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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley creates new advisory committee on veterans' issues

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

SC State Wire

Gov. Nikki Haley is forming a new committee to advise state and local leaders on veterans' issues. An executive order signed Monday creates the Veterans Policy Advisory Committee. A similar veterans' study committee created by state law dissolved after issuing its report earlier this year. The new, 15-member group will make recommendations at least annually to the state's 30-member Military Base Task Force on policies that can best serve veterans' needs. South Carolina is home to 10 military installations. According to Haley's order, more than 400,000 veterans live in South Carolina. The new advisory group will include legislators, state agency directors, veterans and members of the Military Base Task Force, which is tasked with coordinating efforts to maintain South Carolina's military presence and advising the governor and legislators.

Post and Courier: Gov. Haley establishes committee to drive veteran policy

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160926/160929541/gov-haley-establishes-committee-to-drive-veteran-policy>

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley signed an executive order Monday to improve the transition of veterans to civilian life in South Carolina. The 15-member Veterans Policy Advisory Committee replaces past legislative study committees, the most recent of which expired earlier this year. The committee will make recommendations for policy changes to her and the South Carolina Military Base Task Force about how state government can better serve veterans' needs. "There is no better way to thank our brave men and women in uniform than by taking care of them when their time of service ends," Haley said in a statement. Some 400,000 veterans already call South Carolina home with more expected on their way, according to the Department of Defense. Haley's husband Michael is one of them. Michael Haley returned from a year-long deployment in December 2013 and now works part-time with the S.C. National Guard with the rank of captain.

The State: SC Gov. Haley creates veterans policy committee

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article104278876.html>

Jamie Self

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley issued an executive order Monday creating the Veterans Policy Advisory Committee. The committee will assess the needs of the state's more than 400,000 veterans, including the employment and mental health challenges some face as they transition to civilian life. Made up of veterans, state lawmakers and representatives of various state agencies, the panel will recommend policy changes to the S.C. Military Base Task Force and the governor. "There is no better way to thank our brave men and women in uniform than by taking care of them when their time of service ends," Haley said in a news release. State Rep. James Smith, a Richland Democrat and combat

veteran, thanked Haley for creating the panel. "It's critically important that we maintain our focus on meeting the needs of veterans and their families," he said. S.C. Adjutant General Bob Livingston said of the state's veterans: "While they have already earned our support and gratitude, we must provide them with avenues to contribute to our communities and state. Where there are obstacles, we need to remove those obstacles and where there are opportunities, we need to build on those opportunities."

WACH: Haley creates Veterans Policy Advisory Committee

<http://wach.com/news/local/haley-creates-veterans-policy-advisory-committee>

Matthew Stevens

Governor Nikki Haley signed an executive order Monday creating the Veterans Policy Advisory Committee. The committee's task is to analyze the contributions and needs of the more than 400,000 veterans in SC. Based on their analysis, the committee will make recommendations on how to improve lives of veterans, such as better ways of creating jobs and how to help with the physical and mental health stresses of returning to civilian life. "There is no better way to thank our brave men and women in uniform than by taking care of them when their time of service ends. Veterans can always feel home in South Carolina," said Haley. The committee will be made up of military veterans, members of the General Assembly and reps from the Adjutant General's Office, DEW, DDSN, Department of Mental Health and Department of Drug, Alcohol, and Other Drug Abuse Services. Currently, the Palmetto state has 50,000 active duty and reserve members of the military.

Greenville News: UST Logical Systems bringing headquarters to Greenville's Main Street

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/2016/09/26/ust-logical-systems-bringing-headquarters-greenvilles-main-street/91110304/>

Amanda Coyne

UST Logical Systems is moving its headquarters from Hendersonville, North Carolina, to Greenville, South Carolina, according to a release from Gov. Nikki Haley's office. The move will entail a \$1.6 million investment and 50 new jobs at 103 N. Main Street, along the One City Plaza. The logistics and transport company says the move is to accommodate continued growth. The company's first day in the 6,000-square-foot office space was Monday. They held a ribbon cutting celebration Monday afternoon. Hiring for new positions at the company's headquarters will begin at the end of this year. Those interested can visit the company's website.

Fox Carolina: UST moves corporate headquarters to Greenville

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/33191030/ust-moves-corporate-headquarters-to-greenville>

Dal Kalsi

UST Logistical Systems plans to relocate its corporate headquarters to downtown Greenville as part of a \$1.6 million investment that will bring 50 jobs to the Upstate, according to Gov. Nikki Haley's office. "We couldn't be more excited that UST has decided to establish its headquarters in South Carolina," Gov. Nikki Haley said. "This \$1.6 million investment, and the 50 jobs it means for Greenville County, is a real reason to celebrate across the state, and we look forward to a long-lasting partnership with one of the newest members of Team South Carolina." UST, established in 1998, is a logistics company that specializes in the delivery of furniture and appliances from a retailer's warehouse directly to a customer's home. UST handles home delivery operations for several major store chains including Conn's Home Plus and hhgregg. The company's new corporate headquarters will be moved to 103 North Main Street in Greenville.

Associated Press: More Michelin Men (And Women): 350 new South Carolina jobs

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=QgMD4OMu

SC State Wire

Michelin North America which already operates seven tire manufacturing plants in the Upstate of South Carolina is expanding again. Michelin is adding a new distribution center in Spartanburg that will create 350 jobs. The company has its North American headquarters in Greenville and announced Monday that it's investing more than \$270 million in the new distribution center. Construction is scheduled to begin later this year with the first phase to be completed late next year. The site will eventually have five buildings with more than 3 million square feet of space. The center will be a hub for distribution of Michelin, BFGoodrich and Uniroyal tires for passenger vehicles, heavy trucks and agricultural equipment.

Greenville News: Michelin adding Spartanburg distribution center, 350 new jobs

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/2016/09/26/michelin-adding-spartanburg-distribution-center-350-new-jobs/91113418/>

Amanda Coyne

Michelin North America is adding a distribution center in Spartanburg, which will bring 350 new jobs to the Upstate. The project will bring \$270 million in new capital investment, with construction expected to start this year and the first phase of opening anticipated for late 2017. The compound will have 3.3 million square feet across five buildings dedicated to the distribution of passenger tires, truck tires and tires for agricultural equipment. "The Spartanburg distribution facility will cap a multi-year evolution of Michelin's distribution network in North America," said Pete Selleck, Michelin North America president and chairman, in a release from the S.C. Department of Commerce. "We see it as a transformational milestone designed to better serve our customers while optimizing inventories and improving supply efficiency." Michelin is a major employer in the Upstate and South Carolina as a whole, with tire plants in Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson and Lexington counties. The new facility will be at the intersection of State 101 and State 417 in Spartanburg County.

Herald-Journal: Michelin advances plans for \$270M Spartanburg facility

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20160926/michelin-advances-plans-for-270m-spartanburg-facility?rssfeed=true>

Bob Montgomery

Michelin North America announced plans Monday to break ground later this year on a new \$270 million, 3.3 million-square-foot distribution center in Spartanburg County that will create 350 new jobs. "The Spartanburg distribution facility will cap a multi-year evolution of Michelin's network in North America," stated Pete Selleck, chairman and president of Greenville-based Michelin North America. "We see it as a transformational milestone designed to better serve our customers while optimizing inventories and improving supply efficiency."

The joint announcement was made by Michelin and Gov. Nikki Haley. Spartanburg County Council last month paved the way for the project by approving a set of tax incentives. The project was first announced in May. "Michelin has been one of South Carolina's most important business partners since its doors opened in Greenville County over four decades ago," stated Haley. "Both our state and this fantastic company have grown tremendously over the course of this partnership."

Post and Courier : Michelin's \$270 million Upstate distribution center to be linked to Port of Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160926/160929560/michelins-270-million-upstate-distribution-center-to-be-linked-to-port-of-charleston>

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distribution center to be linked to Port of Charleston

www.postandcourier.com

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David Wren

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Fox Carolina: Michelin to build distribution center in Spartanburg, create 350 jobs

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/33192764/michelin-to-build-distribution-center-in-spartanburg-create-350-jobs>

Michelin to build distribution center in Spartanburg, create 350 jobs

www.foxcarolina.com

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Michelin North America, Inc. is moving forward with plans to build a new distribution center in Spartanburg County as part of a \$270 million investment that will create 350 new jobs, Gov. Nikki Haley's office announced Monday. Michelin is one of the largest corporations in South Carolina and is headquartered in Greenville. The company designs, manufactures and sells tires for every type of vehicle, including airplanes, automobiles, bicycles, earthmovers, and farm equipment. The Michelin Distribution Center will be located intersection of Highways 101 and 417 in the Woodruff area, within a short distance of seven existing Michelin tire plants across the Upstate and the company's Greenville-based headquarters. The distribution center will feature five buildings that will make up a total of approximately 3.3 million square-feet. The center will support distribution of tires under

Michelin, BFGoodrich and Uniroyal brands for passenger vehicles, heavy trucks and agricultural equipment. Construction on the new center is expected to begin in late 2016. The first phase is projected to open in late 2017 and the complete facility will open in early 2019.

NOTE: "Michelin has been one of South Carolina's most important business partners since its doors opened in Greenville County over four decades ago. Both our state and this fantastic company have grown tremendously over the course of this partnership, and we couldn't be more excited to see that growth and success continue with this \$270 million investment that means 350 new jobs for South Carolinians." - Gov. Nikki Haley

Sun News: Looking for work? Myrtle Beach center seeks 300 full-time employees

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article104229786.html>

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www.myrtlebeachonline.com

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STARTEK announced Monday that it is seeking to hire 300 full-time employees at its Myrtle Beach call center by the end of the year. "Newly hired customer service representatives will provide inbound support on behalf of telecommunications and global information services clients," said Emily Walsh, an account executive with 104 West Partners, a communications firm releasing the STARTEK announcement. "Positions start at \$10 per hour and offer comprehensive benefits along with career advancement opportunities," Walsh said. The international company, specializing in outsourced services such as customer support for businesses, is looking to fill the positions immediately, according to the STARTEK release. Interested candidates are invited to apply in person from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and receive on-the-spot interviews at STARTEK's engagement center located at 310 Hinson Drive, Myrtle Beach. Applications will also be accepted online at any time through the company's website at www.startek.com/careers, according to the release.

The State: Plan surfaces for new nuclear disposal ground in SC

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article104316181.html>

Sammy Fretwell and Jeff Wilkinson

A plan has surfaced to establish another nuclear waste disposal ground in South Carolina, a state with a history of taking atomic refuse from across the country. An organization called the Spent Fuel Reprocessing Group wants federal approval to open a disposal area near Barnwell and the Savannah River Site nuclear weapons complex. Spent fuel, a type of highly radioactive waste, would be moved from the state's four nuclear power plant sites and stored indefinitely at the new facility, records show. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in July received notice of the plan. The proposal is a long way from becoming reality, but if eventually approved by the federal government, it would create a place for nuclear waste disposal that is likely to draw opposition. Several environmental groups said this week they are preparing to fight any effort to create what they called an atomic waste dumping ground. Politicians, including Gov. Nikki Haley, also expressed

reservations Monday.

NOTE: Contacted Monday, Haley's office said: "South Carolina will not become a permanent dumping ground for nuclear waste regardless of where it would be housed or who would house it."

WBTW: Georgetown looks back on Front Street fire 3 years later

<http://counton2.com/2016/09/26/georgetown-looks-back-on-front-street-fire-3-years-later/>

Three years ago a devastating fire tore through the 700 block of Front front street in historic Georgetown. It destroyed 8 buildings and left more than 130 people jobless overnight. Kenneth Davis was one of those people. He worked at Buzz's Roost just before the building caught fire. Now, Davis is employed at the restaurant's new location on the 900 block of Front Street. Many other businesses also relocated to the area. Davis said the whole experience was hard on him. "Not having a job for a couple months, just being out of work and not seeing the people I work with and things of that nature. "But things could have been worse. Wildfish Grill, another Georgetown business, gave him and his colleagues work in their time of need. Davis said, "they kind of opened their doors for us to come down and work for the time being until they built the new location." The fire completely destroyed 7 of the 8 buildings on the property and attracted statewide attention.

NOTE: Gov. Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency and the SC Dept. of Commerce offered up to 1 million dollars in grant funds. But, that grant never went forward. Mayor Jack Scoville said that's because not all of the building's owners wanted to follow to the grant conditions.

Charlotte Protest Shooting:

Associated Press: Charlotte City Council blasted over police shooting reaction

<http://bigstory.ap.org/a1b4170468e043ac976bf78fcbc7a3f3>

Emery P. Dalesio and Tom Foreman Jr. and Jay Reeves

Angry Charlotte residents verbally lashed City Council members for hours, complaining about what they called unaccountable police officers and civilian leaders who have failed to force change as the city marked a week of protests since a police officer fatally shot a black man. At its Monday night meeting, the council opened the floor to dozens of residents who voiced their opinions about the Sept. 20 shooting of Kevin Lamont Scott by Charlotte-Mecklenburg police. Many called on Mayor Jennifer Roberts, Police Chief Kerr Putney and other council members to resign on the seventh day of protests since the shooting. "It's going to be rough in these streets until you give justice to our people," said the Rev. Milton Williams, the final speaker in a three-hour string. "Our city's in an uproar, and you did not respond."

Charlotte Observer: Charlotte civil rights, clergy leaders issue demands in police shooting

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/special-reports/charlotte-shooting-protests/article104339096.html>

Celeste Smith

Led by North Carolina NAACP President William Barber, a coalition of civil rights and clergy leaders announced a list of demands Monday in the wake of the fatal police shooting of Keith Lamont Scott. The 13-point list of demands includes calling for a federal investigation of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department; releasing all video footage of Scott's shooting; national standardization of the use of force by police; a retrial of Randall Kerrick, the white police officer who shot and killed Jonathan Ferrell, a black man, in 2013; and making it a firing offense if a police officer fails to turn on – or turns off – a body camera during an arrest. Barber also singled out Rep. Robert Pittenger, who in an interview last week said protesters hated white people. Pittenger later apologized.

Charlotte Observer: Charlotte mayor faces furious crowd at City Council meeting

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/special-reports/charlotte-shooting-protests/article104252096.html>

Steve Harrison

A furious crowd of citizens criticized and often shouted down Charlotte City Council on Monday night, calling for resignations across the city and chanting, "Hands Down! Shoot Back!" and "No Justice, No Peace!" Mayor Jennifer Roberts, who allowed people to speak for two hours, repeatedly had to stop the meeting, pleading for quiet. Sometimes the crowd quieted to allow people to speak. At other times, her requests were met with heckles and chants for justice. Even after the meeting, protesters gathered in the lobby of the Government Center. More than 20 protesters sat down after one young man urged them to "occupy this space." Dozens more stood, chanted and demanded a federal investigation into the shooting.

Charlotte Observer: Charlotte officer didn't activate body camera until after fatal police shooting

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/special-reports/charlotte-shooting-protests/article104228581.html>

Ames Alexander

Charlotte-Mecklenburg police did not capture key video footage of last week's fatal shooting of Keith Lamont Scott because a responding officer apparently didn't turn on his body camera until after police had already shot the victim – a violation of department policy. On Saturday, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department released portions of video footage, captured by a dashboard camera and a body camera, showing the moments immediately before and after the Sept. 20 shooting. Roughly the first half-minute of body-camera footage includes no sound. A police spokesman said that's because the body cameras worn by patrol officers don't begin recording audio until officers activate them. But the body cams do have a function that silently captures video for a short period before they're activated.

Herald-Journal: Spartanburg police officers training with new body cameras

<http://www.goupstate.com/news/20160926/spartanburg-police-officers-training-with-new-body-cameras?rssfeed=true>

Daniel J. Gross

Body cameras have come to the Spartanburg Police Department. Patrol officers are being equipped with wearable cameras this week after federal grant dollars that were secured in July made the purchases possible. Training is set to begin Tuesday after the 85 Axon Flex police body cams were delivered to the department. The training will last about two hours per officer, said Maj. Art Littlejohn, who oversees the police department's field services bureau. Training sessions will be done in waves based on the patrol schedules of each officer. Officers will immediately start wearing their cameras after completing the training. "If we train 20 people on them (Tuesday), 20 people will go out on the street with them," Littlejohn said.

The State: What's it like to lose a child to gun violence? SC moms share stories

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article104135591.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

Le-Kavis Henicks was 13 when he was shot in the back of the head in 2007. His mom, Brenda Henicks, was en route to pick him up when it happened. The Columbia mother was one of many parents who showed up at the State House on Sunday afternoon to mourn their dead children. She described her son as athletic – loving to play almost any sport involving a ball – and intelligent, looking forward to college. "I wouldn't wish this on any other mother," Henicks said. "We don't wish for our children to cross over before we do." At the same time as the State House rally – which was put

together by the organization Parents of Murdered Children – people all over the country gathered for the Concert Across America to End Gun Violence. The reason all of this happened today? Nine years ago, Congress designated Sept. 25 as a day of remembrance for homicide victims, according to a news release from concert organizers. There were two such concerts in Columbia, according to www.concertacrossamerica.org. One happened at the Main Street United Methodist Church from 4 to 6 p. m. and the other took place at Cool Beans on College Street from 8 to 10 p.m. Kathy Handel and Cheryl Soehl, with the Faith Coalition on Gun Violence, organized the first one. The Columbia concerts were among 350 nationwide, according to the event website.

Aiken Standard: 'This doesn't define us': USC Aiken students protest hate speech after inappropriate tweet

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160926/160929674/x2018this-doesnx2019t-define-usx2019-usc-aiken-students-protest-hate-speech-after-inappropriate-tweet>

Maayan Schechter

It was a post to Twitter that many thought would tear USC Aiken apart, but on Monday afternoon beneath the dense trees that make up the center of the university's campus, students refused to let that happen. "This doesn't define us," said junior Sydney Marsh, 20. "This was one post, one person; and this person doesn't define who we are as a whole." Last week, during the two to three days when out-of-town guests visit their students on campus for an annual family weekend, the university's social media team received word of an inappropriate tweet allegedly made by a current student. The tweet, which remains under the investigation of state and campus law enforcement, used a racial slur, called the Black Lives Matter movement a "joke," and threatened to blow up Westwood High School in Columbia. The tweet followed a reported demonstration at the high school in response to two recent officer-involved shootings of black men.

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press : More jurors reporting in Charleston church shooting trial

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

SC State Wire

More potential jurors are reporting to the federal courthouse in Charleston, South Carolina, for initial screening in the trial of Dylann Roof, who faces 33 federal counts in the June 2015 shooting deaths of nine black church members. Roof is charged with hate crimes and obstruction of religion resulting in death among other counts in the case. About 320 potential jurors reported Monday and those who weren't dismissed or had their jury service moved were asked to fill out questionnaires about the case. By the end of the day, court officials say 300 questionnaires had been completed. Jurors will continue to report this week until 700 questionnaires are filled out. Those jurors will then be summoned back to court in November for individual questioning before a trial jury is seated.

Associated Press: The Latest: 320 potential jurors report in church slayings

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

SC State Wire

The first day of jury screening has wrapped up in the federal death penalty trial of a white man charged with killing nine black parishioners at a Charleston, South Carolina, church. About 320 potential jurors reported to the federal courthouse as the process of seating a jury in the Dylann Roof trial got underway. He's charged with hate crimes resulting in death, obstruction of religion and other offenses. Jurors reported in panels of 80. Those who weren't dismissed or allowed to defer their jury service filled out questionnaires related to the massacre at Emanuel AME Church in June, 2015.

Initial screening continues until a pool of 700 jurors completes those questionnaires. Individual jury questioning begins in November. About 3,000 jurors received summonses during the summer - a pool that was about 73 percent white and 23 percent black.

Associated Press : Hundreds of jurors report to court in church massacre trial

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=sYW1tDlo

Bruce Smith

Dylann Roof, the man charged with massacring nine black parishioners at a Charleston church, mostly avoided eye contact Monday with the potential jurors who could give him a death sentence if they convict him of federal charges. About 320 potential jurors reported to the courthouse in the city's historic district on the first day of jury screening for Roof's trial on charges of hate crimes resulting in death, obstruction of religion and other offenses in the June 2015 slaying at Emanuel AME Church. He faces 33 federal counts altogether. Prosecutors allege he had talked of starting a race war before the killings and posed for online photos with the Confederate battle flag.

The State: Roof jury selection underway in Charleston federal death penalty case

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article104226996.html>

John Monk

The first of some 3,000 potential jurors in the Dylan Roof death penalty trial began reporting Monday to the U.S. District courthouse in downtown Charleston. Jurors were summoned, some 80 at a time, before U.S. Judge Richard Gergel, whose questions were aimed at weeding out those who obviously cannot or who will elect not to serve: people over 70, having no one else to care for young children and the like. Also to be excluded: those whose minds are already made up about Roof's guilty, or whether to impose the death penalty. Roof, 22, a self-proclaimed white supremacist, is charged with federal hate crimes resulting in death in the June 2015 slayings of nine African-Americans who were attending an evening Bible study at historic "Mother" Emanuel AME church downtown.

Post and Courier: Dylann Roof jury selection begins for death penalty trial

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160926/160929580/dylann-roof-jury-selection-begins-for-death-penalty-trial>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

Hundreds of prospective jurors on Monday flocked to the federal courthouse in Charleston to begin the lengthy process of choosing the people who will decide the fate of Emanuel AME Church shooter Dylann Roof at his death penalty trial. Ultimately, 12 jurors chosen from 3,000 people summoned will decide whether Roof should be executed or spend life in prison for the June 2015 slayings of nine black worshippers at the Charleston church. The self-avowed white supremacist faces 33 federal counts, including hate crimes and religious rights charges. Before each panel of about 80 prospective jurors packed into a courtroom, Roof chatted with his attorneys at the defense table, even smiling and glancing around. However, once the people who might decide his fate arrived, he stared emotionless at his lap, peering up only a few times throughout the day. The 22-year-old sat directly facing each panel.

SC Agency News:

The State: Officer assaulted at Turbeville Correctional Institution

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article104325921.html>

Noah Feit

A correctional officer was assaulted by at least one inmate at Turbeville Correctional Institution

Monday. The correctional officer was injured and taken to an area hospital, where he was treated and released, Department of Corrections interim communications director Dexter Lee said. At 2 p.m., there was a disturbance inside in the Tawcaw Housing Unit, which normally houses 150 inmates, Lee said. The emergency response team was called and the institution was placed on lockdown, according to Lee, adding there were no other staff injuries, and no injuries to inmates. The incident remains under investigation and charges could be pending for the inmate, or inmates, involved, Lee said.

Associated Press: McCormick prison inmate killed in fight

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=v28n48DI

SC State Wire

An inmate has been killed at one of the state's high security prisons. South Carolina Department of Corrections spokesman Dexter Lee tells The State (<http://bit.ly/2dt0c7u>) that the male prisoner was killed Sunday during a fight with another inmate at McCormick Correctional Institution in McCormick. The man hasn't been identified pending notification of family. The incident triggered a lockdown of the prison. Authorities haven't released details like how the inmate was killed. The investigation is ongoing.

The State: Inmate killed at McCormick prison

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article104141516.html>

Cynthia Roldan

An inmate was killed at one of the state's high security prisons Sunday. The male prisoner, who has not been identified pending notification of next of kin, was killed during a clash with another inmate at McCormick Correctional Institution in McCormick, said Dexter Lee, spokesman for the Department of Corrections. The incident triggered a lockdown of the institution. Other details, including how the inmate was killed, were not available Sunday night. Agency officials have not announced an arrest in the killing, and the investigation is still ongoing.

SC Delegation News:

Sun News: Beach renourishment funds needed now, county tells Congress

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article104231696.html>

Audrey Hudson

Horry County officials aren't waiting until 2018 when the regularly scheduled federal beach renourishment project is expected to begin, and are already lobbying lawmakers in Washington to include the needed funding in the next budget. The South Strand was approved for renourishment this year, but the bids came in over budget and the Army Corps of Engineers is rebidding that project. Meanwhile, Horry County Councilman Mark Lazarus says it made financial sense to bump up the timetable for the entire Grand Strand to undergo the renourishment all at once, beginning next year. It will cost taxpayers \$6 million to mobilize renourishment efforts on the South Strand. By doing all three at once, Lazarus said they can save \$12 million.

McClatchy DC: SC Republican among founders of congressional Bitcoin caucus

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/congress/article104263566.html>

Vera Bergengruen

Congress now has a caucus dedicated to shaping policies on cryptocurrency - and educating lawmakers about what it is. Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C. and Rep. Jared Polis, D-Colo., launched the bipartisan Blockchain Caucus on Monday to help their colleagues stay up to speed on rapidly evolving digital currency and blockchain technologies and develop policies that advance them. "Blockchain technology has the potential to revolutionize the financial services industry, the U.S.

economy, and the delivery of government services, and I am proud to be involved with this initiative on the ground floor," Mulvaney said in a statement. The South Carolina Republican is a member of the House Financial Services Committee.

SC Political News:

The State : Who won? 4 SC political scientists give their takes <http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article104354616.html>

Jamie Self

The State asked four S.C. political scientists for their assessment of Monday's presidential debate. Here's what The Citadel's Scott Buchanan, Winthrop University's Scott Huffmon, the College of Charleston's Gibbs Knotts and Francis Marion University's Alissa Wartens said...

LGBT Laws:

Post and Courier : State LGBT group endorses first Republicans

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160926/160929555/state-lgbt-group-endorses-first-republicans>

Andy Shain

For the first time, South Carolina's leading LGBT activist group endorsed Republicans in state elections. The SC Equality PAC on Monday backed eight GOP incumbents and challengers in the general election, including a lawyer who could be the state's first openly gay state legislator. Republican attorney Jason Elliott of Greenville unseated state Rep. Wendy Nanne in the GOP primary and faces no opposition on Nov. 8. He is widely expected to be in the State House when the session starts in January. Elliott, a former aide to ex-U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint, was not initially included on SC Equality's endorsement list until his omission was mentioned by a reporter. SC Equality Executive Director Jeff Ayers called it an oversight. Ayers said he has not spoken with Elliott since his primary victory and is unsure how South Carolina's first openly gay lawmaker will handle LGBT issues.

Associated Press: Investors join call for North Carolina to repeal LGBT law

<http://bigstory.ap.org/4774a2c40ffa40cfa256788fcdf629b3>

Martha Waggoner

Some 60 investors representing \$2.1 trillion in managed assets joined the NCAA, entertainers and more than 200 businesses in calling for North Carolina to repeal its law limiting LGBT protections against discrimination. "While the U.S. economy continues to grow, quite frankly North Carolina appears to be headed for what I would call a state-government-inflicted recession," said Matt Patsky, chief executive officer of Trillium Asset Management. Trillium has more than \$2 billion in assets under management. Patsky spoke Monday at a news conference alongside some of the investors who signed a statement calling for repeal of the law known as HB2. Trillium was one of the organizers of the statement, along with environmental research group Croatan Institute and the New York City comptroller, Scott Stringer. Stringer was unable to attend because of a New York ban on travel to North Carolina, Patsky said.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State : Scoppe: Could tax reform finally be for real?

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scoppe/article104247166.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

HOUSE LEADERS promised, back in 2012, that they were ready to overhaul our loophole-ridden, special-interest-driven tax system — a system that results in higher rates than we should have to pay, a system that encourages behaviors we want to discourage and discourages behaviors we want to encourage, a system that is based on an economy that no longer exists and that crashes when the actual economy crashes. But their proposal was actually just a massive tax cut, with a few minor reforms thrown in as window dressing. Two years earlier, the Taxation Realignment Commission compiled an impressive report about the problems with our tax code and sent it to a Legislature that had ordered the study but made clear that it had no intention of acting on the findings. And it didn't. Before that ... oh, they're all running together now, but there was a reform effort that got perverted into the now-infamous Act 388 that eliminated residential property taxes for schools and replaced them with a sales tax increase that brought in less money, and one before that that got hijacked in the GOP takeover of the House and turned into the state's first big property tax cut. And a couple more in between.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press : SCE&G announces \$1M donation to help needy pay utility bills

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

SC State Wire

South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. is providing \$1 million toward helping poor, elderly and disabled customers pay their utility bills. SCE&G announced Monday its donation to The Salvation Army of the Carolinas. The nonprofit's regional offices in Aiken, Beaufort, Charleston, Columbia and Orangeburg will distribute the money. Eligible customers can get up to \$500 annually to pay their bills. The utility has no estimate for how long the money will last. Maj. Tom Loudon with The Salvation Army says the money will help keep people healthy, safe and in their homes. SCE&G also announced donating \$250,000 to Meals on Wheels. Hundreds of seniors statewide are on waiting lists for the home-delivered meals. The utility provides electricity to about 706,000 homes and natural gas to 352,000 homes in South Carolina.

Post and Courier: S.C. gas prices still up following pipeline repair

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160926/160929563/sc-gas-prices-still-up-following-pipeline-repair>

Warren L. Wise

Gasoline prices nudged up another couple of pennies a gallon during the past week across South Carolina following the repair of a major fuel pipeline in Alabama that ruptured earlier this month. The price at the pump now averages \$2.09 a gallon across the Palmetto State, according to gas price service GasBuddy. Motor club AAA puts the price 2 cents higher. Nationally, the price dropped just under a penny a gallon to \$2.20, according to both gas price services. Late September is normally the time of year when gas prices fall as summer demand wanes and refineries switch to less expensive winter blends, but the fracturing of the Colonial Pipeline that runs from Houston to New York sent prices soaring across the Southeast, and especially across the Upstate, through which the 36-inch fuel line passes.

Associated Press : Plea change scheduled in UH Stevie Wonder concert blunder

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

SC State Wire

A man accused of scamming the University of Hawaii out of \$200,000 for a Stevie Wonder concert that never happened is scheduled to change his plea. According to court records, Marc Hubbard is scheduled to change his plea Tuesday. He pleaded not guilty in 2013 to a wire fraud charge.

Authorities say the North Carolina concert promoter claimed he had connections to secure Wonder for a fundraiser for the university's athletic department. The school paid a \$200,000 deposit, began selling tickets and then learned neither Wonder nor his representatives authorized a show. The failed concert was dubbed the "Wonder Blunder." Court records say Hubbard previously pleaded guilty in South Carolina and New York to wire fraud and conspiracy charges. He's also facing sentencing for similar charges in Pennsylvania.

Local News:

Independent Mail: Family of Pat Charles Mackey seeks Anderson mayor's aid

<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/local/2016/09/26/family-pat-charles-mackey-seeks-anderson-mayors-aid/91123682/>

Nikie Mayo

The family of Pat Charles Mackey met with Anderson Mayor Terence Roberts late Monday to ask him for help in getting information about Mackey's fatal shooting. Mackey, 57, was shot July 27 in Iva during a dispute with his neighbor, according to the Anderson County Sheriff's Office. Mackey's neighbor has not been charged, and investigators have refused to disclose his identity. Sheriff's investigators say they believe Mackey died because of a property dispute. But Mackey's family believes that his death is linked to "racism and adultery," said Greenville activist Traci Fant. The family says that Mackey, a black man, had been bothered by his white neighbor multiple times over the years before Mackey was killed. Mackey's sister, Mary Mackey-Simpson, also said that her brother was having an affair with a white woman before he died.

Associated Press: Lexington sheriff's deputies capture escaped suspect

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0EY8WESC

SC State Wire

Lexington County sheriff's deputies have captured a suspect who escaped from a hospital while he was being checked for injuries. Deputies told local media that 37-year-old Corey Jorell Eaglin ran away from the Lexington Medical Center on Monday. About a dozen deputies took part in the search and Eaglin was recaptured several hours later. Eaglin had been arrested following a domestic violence complaint. The sheriff's department said Eaglin also had three outstanding warrants on drug charges. Deputies say he now faces additional charges. It was not clear if he has an attorney.

The State: Lexington Sheriff's Department locates escaped detainee

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article104290676.html>

Noah Feit

After several hours at large, the Lexington County Sheriff's Department located a detainee who ran away from Lexington Medical Center Monday. Corey Jorell Eaglin, 37, ran away after being arrested in the morning following a domestic violence incident, according to the Lexington County Sheriff's Department, which reported a lead from the community led to Eaglin's location. In addition to the domestic violence arrest, Eaglin also has three outstanding warrants related to drug charges, according to the sheriff's department, adding more charges are pending. When he ran away, Eaglin was wearing a hospital gown, black undergarments and a colostomy bag, according to the sheriff's department, adding Eaglin's missing the lower portion of an arm and has one eye.

The State: Thieves hit Irmo boat dealer with slick operation, owner says

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article104225316.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

Thieves broke into a Richland County boat dealer late Saturday and made off with equipment worth up to \$200,000. The owners, Lauren and David Evans, beefed up security at Carolina Inboard after break-ins at other dealers around Lake Murray in March. But the latest theft at the Irmo dealer last weekend circumvented it all and made off with seven motors and electronic technology from three watercraft, Lauren Evans said. "They cut all of our security cameras," she said. "They hung a jacket over our flood lights. We have a truck that we normally park in front of the gate so no one can get in – they cut the clutch on it and rolled it back so they could get their equipment in." The thieves blocked a motion-sensing camera pointed at the front door of the dealership. Two of the most expensive boats were out front. The owners found them hauled around back and said that motion wasn't caught on camera.

The State: Violent crime rates up in the Midlands, nationwide <http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article104303281.html>

Cynthia Roldan

Richland and Lexington counties were the most violent last year since 2011, according to federal crime reports released Monday. Bucking a trend of declining rates in recent years, Richland's violent crime has gone up 16 percent while Lexington has increased about 10 percent when compared to 2014, according to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports. The percentages, however, only tell a part of the story. In numbers alone, 2,357 violent crimes were committed in Richland County in 2015, 374 more than the prior year. Lexington County saw a boost of 60 violent crimes, coming in at 578 in 2015. Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said it's unrealistic to see population of grow and not expect crimes to rise as well.

Sun News: Horry council considers mandatory 72-hours in jail, counseling for drug overdoses <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article104222196.html>

Audrey Hudson

Drug users who overdose on narcotics would face jail time and mandatory treatment for substance abuse under new legal action proposed Monday by County Council Chairman Mark Lazarus. Lazarus asked the county legal team, police and sheriff's office to determine what laws need to be passed to mandate a 72-hour holding period in jail, citing the growing number of heroin use and repeat overdoses emergency officials are experiencing. "There's no consequences for those people that are overdosing on this, and we're just putting them right back out in the street," Lazarus said during the council's Public Safety Committee meeting. "We've even had incidents where, 10 or 11 hours later, we've gone back and (treated) the same person again or the person in their party," Lazarus said. County emergency personnel are equipped with Narcon, a nasal spray that resuscitates victims who have overdosed on heroin and other narcotics, and say current projections predict Narcon will be used more than 1,000 times this year.

Post and Courier: Second C of C fraternity closes after misconduct allegations <http://www.postandcourier.com/20160926/160929534/second-c-of-c-fraternity-closes-after-misconduct-allegations->

Deanna Pan

A second fraternity at the College of Charleston has closed this year after allegations surfaced of misconduct and criminal behavior. Members of the college's Kappa Alpha Order decided to close their 112-year-old chapter, college and fraternity officials confirmed Monday. "This was not a decision made lightly," Sarah Jane Franciscus, the college's director of fraternity and sorority life, wrote in an email to Greek life members. "While this news might be shocking to many of you, as it was for many involved, we do ask that you respect the decision made by the students as they move forward with

their collegiate careers and status as alumni of the Kappa Alpha Order."Franciscus' email did not specify why the fraternity members decided to close their chapter. A C of C spokesman was unable to answer questions Monday about the fraternity's decision.

Associated Press: College of Charleston fraternity closes, the 2nd this year

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=X6OLVEjU

SC State Wire

Another fraternity at the College of Charleston has closed amid allegations of misconduct. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/2cxLE46ict>) that college and fraternity officials confirmed Monday that the Kappa Alpha Order chapter has closed. The newspaper reported over the summer about a drug ring operating in Charleston that involved networks of current and former students. One man arrested was a former president of the Kappa Alpha Order chapter. The fraternity's national office launched a review and a spokesman said members of the chapter agreed to close last week. The chapter will reopen with new members no earlier than 2018. The chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi also closed after a student told police she was raped at an off-campus party. Two members of that fraternity were later charged.

The State: Richland deputies investigating pepper spray incident on school bus

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article104271386.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

Richland County deputies are investigating after a 14-year-old student allegedly used pepper spray on a school bus Monday afternoon. The girl told deputies it was an accident, sheriff's spokesman Lt. Curtis Wilson said. Investigators will view the school bus video to find out what exactly happened, he said. Deputies responded to the intersection of Overpond Road and Springpond Road around 3:30 p. m. EMS also responded. The bus was dropping students off from Dent Middle School, which is in Richland 2 school district. There were 30 students on the bus at the time. Four of them received medical treatment, Wilson said.

The State: Books for boys program kicks off Tuesday at MLK Park

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article104296711.html>

Clif Leblanc

The Mayor's Books 2 Boys initiative kicks off Tuesday at a city park in Five Points. Mayor Steve Benjamin along with the Richland Library, the city's Parks and Recreation Department and local athletic celebrities will be at the 4 p.m. at Martin Luther King Park "If we can make reading as popular or as fun as sports, we'll change boys' outlook and futures," Benjamin said Monday. Similar to a book fair, boys in grades one through five may choose from about 1,500 books and will be set up by age group. The mayor's office is paying for and coordinating with librarians to pick books of interest to boys of that age. Richland Library will also provide drawstring book bags and other reading materials. University of South Carolina men's basketball coach Frank Martin will be joined by former professional football player and local TV sports anchor Corey Miller.

Sun News: Court order halts some of the work being done on International Drive

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article104246591.html>

Audrey Hudson

A federal court has issued a temporary restraining order on certain construction work along International Drive, including prohibitions on filling wetlands or cutting down certain trees. The order issued Friday in the U.S. District Court of South Carolina in Florence was reached after discussions with Horry County officials and environmentalists seeking to block construction, according to Judge

R. Bryan Harwell. Construction can continue, but is limited. The order says the county cannot perform any more filling, physical work or alteration in any wetlands in the project right of way which have not been filled as of Friday, Harwell wrote in his order. The county is blocked from removing or clearing any trees larger than six inches in diameter. The county can still remove damaged or unhealthy trees if it poses a safety hazard.

Associated Press : North Charleston launches tourism website

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

SC State Wire

When people think about visiting the South Carolina coast, Charleston, Myrtle Beach and the Beaufort area generally come to mind. But North Charleston wants folks to know what it has to offer, so it's launched a new tourism website. The site, www.visitnorthcharleston.com, provides information about an array of attractions from shopping to attractions. Visitors to the site can find out about sights ranging from the lab where the Confederate submarine Hunley is being restored to the Charleston Navy Base Memorial and events at the North Charleston Coliseum. There's also information about the Park Circle dining district, the Tanger Outlet Mall and the city performing arts center. The Charleston International Airport is located in North Charleston and the city has 7,000 hotel and motel rooms.

Post and Courier: City of North Charleston launches tourism website

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160926/160929549/city-of-north-charleston-launches-tourism-website>

Dave Munday

North Charleston has more hotel rooms than anywhere else in the Lowcountry, and the city is working to keep more visitors from running off to Charleston and the beaches. A new tourism website designed to show visitors stuff to do in North Charleston went live last week. It's called [visitnorthcharleston.com](http://www.visitnorthcharleston.com). Charleston gets all the attention as an international tourist destination, but North Charleston has more hotel rooms. Many of the visitors are there for Charleston, but others are staying in North Charleston for business or in between cities while traveling. "With the city's centralized location, being home to the Charleston International Airport, and over 7,000 hotel rooms, North Charleston is the perfect hub for travelers," city spokesman Ryan Johnson said.

Post and Courier: Sales tax referendum has new supporters and foes

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160926/160929537/sales-tax-referendum-has-new-supporters-and-foes>

Diane Knich

As details change about how money from Charleston County's half-cent sales tax referendum would be used, so do the lists of those supporting and opposing it. Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg and the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce had been on the fence about the proposed \$2.1 billion transportation and green space plan that will appear on the Nov. 8 ballot. Now they support it, largely because it includes a path forward for the completion of Interstate 526 across Johns and James islands. But connecting the referendum to the controversial highway extension has cost the support of the Coastal Conservation League, a nonprofit advocacy group heavily engaged in local and state environmental issues. The alliances began shifting after a Sept. 15 letter from Tecklenburg and County Council Chairman Elliott Summey to the S.C. Transportation Infrastructure Bank board.

The Herald: Rock Hill enacts smoking ban in public parks

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article104345846.html>

David Thackham

Smokers will no longer be able to light up in public parks, courtesy of a decision Monday by the Rock Hill City Council. In a 4-2 vote, the council approved the second reading and adoption of a proposal that bans smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes, in all parks owned and operated by the city. The decision required no discussion by the council, and no one spoke to the council prior to the vote. Two weeks earlier, the council approved the first reading of the proposal with a 4-3 vote in favor of the ban. Much of the council's discussion then was about individual liberty versus public health. The ordinance represents another step in the city's efforts to regulate smoking. In 2009, the council banned smoking in all enclosed spaces such as schools, businesses and city property. Smoking is also prohibited in city-owned vehicles. Both bans apply to traditional cigarettes and e-cigarettes.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press : Cheers and jeers: Americans tune into Trump-Clinton debate

<http://bigstory.ap.org/30db3a3b65004f4ea4afcb0e9d2b2a34>

Adam Kealoha Causey and Michaelle Rindels

From senior centers to college campuses and bars featuring campaign-themed cocktails, Americans laughed, cheered and jeered through the first debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. Viewers tuned in Monday on their TVs, cellphones and radios to watch and listen to the showdown between the two major presidential candidates. Here are some of the scenes across the U.S. as people watched the event...

Associated Press: Clinton puts Trump on the defensive in combative debate

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2c6ec44ef6c44537948051c7cc15b732>

Julie Pace and Jill Colvin

Donald Trump aggressively tried to pin the nation's economic and national security problems on Hillary Clinton in the first presidential debate, belittling the former senator and secretary of state as a "typical politician" incapable of delivering the change many Americans crave. But Trump found himself on the defensive for much of the 90-minute showdown Monday night. Clinton was thoroughly prepared, not only with detailed answers about her own policy proposals, but also sharp criticism of Trump's business record, his past statements about women, and his false assertions that President Barack Obama may not have been born in the United States. She said his charges about Obama were part of his pattern of "racist behavior." The Democrat also blasted Trump for his refusal to release his tax returns, breaking with decades of presidential campaign tradition. She declared, "There's something he's hiding."

Associated Press : Analysis: In debate, Clinton was prepared, Trump was Trump

<http://bigstory.ap.org/27e77ce4125c4221a72adee419ca67a1>

Kathleen Hennessey

She was at her best. He was not at his worst. Weeks of Super Bowl-style hype aside, Monday night's 90 minutes of heated clashes between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump probably didn't shove many undecided voters off the fence. If Clinton aimed to push her famously unpredictable opponent into a made-for-sharing disqualifying moment, she didn't quite get there. If Trump set out to show America — particularly women — he's completed the transformation from cartoonish pop culture staple to leader worthy of the Oval Office, he still has a way to go. But in a debate full of feisty exchanges and a personal scuffle or two, the candidates demonstrated clearly how they've gotten this far. Clinton was polished, prepared and proud of it — a Hermione Granger at a podium. She came with sharp and practiced answers, most notably a newly direct one for the questions about her private email server that has dogged her candidacy for months. She grinned broadly and calmly, even when under fire,

and she mocked but only gently the man she called "Donald."

Associated Press: AP FACT CHECK: Trump, Clinton deny their own words in debate

<http://bigstory.ap.org/560e01766d0c4962a11f528af53c81a3>

Christopher S. Rugaber and Jeff Horwitz

Donald Trump's habit of peddling hype and fabrication emerged unabated in the first presidential debate while Hillary Clinton played it cautiously in her statements, though not without error. They both denied making statements that they are on the record as saying. A look at some of the claims in the debate and how they compare with the facts...

Associated Press: Reaction around the world to first Trump-Clinton debate

<http://bigstory.ap.org/9459ee3ac7a04eaea17438f8a8dac7b6>

Views from around the world on Monday's first U.S. presidential debate between Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump...

National News:

Associated Press : Key government witness to testify for 3rd day in bridge case

<http://bigstory.ap.org/61d99973484a45ee900c508dea109d2e>

A jury is scheduled to hear for a third day from a key government witness in the George Washington Bridge lane-closing trial. David Wildstein testified Monday about receiving an email from Republican Gov. Chris Christie's deputy chief of staff in 2013 that said it was "time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee. Wildstein said that set in motion a plan to punish the town's Democratic mayor for not endorsing Christie. Wildstein pleaded guilty in 2015 and cooperated with the government. He might testify Tuesday about a Sept. 11 memorial event in which he and defendant Bill Baroni bragged in Christie's presence about the ongoing traffic problems they'd created. Christie hasn't been charged and says he wasn't aware of the traffic issue until weeks after they happened.

World News:

Associated Press: Colombia embarks on path to peace with historic accord

<http://bigstory.ap.org/b6ba1d87094345cb897ff9dbb2d38885>

Joshua Goodman and Andrea Rodriguez

After a half-century of combat that spilled blood across this South American nation, Colombians have embarked on a new, but difficult path to settle their political differences with the signing of a historic peace accord between the government and leftist rebels. The first test after Monday's signing is a weekend referendum in which voters are being asked to ratify or reject the deal. If it passes, as expected, Colombia will move on to the thornier and still uncertain task of reconciliation. President Juan Manuel Santos and Rodrigo Londono, top commander of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, formally signed the agreement before a crowd of 2,500 foreign dignitaries and special guests, including U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

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