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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley orders agencies to inventory state phones, vehicles
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SC State Wire

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has ordered her Cabinet agencies to audit employees' use of taxpayer-funded phones, computers and vehicles. The executive order requires the agencies to complete their inventory and report any potential savings by Dec. 31. It specifies the review must include cellphones, landline phones, desktop printers, laptops and state vehicles. Asked whether there are allegations or suspicions of misuse, Haley spokeswoman Chaney Adams said Tuesday the effort is to ensure agencies know what they have and use those resources efficiently. The order signed last week applies only to the 16 Cabinet agencies that report to the governor. The effort follows an inventory of all state property that took several years. Haley said in 2014 she next wanted an inventory of how many vehicles and cellphones agencies own.

The Herald: SC Gov. Haley hails York Co. man's 'inspiring' free fireworks display
<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article89077482.html>
Andrew Dys

Some say nothing big ever happens in tiny Hickory Grove. They are wrong. In the tiny rural western York County town of 467 people, one man's free fireworks show that promoted unity, togetherness, and community has been noticed by South Carolina's most famous of its four million-plus people. Gov. Nikki Haley. "The governor thanked me!" said Wesley White. "How cool is that?" Haley read a column on heraldonline.com about White's free fireworks show on July 4 where White invites everybody. Everybody meaning black and white, rich and poor. A warehouse worker, White, 29, spends \$3,000 of his own money to put on the yearly show to show love for country, community, and each other. Haley sent an official letter, personally signed and hand-written saying "South Carolina appreciates you!" Haley wrote to thank White for "inspiring us all," and promoting "unity" and "joy." Haley praised White for bringing people together in times where there is so much divisiveness. The letter arrived in the mail Monday and White's family rushed it to his job for him to see.

Joplin Globe: South Carolina governor campaigns for Missouri gubernatorial candidate Hanaway
http://www.joplinglobe.com/news/local_news/south-carolina-governor-campaigns-for-missouri-gubernatorial-candidate-hanaway/article_55b103b3-db1a-52ff-b585-308fb35bb8b9.html
Crystal Thomas

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley jump-started gubernatorial candidate Catherine Hanaway's "Show Me Jobs" tour Monday, stumping for her at a private fundraiser in Carthage. Serving her second term as governor, Haley is considered to be a star within the GOP, giving the Republican response to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address in January. Haley knows the value of a good endorsement. In 2010, weeks before South Carolina's multicandidate primary, Sarah Palin endorsed her, boosting Haley to a win. With three other contenders, Hanaway faces a similarly crowded race. She is former prosecutor and former speaker of the Missouri House. After the fundraiser, Haley said she hasn't endorsed any other candidates this year. Racial unrest, she said, was "one of the issues that made me focus in on Missouri."

Greenville News: Tower International adding 140 jobs in new Fountain Inn facility

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/2016/07/12/tower-international-adding-140-jobs-new-fountain-inn-facility/86993268/>

Amanda Coyne

Automotive component manufacturer Tower International will add 140 jobs in its first Upstate facility. That facility will be built in Fountain Inn with a \$75 million investment from Tower. Tower International has its headquarters in Livonia, Michigan, and has 7,000 employees across North America and Europe. The new Fountain Inn facility will be at the Southchase Business Park and is expected to begin operations in September 2017. Hiring will occur throughout 2017, and interested applicants can go to the company's career page, towerinternational.com/careers. This represents more jobs and capital investment than anticipated by Tower International when the project was announced seven months ago. Then, the company projected it would invest \$44 million and hire 130 people.

NOTE: "Tower International adds to the automotive competitiveness of the Greenville landscape and we are proud to welcome them to the community," said Greenville County Council Chairman Bob Taylor in a press release from Gov. Nikki Haley's office.

SC after Dallas Shootings:

The State: Columbia mayor Benjamin travels to Dallas for shooting memorial

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article89045377.html>

Bristow Marchant

Mayor Steve Benjamin will join a delegation of mayors taking part in a memorial service Tuesday for victims of last week's shooting in Dallas. Columbia's mayor will attend the service with other representatives of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Benjamin is currently the conference's second vice president. Benjamin will be joined at the service by Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett and New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu to show their sympathy for Dallas's Mayor Mike Rawlings. President Barack Obama and former President George W. Bush will also speak during the memorial. Last Thursday, a gunman opened fire on Dallas police officers at the end of a protest against officer-involved shootings, killing five and wounding 11 others, before the shooter was killed by police.

"Losing a first responder is always painful, and it is difficult to imagine what Mayor Rawlings and the City of Dallas are going through right now," Benjamin said in a statement ahead of the visit, "but I want to show the support the City of Columbia and I have for their community."

Post and Courier: Charleston County deputies traveling to Dallas for officers' funerals

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160712/160719832/charleston-county-deputies-traveling-to-dallas-for-officers-funerals>

Dave Munday

The Charleston County Sheriff's Office is sending members of its Honor Guard Unit to Dallas for the fallen officers' funerals. The deputies are going "to demonstrate support for our brothers and sisters in the law enforcement community in Dallas," according to an announcement from the Sheriff's Office. They will present the signatures of deputies to their fellow officers. They will return by the end of the week. Four Dallas police officers and a transit police officer were shot to death Thursday night by a sniper at a peaceful rally protesting police shooting black men.

Greenville News: Solutions sought as protests continue downtown

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/07/11/solutions-sought-protests-continue-downtown/86954926/>

Nathaniel Car, Michael Burns, and Elizabeth LaFleur

Groups across Greenville County sought to bring solutions and attention Monday to the unrest that's gripped the region following the deaths of two men at the hands of police officers last week and the ensuing ambush that killed five officers in Dallas, allegedly at the hands of a black man who targeted police. Some who have protested publicly in downtown Greenville announced intentions to sit down

with leaders to craft plans and make requests for changes to how law enforcement officers approach interactions with African-Americans. Some called for local police to quickly begin the use of body cameras and some called on the city of Greenville and the county to create citizen-led panels with independent investigators to review significant use-of-force cases by law enforcement. Some simply knelt down to pray.

Greenville News: Third night of protests ends in prayer

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/07/11/third-night-protests-ends-prayer/86973100/>

Elizabeth LaFleur

A crowd of about 50 bowed their heads and held hands at the entrance to Falls Park Monday night. The group was lead in prayer by Pastor Brandon Greene. Greene prayed that each of them would make it home safely. It was a peaceful end to a third night of protests in downtown Greenville. It was the first march down Main Street since Saturday night when a march and rally culminated in the arrests of five demonstrators. The crowd marched from Falls Park up Main Street to NOMA Square, stopping at intersections along the way to chant "Black Lives Matter". There were no incidents and no arrests during the 90 minute march.

Associated Press: Fire department captain fired over posts about protesters

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

SC State Wire

A fire department captain in South Carolina's capital has been dismissed for posting on social media that he would run over protesters if they were still blocking traffic when his shift ended. News media outlets report that Capt. Jimmy Morris, a 16-year veteran of the department, was fired Monday over Facebook posts about Black Lives Matter protesters. Protesters closed an intersection near the Statehouse and prompted the closing of a small section of Interstate 126, a thoroughfare into Columbia, late Sunday. There were no arrests, injuries or property damage reported. The protests came after blacks were killed by police in Minnesota and Louisiana and white officers were gunned down in Dallas.

The State: Columbia Fire Department captain fired for threatening posts

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article88995367.html>

Noah Feit and John Monk

A 16-year Columbia Fire Department captain was fired Monday from his \$53,722-a-year job for making threatening remarks against people in a Black Lives Matter protest that on Sunday night closed down a major interstate corridor into Columbia, city officials said Monday. Capt. Jimmy Morris, a firefighter at the North Main Street Fire Station, was fired Monday after city officials learned he had made two Facebook posts in which he threatened to do harm to protesters if they got in his way. On Sunday night, in apparent reaction to a S.C. Secessionist Party raising the Confederate flag in a legally-sanctioned public event at the State House that afternoon, the Black Lives Matter movement staged a counter protest that resulted in the I-126 corridor being blocked on the stretch between the Greystone Boulevard and Huger and Elmwood street exits.

NOTE: In response, just before 10 p.m., Morris posted, "Idiots shutting down I-126. Better not be there when I get off work or there is gonna be some run over dumb asses."

NOTE: About an hour later, Morris added another post. "Public Service Announcement: If you attempt to shut down an interstate, highway, etc on my way home, you best hope I'm not one of the first vehicles in line because your ass WILL get run over! Period! That is all..."

The State: Gangs disrupted Black Lives Matter march, Richland sheriff says

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article89069607.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

After a Black Lives Matter march in Columbia on Sunday, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said the otherwise-peaceful event was disrupted by gangs. Lott said members from multiple gangs came to the protest around 9 p.m., causing some verbal and physical altercations. He and other law

enforcement officers recognized they were gang members on sight, Lott said. He declined to say how many gang members were present but said officers had no indication ahead of time that gang members were going to attend. Lott emphasized that gang members inserted themselves to be disruptive to police, and that was not the protesters' intent. "What (protesters) were doing was being hijacked by gangs for their use," he said. "It didn't have anything to do with the Black Lives Matter effort." He said the gang members did not attend in order to fight each other. No injuries and arrests were reported from the protest, but Lott said law enforcement allowed the protesters and gang members to sort issues out on their own. The march drew about 800 people in total, according to law enforcement.

Greenville News: SC shootings with 4 or more victims up since Emanuel murders

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/07/12/sc-shootings-4-more-victims-up-since-emanuel-murders/86810450/>

Tim Smith

South Carolina shootings in which at least four people have been injured or killed have increased since the murders of nine people at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston last summer, according to a review of records by The Greenville News. The Charleston murders, which shocked the state and nation, were seen as unique because of the number of victims killed, the randomness of the act and what authorities said was the racist motive involved. A flurry of gun-control legislation was pushed or filed after the murders and the state was praised for the way it addressed the shootings with prayers, talk of racial reconciliation, forgiveness by the victims' families and the removal of the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds. But shootings involving multiple victims were not unique to the state before the Charleston murders and have only increased since, according to a review of records in the Gun Violence Archive, a national research database of such crimes.

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press: Alleged black church shooter to argue mental illness

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=LqGF0RwV

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Attorneys for a man who faces the death penalty in the shooting deaths of nine parishioners at Charleston's Emmanuel AME Church say they will present evidence that he suffers a mental illness. Attorneys filed a notice Monday that they plan to introduce the evidence during the sentencing phase of Dylann Roof's federal trial. The 22-year-old Roof stands trial in federal court in November for hate crimes and other charges in the June 2015 shootings at the church. He also faces nine murder charges in state court in a death-penalty trial set for January. There is a hearing in the state case on Wednesday and a hearing in the federal case next week.

Post and Courier: Defense confirms plan to show mental defect in Dylann Roof trial

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160711/160719879/defense-confirms-plan-to-show-mental-defect-in-dylann-roof-trial>

Andrew Knapp

Defense lawyers plan to provide evidence of a mental condition when a federal jury discusses Dylann Roof's fate, court filings stated Monday. Roof, who is white, would face the death penalty if convicted of certain charges in the June 2015 shooting deaths of nine black worshippers at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston. In hopes of getting a lifetime prison sentence for the 22-year-old, his defense team can show the jurors evidence of mitigating factors. Monday's filing confirmed that the attorneys plan to present testimony and documentation of a "mental disease or defect or any other mental condition." The development was expected. Lawyers defending Roof from a separate murder case in state court already have said that experts are doing a mental health evaluation. That trial, set to start in January, had been delayed so the examination could be finished.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: Heightened security for RNC but S.C. delegates say they have nothing to fear
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160712/160719811/heightened-security-for-rnc-but-sc-delegates-say-they-have-nothing-to-fear>

Emma Dumain

The recent unrest around the country is prompting law enforcement officials to amp up security in Cleveland for next week's Republican National Convention. But there's no reason for South Carolinian delegates to be too concerned, said Glenn McCall — RNC national committeeman representing South Carolina and vice-chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, which handles convention logistics. "I would say that security is going to be fine," McCall told The Post and Courier on Tuesday. "Everything will be secure around the convention hall and we'll have the authorities here, including Secret Service and other agencies." He added, "I am confident our delegates and guests will definitely feel secure." McCall cited Cleveland police's handling of the citywide celebration of the Cavaliers' National Basketball Association championship last month as proof local law enforcement is up to the task of mass crowd control.

Associated Press: State investigating injury to congressman's niece

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0TsSrL7E

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The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is investigating after U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford's niece's foot was apparently injured in an incident involving the congressman. A Beaufort County Sheriff's Department report shows the injury occurred on a dock at Coosaw Plantation, the Sanford family farm, June 18. But the report, in which many of the details are blacked out, did not specifically describe the injury or who contacted deputies. The report did say an unidentified complainant requested a meeting with law officers regarding the incident and that it involved Sanford.

Post and Courier: SLED looking into incident at Sanford family farm

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160711/160719846/sled-looking-into-incident-at-sanford-family-farm>

Schuyler Kropf

The State Law Enforcement Division has opened a preliminary inquiry into an incident in which a niece of U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford was reportedly injured last month on the Sanford family property known as Coosaw Plantation in Beaufort County. "We will review the facts that have been presented to us to determine if a criminal law may have been violated," SLED spokesman Thom Berry confirmed Monday. The SLED inquiry comes at the request of the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, which last month filed a deputy report that discussed the niece being injured in an "incident that occurred with her uncle, Mark Sanford." The report, provided to The Post and Courier on Monday, was heavily redacted of names or in identifying the complainant. The incident reportedly occurred June 18, but the sheriff's office didn't get involved until three days later.

Island Packet: SLED looking into injury allegations involving Mark Sanford

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/article88978362.html>

Rebecca Lurye

A niece of U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford was reportedly injured during an incident at Coosaw Plantation, the Sanford family's farm, prompting a report to the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office. The report includes scant details and is redacted, including the name of who filed it. It does state that on June 18, an incident occurred on a dock involving Sanford and the girl that result in unspecified injuries. The niece was taken several days later to Sea Island Pediatrics in Beaufort. On June 21, the incident was reported to deputies, who interviewed the girl, took photos of her injuries and received her medical records. The sheriff's office forwarded the report to the S.C. Law Enforcement Division to "avoid any appearance of impropriety," because Sheriff P.J. Tanner and Sanford both have ties to the Beaufort County Republican Party, said Capt. Bob Bromage, spokesman for the sheriff's office.

Associated Press: Solicitors now assign domestic abusers to treatment

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

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Prosecutors in South Carolina now have the sole authority to assign those convicted of domestic abuse to treatment programs. In the past, solicitors had to get approval from the state Department of Social Services. But the Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/29vaS1Y>) that an order issued Monday by Chief Justice Costa Pleicones (Pluh-KON-Us) gives that authority to prosecutors. The change comes after the state passed domestic violence reform last year. Prosecutors will also provide a list of treatment programs to magistrates and municipal judges who sentence those convicted of domestic violence. Laura Hudson with the South Carolina Crime Victims' Council says the change gives prosecutors more control and will help in better reporting of domestic abuse in the state.

Post and Courier: Solicitors to recommend treatment for those convicted of domestic violence

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160711/160719866/solicitors-to-recommend-treatment-for-those-convicted-of-domestic-violences>

Maya T. Prabhu

The S.C. Supreme Court gave solicitors the sole authority to assign batterers convicted of domestic violence to a treatment program instead of getting approval from the state Department of Social Services. The order, issued Monday by Chief Justice Costa Pleicones, reinforces steps taken when the state passed its landmark domestic violence reform last year. A key change is that it relieves DSS from having to approve batterer treatment programs. Solicitors will provide a list of programs available to magistrates and municipal court judges to use when sentencing anyone convicted of domestic violence. Sara Barber, executive director with S.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, said she hopes solicitors will adopt minimum guidelines when suggesting treatment. "It makes me nervous when we have no guidelines at all," Barber said. "It would be helpful for there to be some guidelines around training and accountability."

McClatchy DC: In Senate speech, Sen. Scott stresses most police are 'true American heroes'

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/congress/article88998707.html>

Vera Bergengruen

Sen. Tim Scott took to the Senate floor on Monday evening to call for unity and speak in support of law enforcement after five police officers in Dallas were killed last week by a gunman who said he wanted to kill white officers as payback for police shootings of black men. "In what appears to be one man's warped mind, retribution became his answer to frustration," the South Carolina Republican said. "We must not become a society where revenge is the rule of the day." Scott will be giving a series of three speeches over the course of the week. While a speech scheduled for Wednesday will focus on issues with law enforcement and his perspective as an African American male, according to his office, on Monday he just had one message.

Post and Courier: Sen. Tim Scott: Angry, hurting 'American family' needs to sit down, talk

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160711/160719847/sen-tim-scott-angry-hurting-american-family-needs-to-sit-down-talk>

Emma Dumain

Last Friday, U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., went home reeling from the events of the previous days. Two black men, Alton Sterling and Philando Castile, were shot and killed by policemen in Baton Rouge and St. Paul. Hours later, a lone sniper killed five law enforcement officers during a peaceful "Black Lives Matter" demonstration in Dallas. "Pain and agony" were words that Scott, the only black Republican in South Carolina's congressional delegation, used to describe his own emotional state. In an interview with The Post and Courier on Monday, Scott said he was "surprised" his GOP colleagues didn't release statements or comment publicly on the deaths of Sterling or Castile, yet held moments of silence to commemorate the police officer victims of the Dallas shooting. All these emotions were ultimately what compelled Scott over the weekend to call his staff and declare: "Listen,

we've got to do something.”

McClatchy DC: How would South Carolina's economy fare under Trump's trade policies?

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/election/article88931672.html>

Vera Bergengruen

Donald Trump's tough talk on trade – vowing to rip up international trade deals and stand up against foreign cheating to bring jobs back to Americans – has played a large part in propelling him toward the Republican nomination. It clearly has resonated in South Carolina as well, where he won 32.5 percent of the vote and all 50 delegates in the February primary. But in a state that has heavily leveraged globalization and foreign investment into jobs, many are saying that if economically distressed voters look backward, it could harm the state's economy. “I think there's a bit of a nostalgia sometimes for the jobs the state used to rely on,” said University of South Carolina economics professor William Hauk, explaining how the state “was hammered” a few decades ago by losses to the textile industry. “But many haven't noticed that lots of new jobs are benefiting the state,” he said.

Post and Courier: Charleston VA director discusses wait times, parking

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160712/160719828/charleston-va-director-discusses-wait-times-parking>

Lauren Sausser

Veterans in Charleston are seen more quickly than patients at most VA hospitals, even though some are kept waiting more than a month for specialty appointments, the hospital's director said Tuesday. Patients who need mental health or primary care appointments at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center are actually seen faster than the national average, said director Scott Isaacks, but patients who need neurosurgery, gastrointestinal and dermatology appointments wait longer than they should. Isaacks said he wants to hire more staff to cut these wait times, but the hospital in Charleston has no space to accommodate them. It is “something we're certainly working on here,” he said.

SC Elections:

Post and Courier: House speaker to endorse Berkeley lawmaker

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160712/160719808/house-speaker-to-endorse-berkeley-lawmaker>

Brenda Rindge

State House Speaker Jay Lucas will endorse Rep. Sylleste Davis for House Seat 100 on Friday. Lucas, R-Hartsville, will speak at a campaign event at noon Friday at Gilligan's at the Dock. Davis is running in the special Republican primary on July 19. She is being challenged by Robbie Metts. Davis was sworn in to office last month to fill the unexpired term of former Rep. Eddy Southard, who resigned in April after allegations he sexually harassed a female Statehouse page. In June, he withdrew his name from the November ballot. The winner of Tuesday's primary will face Democrat Tonia Aiken-Taylor on Nov. 8.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: What if our Legislature were unbound by the constraints of the constitution?

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article88968017.html>

Cindi Ross Scope

AFTER THE S.C. Supreme Court ordered the Legislature to provide a decent education to all children, legislators started talking about the need to elect “conservative justices” to the court. Even though there are legitimate questions as to whether the constitution actually requires the Legislature to do more than the insufficient job it has done, it was disturbing to think lawmakers might develop a litmus test for judges, based on their indignation over the court's ruling in Abbeville v. South Carolina. But a decision this spring in a completely unrelated case suggests that the situation is worse than I imagined. It suggests not only that the Legislature has already succeeded in reversing the Abbeville majority but that legislators' goal might have been much broader than that. The goal might actually

have been to neuter a court that finally had become willing to serve as a check on legislative power. To stack the court with old-style justices who are perfectly content to let the Legislature ignore the constraints placed on it by our state constitution.

Greenville News: Editorial: We need to move forward on race

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2016/07/12/editorial-we-need-move-forward-race/86961972/>

Editorial

The past week is evidence that something is broken in America. We need to collectively address race relations and police-community relationships with an open dialogue that considers all perspectives. Last week our nation witnessed the deaths of two African-American men who were shot by police. Those deaths were followed by a massacre in Dallas that killed five police officers following a protest over the earlier deaths. Many of us have read this past week on social media about black parents who fear their sons will not come home if they have an interaction with the police. It is irresponsible to dismiss such fears as unfounded. The very fact that such fears enter a parent's head is something our culture needs to address.

Local News:

Greenville News: Records detail troubling history of deaths, alleged abuse at group homes

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/07/07/records-detail-troubling-history-deaths-alleged-abuse-group-homes/86136850/>

Rick Brundrett

A company with a state contract worth about \$20 Million to look after well-being of some of South Carolina's most vulnerable adults has a troubling record of residents deaths, staff arrests, lawsuits and allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation, according to documents, interviews and recording obtained during a seven-month investigation by the Greenville News.

Associated Press: South Carolina inmate sought, walked from job site

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=iUC8lleC

SC State Wire

Pickens County officials are looking for an inmate who walked off a job site in northwest South Carolina. Authorities told local media outlets that Casey William Gillespie escaped Monday while cutting grass a recycling center in the town of Six Mile, about 30 miles west of Greenville. Gillespie's supervisor reported that he had left the workplace. Gillespie was serving a 90-day sentence for a driving under the influence, having drug paraphernalia and driving under a suspended license. Officials say Gillespie began his sentence June 13th and would have been released July 26.

Greenville News: State inmate escapes in Six Mile area

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/07/11/state-inmate-escapes-six-mile-area/86974510/>

Ron Barnett

A state inmate at the Pickens County Prison escaped from a job site Monday, according to the county. Casey William Gillespie, who was serving a 90-day sentence for a DUI, drug paraphernalia, and driving under a suspended license, was last seen cutting grass at the county's recycling center on Love and Care Road in Six Mile, according to the county. "His supervisor was on the premises and noticed Gillespie was gone," a statement released by the county late Monday says. He was due to be released on July 26. Gillespie's information has been entered into the National Crime Information Center, according to the county.

Aiken Standard: FBI completes investigation into the 2014 North Augusta officer-involved fatal shooting

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160712/160719882/fbi-completes-investigation-into-the-2014-north->

augusta-officer-involved-fatal-shooting-

Maayan Schechter

The FBI Columbia division has completed its civil rights investigation into the actions of former North Augusta police officer Justin Craven for his role in the February 2014 shooting death of a 68-year-old Edgefield County man. Special Agent Michael Stansbury, the acting assistant special agent in charge, confirmed Tuesday the FBI has concluded its investigation into the actions of Craven, and the information is now in the hands of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. It was unclear when the FBI handed over its investigation to the Department of Justice. The FBI is generally precluded from discussing details of an ongoing investigation. A spokesperson with the Department of Justice confirmed the department does have an open matter regarding the death of Ernest Satterwhite Sr.

The State: Husband, wife arrested for selling counterfeit merchandise at Richland County store

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article89095467.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

Investigators with the Midlands Gang Task Force arrested a husband and wife who they say were selling counterfeit clothing, jewelry and more from a store on River Drive. Police charged Michael Bradley, 44, with trafficking counterfeit merchandise and possession with intent to distribute marijuana. They charged Shea Bradley, 40, with trafficking counterfeit merchandise. The two were arrested July 6 at M&S Wholesale Clothing. Investigators seized 45 boxes containing almost \$200,000, according to the Richland County Sheriff's Department. Investigators found marijuana in a back office of the store, and more counterfeit items – worth \$14,000 – and two handguns at the couple's residence, officials said. The items counterfeited brands such as Gucci, Michael Kors and others.

The State: Tuomey Hospital sues Nexsen Pruet law firm for \$117 million alleging legal malpractice

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article89103092.html>

John Monk

A lawsuit alleging that legal malpractice by Nexsen Pruet law firm caused the destruction of one of the state's most prominent locally owned hospitals, Tuomey Healthcare of Sumter, was filed Tuesday in state court in Sumter County. The lawsuit seeks \$117 million in damages for legal havoc allegedly wreaked by "misleading and reckless" advice by Columbia-headquartered Nexsen Pruet, one of the state's largest law firms, according to legal papers. Relying on Nexsen Pruet's advice caused the hospital in 2013 to lose a federal whistleblower lawsuit that resulted in a jury finding that the hospital had defrauded the federal government over false Medicare and other claims and owed \$237.4 million in fines and damages, the lawsuit said. In response, Nexsen Pruet board chairman Leighton Lord on Tuesday released this statement: "We have not yet seen the lawsuit filed today, but Nexsen Pruet is proud to have represented Tuomey for more than 20 years.

Post and Courier: Rev. Norvel Goff withdraws bid for bishop, endorses Columbia pastor

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160711/160719862/rev-norvel-goff-withdraws-bid-for-bishop-endorses-columbia-pastor>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

The Rev. Norvel Goff, former interim pastor of Emanuel AME Church, withdrew his bid Monday to become a bishop in the AME Church after garnering fewer votes than two other candidates from South Carolina in early voting. Sources confirmed that Goff threw his support behind the Rev. Ronnie Brailsford, pastor of Bethel AME in Columbia, who was elected bishop in a later round of voting. The withdrawal means Goff remains presiding elder overseeing more than 30 churches in South Carolina, including Emanuel AME in Charleston. He served as interim pastor of the grief-stricken church after its pastor and eight other worshippers were gunned down in its fellowship hall last summer. The denominations's general conference, which meets every four years, voted Monday in Philadelphia to fill six bishop seats.

Associated Press: Resort Ruckus: Dispute continues over subdivided condos

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

SC State Wire

The ruckus on posh Hilton Head Island over subdivided condominiums continues with a town committee suggesting more study of the issue. The Island Packet of Hilton Head reports (<http://bit.ly/29Engkf>) that both supporters and opponents of the units jammed a meeting of the town's Public Safety Committee on Monday. The panel suggested the town staff review the town management ordinance regarding such units. The units are created by caulking or locking doors shut to create multiple residences. Opponents say they are a fire hazard. They also contend they attract criminals because they are rented for low prices by people who don't pay utility bills and can't be tracked. But those who rent such units say criminals can be weeded out through background checks just like renting any other apartment.

Island Packet: Frustration growing over Hilton Head's 'lockout' units

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/business/real-estate-news/article88913417.html>

Teresa Moss

Some Hilton Head Island residents are increasingly frustrated that the town has yet to decide whether controversial "lockout" units should be allowed in condominium complexes. "Regardless of which side you are on, the town needs to tackle this with an authoritative answer," said Jack Daly, president of the Forest Beach Owners Association, where the units have become a hotly debated issue. Monday, both proponents and opponents packed the town's Public Safety Committee meeting to demand a decision on the practice of dividing one rental unit into two or more by locking or caulking a door shut. The subdivided units are common in Oceanwalk Villas near South Forest Beach Drive where many owners turned their condos' mother-in-law suites and second and third bedrooms into separate units years ago to collect more rent. The practice has also been reported at neighboring Xanadu Villas. But instead of a decision, the committee recommended that town staff work with the residents of Oceanwalk Villas in Coligny to find a solution and review the town's land management ordinance regarding lockouts.

The State: Environmental plan for I-73 resurfaces in long-running debate over new Myrtle Beach freeway

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article89074942.html>

Sammy Fretwell

Plans for a new interstate to Myrtle Beach are back on the table with a proposal that would allow road builders to fill hundreds of acres of wetlands for I-73, a multi-billion dollar freeway that has sparked heated debate for years in South Carolina. According to plans, Interstate 73 would fill more than 4,600 feet of streams and more than 300 acres of wetlands between the North Carolina border near Bennettsville and S.C. 22 between Conway and Myrtle Beach. The impact is similar to a 2011 proposal to fill wetlands for the road, but the latest plan contains a new element that I-73 boosters hope will mollify environmental concerns about the project. In seeking a federal wetlands permit for the project, the S.C. Department of Transportation proposes to protect an 11-mile long corridor of wetlands, streams and swamps near the Little Pee Dee River, a state designated scenic waterway that borders Horry County.

Sun News: Parking rates increase at Myrtle Beach airport

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article88971002.html>

Audrey Hudson

Parking rates at Myrtle Beach International Airport lots increased this month as part of a long-term effort to fund construction of a parking garage to accommodate a steady increase of vehicle traffic from tourists and locals. "We need to start banking money now, this is a huge project," said Kirk Lovell, assistant director of Horry County Airports. The new rates were approved by Horry County Council as part of the 2017 fiscal year budget last month, and went into effect July 1. Parking in the economy lot increased from \$7 to \$9 a day, long-term parking rose from a maximum of \$9 to \$12

daily, and short-term parking increased from a maximum of \$15 a day to \$21 a day.

The State: Pokemon GO players 'gotta catch 'em all' in Columbia

<http://www.thestate.com/entertainment/local-events/article89066247.html>

Erin Shaw

Pidgeys are pecking around the University of South Carolina Horseshoe, Pinsirs are scuttling across the Williams-Brice Stadium field, and Poliwhags are swimming around Harbison State Forest. All are Pokemon that players of the game Pokemon GO can capture. Pokémon GO is a new free app available on iOS and Android, where players must physically walk around to find Pokemon. The game has quickly become a craze since it was released in the United States last week. The Washington Post reported that Pokémon Go has already been downloaded more times than the dating app Tinder, and "is rapidly encroaching on Twitter." Here's what people in Columbia are saying about it...

Post and Courier: Charleston-area police caution Pokémon Go game can potentially lead players into trouble

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160712/160719836/charleston-area-police-caution-pokxe9mon-go-game-can-potentially-lead-players-into-trouble>

Melissa Boughton

The Pokémon Go fad is being praised for connecting people who might not otherwise meet, but some of them are after more than digital creatures. Players can be seen walking around like zombies, heads buried in their phone, and unaware of their surroundings. The cellphone game even has a warning as it loads to remind users to stay alert at all times. And police departments are warning about the potential for Pokémon Go players to become victims of crime, with criminals using game beacons to lure players to a location. They also caution against trespassing and attempting to play while driving. The O'Fallon (Missouri) Police Department said Sunday it had arrested four people suspected of multiple armed robberies in which they were targeting people using the app. In Wyoming, a woman found a dead body in a river while hunting the virtual creatures. In Massachusetts, a man's home was turned into a virtual gym where players could battle and he had a line of strangers outside his door.

National News:

Associated Press: 'Far and away the best': Sanders finally endorses Clinton

<http://bigstory.ap.org/66efcd8fe893420b91b2678ff36d42ff>

Ken Thomas and Kathleen Ronayne

With hugs and handshakes, Bernie Sanders endorsed Hillary Clinton for president on Tuesday and emphatically told his supporters their "political revolution" must now turn to electing his Democratic former rival. Sanders bestowed his long-awaited support before a boisterous New Hampshire crowd, declaring he wanted to make it "as clear as possible as to why I am endorsing Hillary Clinton." He congratulated her for securing enough delegates to win the Democratic nomination and vowed to do everything he could to help her defeat Republican candidate Donald Trump. "This campaign is not really about Hillary Clinton, or Donald Trump or Bernie Sanders, or any other candidate who sought the presidency. This campaign is about the needs of the American people and addressing the very serious crises that we face," Sanders said. He added: "And there is no doubt in my mind that, as we head into November, Hillary Clinton is far and away the best candidate to do that."

Associated Press: AG Lynch defends decision on Clinton email inquiry

<http://bigstory.ap.org/8d48f80b0cc042669bc6063848cb3982>

Eric Tucker and Erica Werner

Attorney General Loretta Lynch steadfastly defended her decision to close the Hillary Clinton email investigation without criminal charges, insisting Tuesday that she simply accepted the unanimous recommendation of career FBI investigators and attorneys. "I saw no reason not to accept it," Lynch

told the House Judiciary Committee. "We looked at the facts, they were applied, and a conclusion was come to that was consistent with the law and those facts and I accepted that recommendation." But Republicans on the panel strenuously criticized Lynch over her decision. Introducing a new critique into the debate over the Justice Department investigation of Clinton's emails, they suggested Lynch was wrong to announce ahead of time that she would be accepting the investigative team's guidance for the former secretary of state and Democratic presidential candidate. That approach "does not seem to be a responsible way to uphold your constitutionally sworn oath," said the panel's chairman, GOP Rep. Bob Goodlatte of Virginia.

Associated Press: GOP "dump Trump" rebels mobilize ahead of the convention

<http://bigstory.ap.org/da2d3e24c4e345a5bc8b3b3c49612108>

Alan Farm and Steve Peoples

From a spartan, 16th floor office they've rented just blocks from this week's preliminary meetings of the Republican National Convention, some of the GOP rebels trying to head off Donald Trump are laying the groundwork for a revolt. Dumping the party's presumptive presidential nominee is a longshot. They're up against an alliance between the Trump campaign and leaders of the Republican National Committee, which this week includes two dozen campaign operatives combing hotel lobbies and convention corridors counting votes and pressing delegates to oppose the dissidents.

Republicans say the Trump-RNC vote-counting "whip" team will swell to 150 when the Cleveland convention is in full swing next week. Countering that, the renegade Republicans are setting up a high-tech messaging system to coordinate with organizers on the convention floor and plan to launch ads micro-targeted to the delegates' social media pages. They say they have organizers inside at least 35 state delegations who will help coordinate their drive to let the convention's 2,472 delegates vote for whichever candidate they want.

Associated Press: Obama pays tribute to Dallas officers shot in racial attack

<http://bigstory.ap.org/17aea82dee634cbd890799aa457da321>

Darlene Superville

At a memorial for slain police officers, President Barack Obama declared Tuesday that a week of deeply troubling violence has appeared to expose "the deepest fault lines of our democracy." But he insisted the nation is not as divided as it seems and called on Americans to search for common ground in support of racial equity and justice. Obama acknowledged Americans are unsettled by another mass shooting on their streets and are seeking answers to the violence that has sparked protests in cities and highlighted the nation's persistent racial divide. Five Dallas officers were killed last Thursday while standing guard as hundreds of people protested the police killings of black men in Louisiana and Minnesota earlier in the week. "It's hard not to think sometimes that the center might not hold, that things might get worse," Obama said. "We must reject such despair." He joined politicians, police officers and families of the fallen in the wake of the shocking slaying by a black man who said he wanted revenge for the killings of blacks by police.

McClatchy DC: Former President George W. Bush calls for unity of love over one of grief

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/article89120512.html>

Kate Irby

Former President George W. Bush called for unity of strength, love and self-control rather than one of grief or fear on Tuesday. Five officers were killed and seven were injured in a police shooting Thursday night. President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Bush were among those present at the memorial for the five officers, who were targeted by the shooter because they were white. Bush's words were reminiscent of 9/11, another time when grief and fear unified the country. The last time Bush spoke publicly to an audience of this scale was nearly five years ago, on the 10-year anniversary of 9/11 at Ground Zero. "At times it feels like the forces pulling us apart are stronger than the forces binding us together," Bush said.

Associated Press: Divide between Black and Blue lives widens after shootings

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Jesse J. Holland and Errin Haines Whack

Kaylin Luces found herself in a difficult position last week: In one moment, she was texting her sister, a police officer, telling her, "Be careful out there. Cops are getting shot." In another, she sent a text to her two young nephews to be mindful of how they act when in the presence of police. Luces' comments to her loved ones reflect a debate over two movements that appear to be increasingly at odds with each another: Black Lives Matter, which seeks law enforcement reform after police killings of black men, and Blue Lives Matter, which defends officers. During a recent protest over the issue, Luces, who is black, carried a sign in the nation's capital with the message "Black and Blue Lives Matter," a hope that perhaps the two ideas are not mutually exclusive. But rhetoric on both sides shows how difficult that has already become: Just in the past week, a white Detroit police detective was demoted after calling Black Lives Matter activists "racists" and "terrorists." And an off-duty police officer in Missouri fatally shot a man who was trying to enter the officer's home. A relative of the man who was shot said the two had been arguing on Facebook about the Black Lives Matter movement.

World News:

Associated Press: Britain's new leader May seen as more Merkel than Maggie

<http://bigstory.ap.org/3abab4a774024955b815bf6c00f610dd>

Shawn Pogatchnik

Within moments of Theresa May's confirmation as the next prime minister of Britain, London tabloids and wags were comparing her to Britain's "iron lady" of the 1980s, Margaret Thatcher. But those taking a closer look see more in common with Europe's most powerful woman today: Germany's "iron chancellor," Angela Merkel. Both women have a track record of cautious pragmatism. Merkel famously will sit on the fence on many issues waiting for consensus to build before she commits herself to whichever side is more likely to work. May demonstrated her own grasp of patient tactics, opting to stay on the policy sidelines during Britain's bruising referendum on European Union membership — positioned in the middle, seemingly the best spot from which to take charge of a divided Conservative Party in the wake of David Cameron's resignation. "It's often said that you cannot tell what Merkel thinks about an issue until the last moment, if even then. May seems to be similarly inscrutable. She waits for her moment," said Hans Kundnani, a London-based foreign policy analyst at the German Marshall Fund think tank.

Associated Press: Nobel winner Malala visits world's largest refugee camp

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Tod Odule

Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai visited the world's largest refugee camp on her 19th birthday Tuesday and voiced concern that Kenya's plans to close it could create "a generation lost." The government announced in May that it plans to close the camp in eastern Kenya near the Somali border by the end of the year, citing it as a security liability. Malala said returning any of the more than 300,000 refugees to Somalia, which is still plagued by extremist violence, should be voluntary. "They should not be forced to move," the advocate for girls' education said in an interview with The Associated Press. "As we all know, the camp is going to be closed down soon, so I want to make sure that these girls don't become a generation lost, and there are alternative facilities for them to continue with their education," Malala said. If the camp is closed and its residents are moved to Somalia where there are few schools, the "girls will be without education," she said, noting that at least they can get an education in the schools inside Dadaab.

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