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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Gov. Haley enters primary runoff fray against Sen. Bright
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SC State Wire

Republican Gov. Nikki Haley is weighing into the GOP primary runoffs by working to unseat Sen. Lee Bright. Haley is endorsing former GOP Rep. Scott Talley on Thursday, four years after she endorsed Bright for the Upstate seat. In April, Haley criticized Bright's transgender bathroom bill, dismissing him by saying, "I don't sit there and focus on a lot of things Sen. Bright says." Bright becomes the fourth incumbent Republican senator targeted by Haley this year. Only one has lost so far.

Post and Courier: Gov. Nikki Haley endorsing Scott Talley in runoff against Sen. Lee Bright
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160616/160619540/gov-nikki-haley-endorsing-scott-talley-in-runoff-against-sen-lee-bright>

Maya T. Prabhu

Gov. Nikki Haley on Thursday evening will endorse former Rep. Scott Talley in the runoff for Sen. Lee Bright's seat. Haley is expected to make the announcement at a 6 p.m. event at AFL Global in Duncan, Talley's campaign strategist Mark Knoop said. The two are scheduled for a June 28 runoff election, after Bright took nearly 38 percent of the vote to Talley's nearly 27 percent. Talley trailed by 1,087 votes, according to the South Carolina State Election Commission. Haley earlier this year spoke openly against a bill sponsored by Bright, a Republican from Roebuck, that would have required transgender people to use the bathroom according to the gender assigned on their birth certificate. The bill failed in the Senate.

Greenville News: Haley to endorse Talley Thursday, ahead of runoff against Bright
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/06/16/haley-rally-talley-duncan-ahead-runoff-against-bright/85981968/>

Amanda Coyne

Gov. Nikki Haley will endorse Scott Talley for Senate District 12's Republican primary runoff at a Duncan rally this evening, a campaign source has confirmed. Talley faces incumbent Sen. Lee Bright in that primary runoff. Talley won 26.56 percent in Tuesday's primary for the senate district containing parts of Greer and Pelham Road. Bright, a two-term senator, won 37.69 percent of the votes. David McCraw, who will also appear at the rally, finished in third place with 22.95 percent and was the only Greenville County resident in the race. Both Talley and Bright live in Spartanburg County. The rally will begin at 6 p.m. and will be located at 170 Ridgeview Center Dr. in Duncan. You can find full details on Talley's Facebook page.

The State: Gov. Haley endorses Bright opponent in Senate runoff
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article84222127.html>

Cassie Cope

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley is endorsing former state Rep. Scott Talley in his GOP runoff bid to unseat libertarian firebrand Lee Bright, R-Spartanburg. Haley and another former challenger to Sen. Bright, Greer businessman David McCraw, were to attend a Talley campaign event Thursday night in Duncan. Bright and Talley will face off in a June 26 runoff for the District 12 Senate seat. In the June 12 primary, Bright finished first in a four-candidate race, but took only 38 percent of the vote. Talley was second at 27 percent. Bright, who is seeking a third term in the Senate, has made headlines for his proposals, including introducing a bill this year to ban transgender people from using the bathroom of their choice. The bill failed.

Herald-Journal: Nikki Haley to endorse Scott Talley in Senate runoff against Lee Bright

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160616/ARTICLES/160619756>

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley is expected to endorse Republican Scott Talley for state Senate District 12 today in Duncan, according to Talley's campaign. Talley, a former state representative, will face incumbent Sen. Lee Bright, R-Roebuck, in a runoff election on June 28 after neither candidate won more than 50 percent of the vote during Tuesday's four-way primary contest. Haley is scheduled to make her announcement during a rally at 6 p.m. today at AFL Global, 170 Ridgeview Center Drive, Duncan. The event is open to the public.

Associated Press: Carolinas border redraw almost done as bill goes to governor

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=wi7dEuIF

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North Carolina lawmakers have now followed their South Carolina counterparts and approved legislation to clean up complications stemming from the recent redrawing of the border between the two states. The North Carolina House voted 101-11 on Thursday to approve the bill, which also affirms the enforcement of the original Carolinas boundary starting next January. The Senate already approved the legislation, which goes to Gov. Pat McCrory's desk. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley last week signed a similar bill. The two states dealt with education, taxes and other issues affecting several dozen people who believed they were in one state but actually are in the other Carolina.

General Assembly News:

Sun News: Legislators help CCU bypass state committee to move stadium expansion forward

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/sports/college/big-south/coastal-carolina-university/article84116977.html>

Ryan Young and Claire Byun

In the wake of rejections from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education in recent months, Coastal Carolina University leaders had pledged that they would find a way to get the school's football stadium expansion project to the next step in the process – one way or another. And they got that breakthrough Wednesday night with supportive votes from the South Carolina House of Representatives and Senate to override Gov. Nikki Haley's vetoes of two provisos pertaining to the Brooks Stadium expansion project. Haley, however, said public school's actions to bypass CHE approval are "disappointing." The project, after the university reduced its proposed budget from \$38 million to \$29.9 million, was previously denied necessary phase two state approval by the CHE in its May meeting while being heard by the group for the fourth time since February.

Greenville News: Police dash cam, FOIA bill dies in stalemate

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/06/16/police-dash-cam-foia-bill-dies->

stalemate/85989844/

Tim Smith

Legislation to regulate the release of police dash cam video and to revise the state Freedom of Information Act has died after House and Senate negotiators could not agree to join the two bills. The House last month swapped revisions to the FOIA in a dash cam bill after a senator halted progress of the FOIA bill in the Senate. The Senate then rejected what the House did and negotiators tried to reach a compromise but to no avail. Lawmakers adjourned for the year Wednesday night with no agreement on the legislation.

Emanuel AME Shooting Anniversary:

Post and Courier: Security tight, roads closed for Emanuel anniversary events

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160616/PC16/160619519>

Andrew Knapp

Security will be tight and roads will be closed this weekend as thousands converge on downtown Charleston to memorialize the victims of the Emanuel AME Church shooting a year ago. Charleston Police Department Chief Greg Mullen said the measures were put into place before the attack last weekend that killed 49 people in Orlando, Fla. But that shooting affirmed the need for such security, he said. Everyone participating in the events should be vigilant and call 911 if they notice something suspicious. "As a result of what occurred in Orlando, that certainly ... requires us to recognize that what we're doing is absolutely needed," Mullen said. "It just confirms to us that we are doing the right thing."

Post and Courier: Sharon Risher, a relative of three Emanuel Church victims, speaks out for gun reform on Capitol Hill

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160616/PC1603/160619535>

Emma Dumain

The Rev. Sharon Risher had long planned to be in Charleston Friday for the anniversary of the Emanuel AME Church massacre, which claimed the lives of her mother and two cousins — but she took an unexpected detour along the way. On Wednesday night, Risher, a longtime hospital chaplain who now lives in Charlotte, N.C., got a call from Everytown for Gun Safety, asking her to fly to Washington, D.C. Several Democratic senators were going to hold a news conference Thursday morning after a 16-hour filibuster to demand votes to enforce stricter gun laws. The advocacy group wanted Risher there to share her story. At the news conference on Capitol Hill, Risher — wearing an "Everytown Survivor Network" pin and a "Survivor" pin on her green dress — brought senators to tears.

Greenville News: Graham, Scott honor victims of Charleston church shooting

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/06/16/graham-kicks-off-senate-memorial-charleston-shooting-victims/85977190/?from=global&sessionKey=&autologin=>

Mary Orndorff Troyan

South Carolina's senators marked the anniversary of last year's Charleston church shooting with stirring speeches Thursday that honored the nine victims and recognized the grace and forgiveness shown by their families. "We were all in a state of shock," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said of the June 17, 2015, tragedy at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church. "And what woke us up was the way the families behaved... when they channeled their grief into something constructive." Within hours of Dylann Roof's arrest in the shootings, the family members publicly offered the suspect their forgiveness. "They reminded us of what humanity is all about," Graham said.

Post and Courier: Scott and Graham give emotional reflections on anniversary of Emanuel AME Church shooting

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160616/PC1603/160619523>

Emma Dumain

South Carolina's two U.S. senators offered two stylistically different but equally emotional reflections to commemorate the anniversary of the Emanuel AME Church shooting. Each speech — delivered in succession on the Senate floor Thursday on the eve of the anniversary — was in keeping with the lawmakers' personalities and reputations among their colleagues on Capitol Hill. Scott read the names of the dead, ending with the name of the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, with whom Scott had previously served in the state Legislature. His voice seemed to break when he recalled a text he sent to Pinckney upon hearing of the shooting.

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press: Judge asks if defense wants to move church shooting trial

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=sqGGm03R

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A federal judge wants to know if attorneys for Charleston church shooting defendant Dylann Roof will ask that the trial be moved from Charleston. U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel, in an order Wednesday, asks that the defense inform the court of their plans by Friday. Friday is the anniversary of the Emanuel AME shootings in which nine black parishioners were killed during a Bible study. Roof faces hate crimes and other charges, and the government is seeking the death penalty in the trial set for Nov. 7.

Post and Courier: Citing shooting's effect on Charleston, prosecutors concerned about local jurors for Dylann Roof trial

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160616/PC16/160619548>

Andrew Knapp

The federal government will agree to let a jury from the Charleston area hear Dylann Roof's case unless his defense team asks for the trial to be moved out of the Lowcountry, prosecutors said Thursday. Roof's lawyers requested earlier this week for the U.S. District Court to summon a pool of prospective jurors only from a nine-county area centered on Charleston instead of all four regions that make up the court's South Carolina district. In a court filing Thursday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Richardson said he was concerned that the defense would later ask for a different venue if people picked to serve on the jury proved somehow connected with those affected by the June 17, 2015, shooting at Emanuel AME Church in which Roof killed nine black worshippers.

Post and Courier : Attorney blames Roof, Slager trial conflicts on federal court's leapfrogging

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160616/PC16/160619552>

Andrew Knapp

A federal judge overseeing the Dylann Roof case on Thursday denied a motion by an attorney for victims that could have affected the state's prosecution of former North Charleston police officer Michael Slager. The lawyer, Andy Savage of Charleston, said after the ruling that the federal court's unexpected moves have created scheduling conflicts that could keep him from properly counseling his clients. He represents several survivors and slain victims' families in the June 17, 2015, shooting that killed nine at Emanuel AME Church, and he hopes to be in court then when Roof faces a death penalty trial Nov. 7 in U.S. District Court.

Orlando Shooting News:

Associated Press: In Orlando, Obama calls for healing, meets with families

<http://bigstory.ap.org/9c066538dfa64f7c807660b897f0b3ec>

Josh Lederman and Kathleen Hennessey

President Barack Obama said Thursday that a military campaign against terrorism abroad won't be enough to prevent "lone wolf" attacks like Sunday's nightclub shooting in Orlando, as he offered condolences and support to families of the victims. "We're going to have to do more to prevent these kinds of events from occurring. It's going to take more than just our military," Obama said, an apparent reference to proposals for stricter gun-control laws. That was after he laid flowers at a makeshift memorial during an afternoon visit to the grieving city. "We can't wipe away hatred and evil from every heart in the world. But we can stop some tragedies. We can save some lives," he said.

McClatchy DC: Could FBI have stopped Orlando shooter with billions more dollars?

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/national/article84173207.html>

Vera Bergengruen

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., has proposed an amendment to a wide-ranging appropriations bill now before the Senate that would significantly boost funding for the FBI, by \$2.8 billion. "My goal is to prevent future terrorist attacks, not respond to them," Graham said in a statement. "We are fighting a war against radical Islam which knows no bounds. Ensuring the FBI has all the tools they need should be a top priority for the nation." The proposed amendment, **which was filed** to the Senate's Commerce, Justice and science appropriations bill late Wednesday, came after a gunman killed 49 people and wounded 53 at a gay nightclub early Sunday in Orlando, Florida.

Associated Press: Family's excruciating Orlando journey ends in forgiveness

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

Jason Dearen

Andrea Drayton woke up Sunday to a mother's worst nightmare when her phone buzzed with a text message: Her daughter Deonka was at a club in Orlando, there was gunfire and Drayton needed to come to Florida fast. Drayton, her husband, Shepherd, son Shepherd III and daughter Alexia piled into the family car and began an excruciating early morning journey from South Carolina to Orlando, where a gunman had opened fire at a gay nightclub in an attack that left 49 victims and the killer dead. "We forgive the shooter. We talked about it," said Deonka's father, a pastor who runs a nonprofit that helps the poor and elderly. "Hatred will find a way to destroy you, so we forgive the shooter. It wasn't very hard to do. Anger was in me and there was no place to release it. Forgiveness was the way to release it."

Wilson- Pascoe Dispute:

Associated Press: SC justices mulling prosecutor dispute in corruption case

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

Meg Kinnard

South Carolina's Supreme Court on Thursday presided over a public feud between the state's top prosecutor and a local solicitor who says that he has been empowered to initiate and utilize a state grand jury investigation into legislative corruption. Solicitor David Pascoe has sued Attorney General Alan Wilson, arguing he has authority to open a state grand jury probe into ongoing corruption at the South Carolina Statehouse. That authority, Pascoe says, exists because Wilson previously turned a

case over to him because of a possible conflict.

The State: Pascoe: allowing Wilson to fire him could derail investigation

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article84119112.html>

John Monk

Special prosecutor David Pascoe told S.C. Supreme Court justices on Thursday that if they agree that Attorney General Alan Wilson can fire him from an ongoing investigation into public corruption in the S.C. General Assembly, they will be giving Wilson unprecedented power to scuttle investigations he has recused himself from. Wilson and his office, citing conflicts of interest, removed themselves from the investigation last year and designated Pascoe as an independent special prosecutor. But now Wilson is trying to fire Pascoe, who along with State Law Enforcement Chief Mark Keel, activated a State Grand Jury in March because, Pascoe told the justices Thursday, new information has prompted SLED to delve deeper into the allegations of public corruption.

Post and Courier: Wilson, Pascoe face off before state Supreme Court

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160616/PC1603/160619547>

Gavin Jackson

The simmering feud between Attorney General Alan Wilson and the special prosecutor he wants to fire took center stage Thursday before the state Supreme Court while a stalled Statehouse corruption probe hangs in the balance. For about an hour, the five justices heard arguments from the two sides and peppered them with questions as a crowded gallery looked on. But the high court gave little indication when it might rule and finally end the dispute between Wilson and 1st Circuit Solicitor David Pascoe. The battle began in March when Wilson moved to dump his appointed special prosecutor after Pascoe tried to harness the power of the state grand jury for the corruption probe. Wilson accused him of prosecutorial overreach and leaking information. Pascoe, in turn, alleged that Wilson was interfering with an investigation from which he'd recused himself.

Greenville News: SC Supreme Court hears Wilson-Pascoe case

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/06/16/sc-supreme-court-hears-wilson-pascoe-case/85972116/>

Tim Smith

State Attorney General Alan Wilson and Solicitor David Pascoe on Thursday took their public dispute over Pascoe's attempt to begin a state grand jury probe of public corruption to the South Carolina Supreme Court. The five justices repeatedly fired questions at both sides during an hour-long hearing in a packed courtroom but issued no immediate decision. "We want to get this right," Chief Justice Costa Pleicones said at one point. "It seems to me, when you get down to the nitty-gritty, the bottom line in this case is everyone thinks a grand jury investigation in this case is OK, It's just a matter of who conducts the grand jury investigation."

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: Bill O'Reilly says he wants to 'slap' Rep. Jim Clyburn

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160616/PC1603/160619536>

Emma Dumain

Conservative pundit Bill O'Reilly took aim at U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-S.C., when he said wanted to "slap" the South Carolina lawmaker for his remarks about gun control. "It just angers me. There's two separate issues. There's the terrorism, and there's the gun control. But what was it, Congressman Clyburn, is that his name?" O'Reilly asked the co-hosts of "Fox & Friends" during a Thursday morning

segment about the recent Orlando shooting that left 49 people dead in a gay nightclub. Then, O'Reilly's voice changes and he appears to mock the House Minority Whip. "It's not about terrorism; it's about gun control," O'Reilly said, speaking in speech patterns similar to Clyburn's.

Post and Courier: Sanford gets the vote he sought —but not the result

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160616/PC1603/160619526>

Emma Dumain

Republican U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford finally got a vote on his push to exempt military recruits from having to purchase only U.S.-made sneakers. It failed. But the South Carolina congressman's amendment, offered to the 2017 defense appropriations bill, drew support from diverse coalitions in both parties, signaling there could be appetite to take up the issue again later on. Sanford's amendment would have struck wording in the House- and Senate-passed National Defense Authorization Acts that compels the military to purchase all its gear from American manufacturers. It has been difficult, however, for the military to meet this standard when it comes to sneakers, since an appropriate domestic sneaker has not been available until recently.

McClatchy DC: Richard Burr settles Trump running-mate rumor – for now

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/election/article84178787.html>

Anna Douglas

Rumor that Donald Trump might pick North Carolina senior U.S. Sen. Richard Burr as his 2016 running mate is just that – rumor – at least for now, the Republican two-term senator told McClatchy on Thursday. "Every name that's been floated up to this point is speculation," Burr said about talk that he might be short-listed as a Republican vice presidential candidate. "I don't think any of it – to my knowledge – has any credible nexus with the campaign." Conservative radio pundit Hugh Hewitt – a Trump supporter who has, at times during this election cycle, criticized the presumptive nominee – first linked Burr's name to VP talks last week. Hewitt claimed to have been tipped off on Burr being a contender by someone close to the Trump campaign.

Opinion/Editorial:

Post and Courier: Charleston is better than a loophole

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160616/160619595/charleston-is-better-than-a-loophole>

Opinion: Frank Wooten

The Charleston loophole. The galling meaning of that word combination persists now that the General Assembly went an entire session without closing that loophole, which allowed Dylann Roof to buy that gun. Nine victims of mass murder, committed a year ago tomorrow at Mother Emanuel AME Church on Calhoun Street, deserve better. Our state lawmakers failed to pass — or even vote on — a bill that would have increased the S.C. waiting period, which is now a mere three days, for a firearm-purchase background check. Gov. Nikki Haley didn't back extending the wait either. Some "gun rights" fans even propose raising, not lowering, the number of people bearing arms. They argue that if somebody had gotten the drop on the lone gunman who opened fire early Sunday and killed 49 people at an Orlando, Fla., gay nightclub — in the name of the Islamic State — lives would have been saved.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Cloud of probationary accreditation lifted from SC State

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

Seanna Adcox

The probationary cloud over South Carolina State University was lifted Thursday, ending worries that its accreditation could be revoked and the school could be forced to close. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges decided to fully restore SC State's membership, two years after putting South Carolina's only public historically black university on probation for leadership and financial woes. "We were very, very pleased," said board Chairman Charles Way, who traveled to Memphis, Tennessee, with school officials Wednesday to make their case. The accreditation issue "was just hanging over our heads. A lot of parents don't want to send their children to a school if it's on probation."

The State: S.C. State escapes death sentence, retains accreditation

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article84151922.html>

Avery G. Wilks

S.C. State's accreditation was taken off probation Thursday, a move that school officials said is critical to the school's recovery. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges said the state's only historically black public college will retain its accreditation, which had been on probation for two years. "South Carolina State has the finances and the resources to continue its mission," said Franklin Evans, named S.C. State's interim president last year after the school's trustees fired former president Thomas Elzey. "It's going to send a positive message ... that S.C. State is back."

Post and Courier: S.C. State University removed from probation

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160616/PC1603/160619534>

Maya T. Prabhu

Embattled South Carolina State University learned today that the institution will be removed from probation after two years. The school plans to announce the recommendation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges during a press conference in Orangeburg on Thursday evening.

Greenville News: BJU approved for accreditation candidacy

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2016/06/16/bju-approved-accreditation-candidacy/86001214/>

Nathaniel Cary

A process years in the making — and long-sought by students and alumni — has taken a step closer toward reality for Bob Jones University. The Board of Trustees of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC) announced Thursday that it had granted BJU initial candidacy status for regional accreditation, said Pamela Cravey, SACSCOC spokeswoman. The commission made its decision after a candidacy committee was authorized in July 2015 and visited the campus in January 2016 to evaluate BJU's accreditation qualifications.

Associated Press: State ports budget envisions record capital spending

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=nnS8gTxq

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The South Carolina Ports Authority plans to spend a record amount on construction during the new fiscal year, with almost a quarter of a billion dollars on various projects. Construction spending of \$248 million is included in the budget approved Wednesday for the fiscal year that begins next

month. The spending includes more than \$90 million for construction of the Leatherman Terminal in North Charleston and \$80 million in upgrades to the Wando Terminal in Mount Pleasant.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Active shooter training course set at Charleston Police Department

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160616/PC16/160619537>

Dave Munday

A training course on handling active shooters and other violent intruders in public places is set at the Charleston Police Department. The course will be taught by instructors from ALICE, which stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. "Tragic historic events have dictated the need of enhanced response options to increase chances of surviving a horrific event," according to the event website. The advanced ALICE training course is designed for school-based law enforcement; church, hospital and workplace administrators; and safety professionals, according to an announcement.

Associated Press: Prosecutors seek evaluation of mom who drove van into ocean

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

SC State Wire

State prosecutors want to hire a psychiatric expert to evaluate the South Carolina mother who drove her minivan into the surf off a Florida beach with her children inside. The Daytona Beach News-Journal (<http://bit.ly/2651wSq>) reports a hearing that began June 8 on the state's motion to revoke Ebony Wilkerson's conditional release and send her back to a state hospital has been delayed while prosecutors seek the expert evaluation. The motion says Wilkerson's defense lawyers aren't opposing the evaluation. Wilkerson, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was pregnant when she drove the van into the Atlantic Ocean on March 4, 2014. Beachgoers helped rescue her three young children.

Sun News: Lawyer: Reveal victim's name in lawsuit against Horry police

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article84131167.html>

Audry Hudson

The attorney representing the Horry County Police Department in lawsuits charging a former detective with sexually assaulting two rape victims is asking the court to release the identity of one victim who they claim is getting unfair publicity and hurting the police agency's reputation. It will be up to a judge to determine whether the name of Jane Doe 1 is made public in court documents after a court hearing on the matter.

Post and Courier: Bail for teens who escaped Charleston County detention facility set at \$75,000 each

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160616/PC16/160619527>

Melissa Boughton

Bail has been set for the two teens who escaped from the Charleston County juvenile detention center earlier this week. Christopher Rawls and Tylique Rhoden, both 16, appeared Thursday afternoon for a bond hearing. They were previously being held on armed-robbery charges after being arrested by North Charleston police, and the Charleston County Sheriff's Office added charges of escape. Maj. Eric Watson said bail for the two teens was set at \$75,000 each.

Associated Press: Little Return: Resort closes economic development agency

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=fme78di6

SC State Wire

Hilton Head Island is closing the economic development corporation that it started just two years ago because officials on the resort island say there was little return on the town's investment. The Island Packet of Hilton Head reports (<http://bit.ly/1Q7ENS3>) the town spent more than \$1 million during the past two years to attract new businesses to the island. There is no money for the agency in the budget for the new budget year that begins July 1.

Associated Press: Company opening Anderson plant with more than 40 new jobs

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

SC State Wire

A company that makes molded plastic parts is opening a facility in Anderson, creating 43 new jobs. Engineered Plastic Components announced it is renovating an existing building and will spend more than \$5 million in creating the new plant. The company makes plastic parts for automobiles, home appliances and medical uses.

Independent Mail: New Coke facility to officially open June 23

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/new-coke-facility-to-officially-open-june-23--3567701e-aae0-71c7-e053-0100007fc464-383279291.html>

A grand opening for Coca-Cola's new regional sales and distribution center in northern Anderson County is scheduled for next week. The \$13.5 million, 150,000-square-foot facility on Highway 86 near Piedmont will relocate 147 jobs to the county. It will generate an average of \$168,000 a year in property taxes, Anderson County Economic Development Director Burris Nelson said last year when the project was announced. The company announced in March 2015 that it would close its distribution center in Mauldin and build the new one on a 36-acre campus near Piedmont.

Herald-Journal: BMW breaks ground for new plant in Mexico

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160616/articles/160619760>

Ground was broken Thursday for a new BMW automobile production facility in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. The plant will build the BMW 3 Series Sedan, one of the company's top models, when production begins in 2019, the company said. Annual production capacity is expected to be up to 150,000 units, the company said in a release. The BMW Group said it is investing around \$1 billion in the new plant and creating at least 1,500 new jobs.

Post and Courier: Residents warned of gator off Sullivan's Island

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160616/PC16/160619542>

Robert Behre

Beachgoers near the lighthouse spotted an alligator in the surf this morning, but the gator swam off toward Breech Inlet and avoided capture. Town Administrator Andy Benke said the town was notified about 7:50 a.m. "We went down and waited on it, but it never would come ashore. We followed it, and it swam back out to deeper water," he said. "He swam back out and was headed toward Breech Inlet." Conscious of the recent alligator attack in Florida, where a 2-year-old died after a gator grabbed him in a lagoon at Disney World, the town alerted residents and the Isle of Palms to exercise caution and be aware of the sighting, he said.

National News:

Associated Press: After fatal attack, theme parks weigh alligator warnings

<http://bigstory.ap.org/4737785fc4af4e10a416eb6b7f080ec5>

Jay Reeves and Kelli Kennedy

It's an unwritten rule for Florida residents: Keep your kids away from ponds and lakes because alligators are everywhere. But after a gator killed a 2-year-old Nebraska boy at a Walt Disney World resort, attention soon turned to tourists. In a state with an estimated 1 million alligators, how should theme parks and other attractions warn visitors, and did Disney do enough? Disney beaches remained closed Thursday after the death of Lane Graves, and the company said it was reviewing policies that do not currently include posting alligator warnings around park waters.

World News:

Associated Press: British Labour lawmaker dies after shooting attack

<http://bigstory.ap.org/31562654870142838bf6d17661923678>

Jill Lawless and Gregory Katz

A British lawmaker who campaigned for the country to stay in the European Union was killed Thursday by a gun- and knife-wielding attacker in her small-town constituency, a tragedy that brought the country's fierce, divisive referendum campaign to a shocked standstill. Jo Cox, a 41-year-old Labour Party legislator who praised the contribution of immigrants to Britain and championed the cause of war-scarred Syrian refugees, was attacked outside a library in Birstall, northern England, after a regular meeting with constituents. Police would not speculate on the attacker's motive. Witnesses described a man shooting Cox several times and appearing also to stab her as she lay on the pavement. Police said they had arrested a 52-year-old man and were not looking for anyone else.

Associated Press: Cockpit recorder of crashed EgyptAir jet recovered from sea

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Egypt said Thursday it has recovered the cockpit voice recorder from the submerged wreckage of EgyptAir Flight 804, a major breakthrough in the investigation that could help resolve the mystery of why the jetliner plunged into the Mediterranean last month and killed all 66 people aboard. The announcement came a day after officials said they had found the wreckage of the Airbus A320 and are putting together a map of the debris on the seabed. Such images will help investigators determine whether the plane broke apart in the air or stayed intact until it struck the water, aviation experts said. The wreckage of the Paris-to-Cairo flight is believed to be at a depth of about 3,000 meters (9,800 feet). Previously, search crews found only small floating pieces of debris and some human remains.

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