The drill sergeant worked in the reception area of the fort, where recruits are inducted prior to basic training, according to Fort Jackson spokesman Pat Jones. He is the third soldier to die at the fort since 2009, he said. A recruit died in 2009 and another in 2012 during physical training.

The State: 98-year-old Columbia man latest victim of heat wave

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article92671607.html>

Rachel Lowe

A Columbia man who was nearly 100 years old on Thursday became the second victim this week of temperatures that forecasters say felt like more than 100 degrees. Raymond F. Twork, 98, of Barfield Road, died of heat-related causes, Richland County Coroner Gary Watts said Friday. The air

conditioner in the home was found not working and the indoor temperature was in the mid-90s, Watts said. Twork had heart issues that contributed to his susceptibility to the heat, Watts said. Also on Thursday, Sgt. 1st Class Clayton Z. Hughes, 35, a Fort Jackson drill sergeant, collapsed and died after a two-mile morning fitness run. The drill sergeant from Delta Company, 120th Adjutant General Battalion, had just completed the final event of a semi-annual Army physical fitness test. He was taken to Providence Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead at 7:56 a.m., Fort Jackson officials said.

Associated Press: Coroner: Woman, 90, attacked by alligator near nursing home

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

SC State Wire

A 90-year-old woman found dead in a South Carolina pond after disappearing from her assisted living home appears to have been killed by an alligator, a coroner said Friday. Charleston County Coroner Rae Wooten said in a statement that investigators think Bonnie Walker slipped or fell into the pond and then the alligator attacked her. Walker had multiple sharp and blunt force injuries consistent with an attack from an alligator, Wooten said. Local media outlets reported that an alligator was removed from the pond near Brookdale Senior Living Center by Department of Natural Resources workers Friday morning. Walker's body was found Wednesday hours after she disappeared from her Charleston assisted living home. Brookdale issued a statement saying they extended their deepest sympathies to Walker's family and are helping the investigation into her death.

Post and Courier: Death of 90-year-old woman is first alligator-related fatality in South Carolina history, officials say

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160729/160729337/death-of-90-year-old-woman-is-first-alligator-related-fatality-in-south-carolina-history-officials-say>

Gregory Yee

A 90-year-old woman's death this week is the first alligator-related fatality in state history, according to the S.C. Department of Natural Resources. Bonnie Walker was reported missing Wednesday morning from Brookdale Charleston, the West Ashley assisted-living facility where she was a resident. Her **body was found** in a retention pond behind the property a few hours later. The Charleston County Coroner's Office ruled her death accidental. The cause was "multiple sharp and blunt force injuries" consistent with those made by an alligator. Robert McCullough, a spokesman for DNR, confirmed Friday afternoon that the case was the first time an alligator-related incident in the state had turned fatal. "It's the first one as far as we've been keeping records," he said.

Associated Press: SC UPS driver logs 4 million miles with no wrecks

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

SC State Wire

From his perch in a UPS tractor-trailer cab, Roosevelt Green of Richland County has seen it all in more than 40 years of driving: thunderstorms, fog, blizzards, and road rage. He's driven 4 million miles without an accident, the distance of eight trips to the moon and back. And he has some advice for South Carolina drivers. "If people would just obey the laws, and not talk on the cell phone," he told The Greenville News. "These people are on their telephones and some of them are smoking a cigarette and it's scary. I always watch before I pass, if they are touching the lines. If they just obey the laws we have, I think we will be all right." Green, 71, a native of Columbia, began his work with vehicles in the Army, where he cared for track vehicles like armored personnel carriers. He joined UPS in 1971 and after two years driving package trucks, decided to learn how to drive one of the package company's big rigs, what they describe as "feeder trucks."

Associated Press: Former SC State interim leader named Voorhees president

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SC State Wire

The man who led South Carolina State University through its financial troubles has been named the new president at Voorhees College. Trustees at the school in Denmark announced Friday that W. Franklin Evans is the private college's new president. Evans takes over for civil rights leader Cleveland Sellers, who decided to retire after six years running the school. Evans was interim president at SC State for 16 months, helping a whole new Board of Trustees appointed by lawmakers put in a plan to balance the budget at the school. Evans also helped SC State end the probation of its accreditation. Evans says he is excited and humbled to continue Sellers excellent work at Voorhees.

The State: 10 months after historic flood, recovery is slow, painful in rural

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article92734822.html>

Avery G. Wilks

The plywood floors, bare rooms and lack of central air conditioning in her storm-wrecked Williamsburg County house have taken some getting used to for Melissa Wilson. It has been almost 10 months since the nearby Black River roiled under record rains and filled Wilson's home with flood water. Today, after running out of money for repairs, Wilson is not so much living in the home as surviving in it. She stays cooped up in her bedroom, keeping cool this summer with a single air conditioning unit. Wilson is not alone. Instead, she is one of more than 760 families in hard-hit Williamsburg and Georgetown counties working with disaster-recovery managers to find help after the historic Oct. 4 storm. Hundreds of those households are among the neediest in the state. But recovery for many in poor, rural South Carolina is moving slowly. State officials estimate it will be next spring before they can start putting "hammers to nails" with nearly \$100 million in federal flood-recovery aid.

The Herald: Clover residents fought a cell tower; now the tower company is suing Clover

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/politics-government/article92715187.html>

Andrew Dys

Just when it seemed that the controversial cell tower in Clover that residents united to oppose was dead, the company that wants to build it filed a last-minute lawsuit Friday, giving the tower potential new life. The Florida-based companies that want to build the 180-foot tower – TowerCom and Telecom Site Management – were blocked by the town's Zoning Board of Appeals in May. In their lawsuit, they claim that the zoning board illegally blocked the tower and asked a judge to step in and give them permission to build it. The lawsuit was filed just hours before a deadline to appeal. They maintain that town officials already had granted the companies the permits they needed to build the tower. But just before the May Zoning Board meeting, the lawsuit alleges, the Clover Town Council changed the town's Zoning and Land Development Ordinance to reduce the number of votes needed to block such a project.

Sun News: North Myrtle Beach refuses tourism sales tax a council vote

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/business/tourism/article92594977.html>

Chloe Johnson

North Myrtle Beach City Council attempted to balance the input of residents and its relationship with the local chamber of commerce Friday as it decided to defer on passing a 1 percent sales tax for tourism advertising. The issue, the center of discussions between council and the North Myrtle Beach

Chamber of Commerce for months, was raised in a May 5 letter from chamber board member Bill Griste. The chamber requested that council pass the additional 1 percent sales tax, sometimes referred to as a Tourism Development Fee, by a supermajority of five members of the panel. Instead, the council decided in a workshop that it will send a letter to the chamber denying that request. The tax can also be passed by referendum, but Mayor Marilyn Hatley said it is too late to add an issue to the November ballot. The soonest the tax could go up for a referendum would be in January or February.

Sun News: Daily non-stop Myrtle Beach flights to New Jersey, Ohio announced

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article92564132.html>

Spirit Airlines is adding two daily non-stop flights from Myrtle Beach International Airport to New Jersey and Ohio beginning next spring, local airport officials announced Friday. The additional flights will begin to the Newark Liberty International Airport on March 9, and the daily trips to the Akron-Canton Airport in North Canton, Ohio, will start April 27. "We are excited about Spirit's ongoing commitment to the Myrtle Beach International Airport," Scott Van Moppes, interim Horry County airport director said in a statement announcing the new routes. The new non-stop service on Spirit Airlines between Myrtle Beach and Newark complement existing non-stop service currently provided by United Airlines, while the new non-stop service on Spirit between Myrtle Beach and Akron/Canton will complement existing non-stop service provided by Allegiant Air.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Clinton, Trump struggle for national security upper hand

<http://bigstory.ap.org/c4a9b17a7b75460fac9ee5cb723753e8>

Robert Burns

In their struggle for the upper hand on national security, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump are emphasizing strikingly different themes - he as the bold and cunningly unpredictable strongman who will eliminate terrorism; she as the calm, conventional commander in chief who will manage all manner of crises. Terrorism is Trump's national security touchstone, and the Islamic State group is his target. He promises to wipe it out, and quickly. Clinton accuses him of fearmongering and of denigrating the U.S. military as gutted and worn out. She presents herself as the anti-Trump. "America's strength doesn't come from lashing out," she said in accepting the Democratic nomination Thursday. "Strength relies on smarts, judgment, cool resolve, and the precise and strategic application of power." By implication, Trump is cast as bombastic, scattershot, impulsive and fanciful.

Associated Press: Convention over, Clinton faces hacking, Trump criticism

<http://bigstory.ap.org/14222527aee9410bbe13a50d31ac3e44>

Lisa Lerer and Jonathan Lemire

Giddy if exhausted, Hillary Clinton embarked on a post-convention Rust Belt bus tour just hours after becoming the first female presidential nominee of a major political party. The celebratory mood quickly evaporated amid fresh revelations that hackers had breached a program used by her campaign and Republican nominee Donald Trump promised to sharpen his barbs. "Remember this," Trump said during a rally Friday in Colorado Springs, Colorado. "Trump is going to be no more Mr. Nice Guy." And for the first time he encouraged his supporters' anti-Clinton chants of "lock her up." "I've been saying let's just beat her on Nov. 8," Trump said, "but you know what? I'm starting to agree with you." About an hour later, Clinton aides acknowledged that a hacking attack that exposed Democratic Party emails also reached into a computer system used by her own campaign. The FBI said it was working to determine the "accuracy, nature and scope" of the cyberattacks.

Associated Press: Clinton campaign: Computer service used by campaign hacked

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Alan Farm

A computer service used by the campaign of Hillary Clinton was hacked as part of a broader breach of the Democratic National Committee, an intrusion for which the Russian government is the leading suspect, the campaign said Friday. The breach affected a DNC data analytics program used by the campaign and a number of other organizations, according to the campaign. It said outside security experts reviewing the campaign's computer system have found "no evidence that our internal systems have been compromised." The hackers had access to the program, which is used to conduct voter analysis, for about five days. It did not include Social Security numbers or credit card information, a campaign aide said. The campaign did not specify what types of data the service was analyzing, but partnerships with modern e-commerce companies can allow sophisticated tracking, categorization and identification of website visitors. This can help organizations tailor their online content, advertising and solicitations to be more effective.

Aiken Standard: Final day of DNC: Aiken delegate's mind not changed by convention, still reluctant to support Clinton

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160729/160729479/final-day-of-dnc-aiken-delegatex2019s-mind-not-changed-by-convention-still-reluctant-to-support-clinton->

Dede Biles

Aiken's Ra Shad Gaines feels the same way after the Democratic National Convention as he did before the political gathering started in Philadelphia. He is still a fan of Bernie Sanders, and he is still reluctant to back Hillary Clinton. "I am a very consistent person; four days of hoopla, confetti and balloons didn't change my mind," said Gaines, who was a South Carolina delegate pledged to Sanders, on Friday morning. While formally accepting the Democratic presidential nomination Thursday night in the Wells Fargo Center, Clinton reached out to Sanders' supporters, telling them: "I've heard you. Our cause is your cause. Our country needs your ideas, energy and passion." Gaines, however, wasn't convinced that Clinton's words were genuine. "I think she made some really good points," Gaines said. "She talked about how this is the most progressive platform that the Democratic Party has ever had and how she was looking forward to working with Bernie Sanders and his supporters and to helping change America together. That was a great appeal, and it sounded good, but did she really mean it?" Gaines was more impressed by the speech made by the Rev. William Barber II, of North Carolina. "He came onto the stage and did something that Democrats don't do very well at all; he held onto his faith in a political setting," Gaines said. "Democrats have been great about wanting to have a form of godliness, but they deny the power of God. The Rev. Barber actually believes what he preaches, and those beliefs guide his politics. To me, he was the highlight of Thursday night."

World News:

Associated Press: Teen released, 2 still in custody for French church attack

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Raphael Satter

A teenager detained following the gruesome killing of an 85-year-old priest by a pair of jihadi attackers in northwest France was released Saturday, a French official said. An official with the Paris prosecutor's office said investigators questioning the 16-year-old found evidence of regular visits to jihadi sites and of "incitement to terrorism," but that the minor's case had been handed over to

prosecutors in the nearby city of Rouen who cover the region. She spoke on condition of anonymity as she was not allowed to be named publicly. Judicial authorities in Rouen did not immediately return a message seeking comment. A Syrian refugee and a cousin of one of the two attackers remain in custody following the July 26 attack in the French town of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray which claimed the life of Rev. Jacques Hamel as he celebrated morning Mass. The violence sent shockwaves around France and deeply touched many among the nation's 5 million Muslims.

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