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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley turns BabyNet over to South Carolina Medicaid agency

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SC State Wire

South Carolina is moving control of its program to help babies with development delays from the First Steps school readiness program to the state's Medicaid agency. Gov. Nikki Haley signed an executive order Wednesday putting BabyNet under control of the Department of Health and Human Services. A news release from the governor's office says the move will make BabyNet more efficient, since Medicaid already pays for more than half of births in the state and has a relationship with families before their children are born. BabyNet provides services for babies who are slow to talk, walk or have other developmental delays until they turn age 3. Haley says the move will become official next July.

Post and Courier: Gov. Haley headlining October GOP dinner in Vermont

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160914/160919680/gov-haley-headlining-october-gop-dinner-in-vermont>

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley will be the keynote speaker at a Vermont Republican Party dinner and will attend a similar event in Atlanta, both early next month. Haley and others will meet privately with sponsors before the Vermont GOP Harvest Dinner in Burlington on Oct. 5. Ticket prices range from \$75 to \$4,000. The following week Haley will be the special guest at the Georgia Victory 2016 dinner in Atlanta. The Oct. 13 event includes members of Georgia's congressional delegation and other state Republicans held at the Georgia Aquarium. Before then, Haley will headline a fundraiser for several female GOP congressional candidates this Friday in Atlanta. One of those five candidates is Virginia U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock, who Haley helped fundraise for this past June in McLean, Va. The popular governor has headlined several state GOP dinners in her second term, including one in Indiana last October and another in Tennessee in May.

The State: SC income tax burden among the nation's lowest, legislators told

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article101629497.html>

Cassie Cope

South Carolina had the 10th lowest effective income tax rate of the 41 states with an income tax in 2012, state legislators reviewing the state's tax code were told Tuesday. South Carolina's high standard deductions and exemptions allow taxpayers to shield a higher portion of their income from state income taxes, reducing their effective tax rate compared with most other states, said Gordon Shuford, an economic researcher for the state. South Carolina's effective tax rate is 2.99 percent, based on 2012 figures, the most recent studied. That effective rate is far lower than the state's 7 percent top income tax rate.

NOTE: In 2015, Republican Gov. Nikki Haley, called for a 2 percentage point cut to that rate, saying the 7 percent tax bracket hurt efforts to recruit businesses to the state.

Area Development: JEAR Logistics Expands Its Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, Operations Center
<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/9-14-2016/jear-logistics-charleston-county-south-carolina.shtml>

JEAR Logistics, a third-party logistics company, is expanding its existing operations in Charleston County, South Carolina. The project is expected to result in \$2.8 million investment and create 152 new jobs. Founded in 2007, JEAR Logistics is a privately-held third-party logistics company and freight brokerage service that provides full and less-than truckload services – refrigerated, dry and flatbed – throughout the United States and Canada. Located at 3409 Salterbeck Street in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, the company will be expanding its existing workforce by 200 percent. Hiring for the new positions is expected to begin in the fourth quarter of this year. The Coordinating Council for Economic Development has approved job development credits related to this project.

NOTE: "The 152 new jobs JEAR Logistics is creating with this \$2.8 million investment is a huge win for the people of Charleston County, and is a real reason to celebrate. Each time a company like JEAR decides to expand in our state, it shows the world that South Carolina is the place to be doing business because it proves that we have one of the most competitive business environments in the world in which companies of all kinds can find success and thrive," said Governor Nikki Haley.

Associated Press: Logistics company adding 150 jobs in Mount Pleasant

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

SC State Wire

A logistics company that provides truck shipping services throughout the United States and Canada is expanding its Charleston County operations, adding 150 jobs and investing almost \$3 million. JEAR Logistics LLC made the announcement Wednesday. The Mount Pleasant company provides shipping services including refrigerated and flatbed truck shipping.

Post and Courier : Mount Pleasant freight business to add 152 jobs

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160914/160919698/mount-pleasant-freight-business-to-add-152-jobs>

Thad Moore

Mount Pleasant-based JEAR Logistics plans to triple its workforce and invest nearly \$3 million, marking a new growth spurt for the transportation company. The S.C. Commerce Department said Wednesday said the freight brokerage firm plans to hire 152 new employees starting later this year, adding to its current staff of 70 people. Also, the company will spend \$2.8 million to expand its operations. JEAR coordinates truck transportation for clients across the U.S. and Canada, and Mark Neumeyer, its president, has said it has been hiring aggressively to grow its sales staff. The company couldn't be reached for comment Wednesday to discuss its plans. "Our success begins with our people," Neumeyer said in a statement. "Their level of commitment to working together to serve is the core of our team-focused culture. Charleston ... gives us the perfect setting and infrastructure to continue our growth."

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: S.C. Republicans agree VP nominee Pence is 'good guy' during Capitol Hill visit

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160913/160919734/sc-republicans-agree-vp-nominee-pence-is-good-guy-during-capitol-hill-visit>

Emma Dumain

A visit to Capitol Hill from Republican vice presidential nominee Mike Pence was a familiar event for

GOP lawmakers in the U.S. House and Senate — or at least it was for members of the South Carolina delegation. “It was the same old speech to a friendly audience of people who served with him,” U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan, R-S.C., said of the Indiana governor who served in the House between 2001 and 2011. “He is truly loved by Republicans in that room and we’re excited, basically, that one of our own is the VP nominee.” Pence held separate meetings with House and Senate Republicans on Tuesday to offer a dispatch from the campaign trail and an assessment of how presidential nominee Donald Trump’s race is shaping up against Democrat Hillary Clinton. The eight Palmetto State Republicans serving in Congress all backed candidates other than Trump during the presidential primary campaign. When Trump finally clinched the party’s nomination, S.C. lawmakers had to decide if, when or how they would come around to supporting him.

Post and Courier: Edisto Island man accused of assaulting woman outside Trump rally in Asheville, N.C.

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160914/160919695/edisto-island-man-accused-of-assaulting-woman-outside-trump-rally-in-asheville-nc>

Angie Jackson

Police in Asheville, N.C., have issued an arrest warrant for an Edisto Island man accused of assaulting a protester using an oxygen tank outside a Donald Trump rally on Monday. Richard L. Campbell, 73, is wanted on a misdemeanor charge of assault on a female and has not yet been arrested, Asheville police spokeswoman Christina Hallingse said. Police responded to a report of an assault on 68-year-old Shirley Ann Teter outside the U.S. Cellular Center. Officers took statements from her and witnesses, and police drove Teter home, according to a release. A police incident report listed her injuries as minor. Asheville resident Gregory Meade said he was standing outside the arena and all seemed “reasonably peaceful” until he noticed an “angry” man walking past a crowd of protesters after the rally. “He was giving everybody the finger, like sticking it in their face,” Meade said. “The only thing that made me even watch him so closely was he seemed — he was so agitated.”

Post and Courier: Graham slams military aid deal to Israel deal as ‘flawed’

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160913/160919706/graham-slams-military-aid-deal-to-israel-deal-as-flawed>

Emma Dumain

Working outside of Congress, the Obama administration has finalized a deal to provide Israel’s military with \$38 billion during the next 10 years. It’s the largest package of military assistance the U.S. has ever pledged to another country, but one which U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham rejects as insufficient and inappropriate. “While I think the agreement is important and deserving of respect, I have also made it very clear that Congress is not a party to this agreement nor is this agreement binding on future Congresses,” the South Carolina Republican said in a statement Tuesday afternoon, a few hours after the agreement was announced. “Congress has an independent duty to make a decision about the proper level of support for Israel or our other allies. To suggest this MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) will bind future Presidents and Congresses for the next decade is constitutionally flawed and impractical.”

Greenville News: Senators to hear about gun issues in Greenville

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/09/14/senators-hear-gun-issues-greenville/90350246/>

Nathaniel Cary

A South Carolina Senate subcommittee of five sitting senators will hold a public hearing Thursday at Greenville County Square about gun issues. The forum has no specific design or agenda other than to

hear from residents on issues related to guns in South Carolina. Senators expect to hear from a variety of residents with varying positions on guns, including advocates for Second Amendment rights, victims of domestic violence and other crimes or those who are for or against extending the waiting period for background checks when purchasing a gun in South Carolina, said Sen. Gerald Malloy, the subcommittee's chairman. The forum will be held from 6-8 p.m. at Greenville County Council Chambers, 301 University Ridge. "The format of the program is to hear from as many people as we can and to allow people to put input and to give us suggestions of what needs to be changed in South Carolina, if anything," Malloy said.

Associated Press : Reversing Course: School board opts for silence over prayer

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tc3TcR3E

SC State Wire

A month after agreeing to open its meetings with prayer a South Carolina school board has reversed course and is again observing a moment of silence instead. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/2ckj3Wb>) the Berkeley County School Board last month agreed to open meetings with a nonsectarian prayer. But a moment of silence was observed at Tuesday's meeting after the board agreed to rethink the decision. The board for years opened meetings with the Lord's Prayer. That was replaced with a moment of silence in June when Americans United for Separation of Church and State warned prayer was unconstitutional. The board agreed to reinstate prayer last month after receiving a letter from state lawmakers citing a U.S. Supreme Court decision reaffirming the right to pray at public meetings.

Post and Courier: Berkeley school board postpones prayer

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160913/160919715/berkeley-school-board-postpones-prayer>

Brenda Rindge

The Berkeley County School Board planned to open its meeting Tuesday with prayer for the first time in three months but at the last minute decided to postpone. As the meeting was called to order, board member Shannon Lee asked that the board delay implementation of changes to a policy it approved last month called "Public Invocation" until the board receives more information. In the meantime, the board will continue to open meetings with a moment of silence. Lee's motion passed, 7-1, with Phillip Obie casting the dissenting vote. Board Chairman Jim Hayes was absent. For years, the board opened its bimonthly meetings with the Lord's Prayer. It stopped in June after the Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a Washington D.C.-based nonprofit, warned that such prayers are a violation of the Establishment clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Associated Press: Judge who is wife of Chester County sheriff reprimanded

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=DHWxMJ14

Jeffrey Collins

A Chester County magistrate who is the wife of the current sheriff has been publicly reprimanded by the South Carolina Supreme Court because she wasn't disclosing her relationship before every case she heard involving the sheriff's office. Angel Underwood accepted Wednesday's reprimand, promising she will tell all defendants at the start of their cases that her husband is Chester County Sheriff Alex Underwood and give them time to talk to a lawyer before having her preside over their hearing, according to the ruling from the justices. The reprimand points out there have been no complaints about Angel Underwood's decisions on bond amounts or other rulings. The Supreme Court lifted the interim suspension it gave Underwood in May 2015. The public reprimand will be Angel Underwood's only punishment as long as she follows the rules. She had been announcing her

relationship before a court session started, but the justices said that wasn't enough.

The Herald: Chester judge, wife of sheriff, reprimanded by SC Supreme Court

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article101787222.html>

Andrew Dys

The S.C. Supreme Court issued a public reprimand and lifted the suspension Wednesday against Chester County Magistrate Judge Angel Underwood, wife of Sheriff Alex Underwood. The court said Underwood had handled more than 100 cases in which she should have told parties involved she was married to the county's sheriff. Underwood, a judge in Chester since 2011, can return to the bench immediately. Underwood referred questions to her lawyer, Stanley Myers of Columbia, who said she is "happy to return to her duties" and could be back on the bench later this week. She "appreciates the court's decision," Myers said. The investigation and ruling clearly show that while she "complied with the spirit of the law," Myers said, Judge Underwood did not comply with technical disclosures in some cases and will handle that disclosure properly from now on.

The State: Challenge to Murphy's bid for Lex-Rich 5 board moves to courtroom

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article101846452.html>

Tim Flach

Two Lexington-Richland 5 School Board members are asking a judge to take anti-tax crusader Kim Murphy off the Nov. 8 ballot. It's the latest step by Robert Gantt and Ed White to thwart Murphy's effort to rejoin a board that ousted her in 2013 for alleged nonresidency in Richland County as required for the seat. The two filed suit after Richland County election officials declined to disqualify Murphy in the nonpartisan school board contest. Gantt and White cite an updated state survey of county borders in the Chapin area that determined Murphy lives in Lexington County, a decision she is challenging. The seven board members oversee schools with 17,000 students on the north side of Lake Murray.

SC Agency News:

Greenville News : DDSN director warns providers over medication training

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/09/14/ddsn-director-warns-providers-over-medication-training/90346994/>

Tim Smith

The director of the state's disabilities agency is warning providers not to allow untrained staff to administer medications to vulnerable adults in their care after officials discovered that some providers have discontinued the training. The letter from Beverly Buscemi, director of the state Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, is on the agenda for Thursday's meeting of DDSN commissioners. "DDSN's increased monitorship in this area discovered that several providers have discontinued training staff in one of the approved programs," Buscemi wrote. "If your agency is currently allowing unlicensed staff who have not successfully completed a DDSN approved medication technician certification program (to) administer medications, they must stop doing so immediately."

WACH: Video inside SC prison shows what some are calling "inhumane" conditions

<http://wach.com/news/local/video-inside-sc-prison-shows-what-some-are-calling-inhumane-conditions>

Melanie Barden

A video has gone viral showing the inside of one of South Carolina's 23 prisons. According to State Corrections Director, Bryan Stirling, inmates at Broad River Correctional Institution were placed on lock-down last week. Meaning prisoners can't leave their cells for anything, including showers-- for days. "They would be in their cell, they would get their food delivered to them, they would not be able

to have visitation, they would not be able to make phone calls," said Stirling. Stirling noted the lockdowns are necessary to look for contraband like cellphones, or drugs. However, for those who have loved ones in the Broad River facility, this treatment has gone on long enough. Susan DeMarco, who has friends in Broad River said, "We have basic human needs, we need to eat, we need to see the sunlight, we need to take a walk." DeMarco works with "Hearts for Inmates" which advocates for inmates' rights.

NOTE: However, the SCDOC Director said these lockdowns are due to such short staffing across all of South Carolina's institutions. "What short staffing leads to is the ability of the inmates to obtain contraband easier because we have less eyes on them so it affects all aspects of the institution," remarked Stirling.

Post and Courier: County pushing for phased approach, no tolls for I-526

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160914/160919663/county-pushing-for-phased-approach-no-tolls-for-i-526>

Diane Knich

If Interstate 526 ever is completed it won't be as a toll road. Several Charleston County and city of Charleston officials at a press conference Wednesday said they are continuing to push for the controversial highway extension, possibly by building it in phases. A first phase could extend the road from where it ends now in West Ashley to Maybank Highway on Johns Island. The officials said building the project as a toll road is not an option because that financing mechanism would require starting over the lengthy federal approval process. Charleston County Council Chairman Elliott Summey said at the press conference that he wants S.C. Transportation Bank board chairman Vince Graham by the end of the day Friday to schedule a board meeting so he can make a presentation on his plan and the board can vote on it.

SC Law Enforcement News:

The State: Turbeville state corrections officer arrested for withholding information in attempted murder case

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article101838612.html>

Cynthia Roldan

A state prison correctional officer has been arrested for withholding from investigators information about the attempted murder of an inmate. Jasmine Karlisa Cook is facing charges of misconduct in office and accessory after the fact for an incident that took place Sept. 4 at Turbeville Correctional Institution, where she worked as a correctional officer, according to the arrest warrant. The warrant states another officer told Cook the identity of the two inmates who were responsible for the incident and that she said "she would take care of the situation." But after being questioned and giving two written statements, Cook did not relay the information to investigators. Dexter Lee, spokesman for the agency, said the investigation is ongoing and additional warrants for other suspects are pending.

Post and Courier : Turbeville correctional officer accused of withholding information about attempted murder

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160914/160919659/turbeville-correctional-officer-accused-of-withholding-information-about-attempted-murder>

Maya T. Prabhu

An officer at Turbeville Correctional Institution was arrested Wednesday and charged in connection to an attempted murder probe at the prison. Jasmine Karlisa Cook, 28, was taken into custody after an investigation, said Dexter Lee with the S.C. Department of Corrections. She is charged with

misconduct in office and accessory after the fact. According to arrest warrants, a fellow officer told Cook the names of two people who were involved in an attempted murder, but she did not disclose their identities during an investigation into the incident. She allegedly withheld the names from investigators when she was questioned Sept. 4 and in two written statements, according to the warrants.

Morning News: Latta holding town council meeting, voting on Moore's termination

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_9bccd166-7ab6-11e6-8575-f3b4a8ca13dd.html

Jessica Imbimbo

The Town of Latta is holding a council meeting on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. during which the council will vote on Police Chief Crystal Moore's termination. Moore sent the official agenda to multiple news outlets on Wednesday afternoon, stating that the town council is planning to make a decision regarding her termination. Moore said the vote is being held because council "did not follow their town ordinance" when they allegedly fired her on Sept. 8. Town Administrator Jarret Taylor confirmed that a council meeting was scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday but did not disclose what the meeting's agenda would entail. Attempts were made to contact both Taylor and Town of Latta Attorney Janet Byrd about the details of the meeting, but neither could be reached for comment.

Post and Courier : Watched: A Post and Courier Investigation

<https://data.postandcourier.com/saga/watched/page/1>

Glenn Smith and Andrew Knapp

Police forces across the United States are stockpiling massive databases with personal information from millions of Americans who crossed paths with officers but were not charged with a crime. A person can end up in one of these databases by doing nothing more than sitting on a public park bench or chatting with an officer on the street. Once there, these records can linger forever and be used by police agencies to track movements, habits, acquaintances and associations – even a person's marital and job status, The Post and Courier found in an investigation of police practices around the nation. What began as a method for linking suspicious behavior to crime has morphed into a practice that threatens to turn local police departments into miniature versions of the National Security Agency. In the process, critics contend, police risk trampling constitutional rights, tarnishing innocent people and further eroding public trust. Law enforcement agencies have for decades used what's known as field interview or contact cards to document everything from sketchy activity to random encounters with people on the street. But the digital age has greatly expanded the power and reach of this tool, allowing police to store indefinitely reams of data on those who draw their interest — long after any potential link to a crime has evaporated.

Post and Courier: Illumination Project final list aims to heal police-community relations

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160914/160919681/illumination-project-final-list-aims-to-heal-police-community-relations>

Paul Bowers

At its first community listening session in March, the Charleston Illumination Project sought to answer a question that vexes police departments nationwide: How can we keep our streets safe while building a relationship of trust between officers and the citizens they serve? Thirty-two listening sessions later and after gathering the complaints and suggestions of 858 Charlestonians, the project presented a final list of 86 strategies to Charleston City Council on Tuesday night. They ranged from the mundane to the daring. Many of the strategies are already underway, including special training for officers on topics such as unconscious bias and cultural differences. "We are at a pivotal moment in our country as it relates to police trust and legitimacy," Police Chief Greg Mullen wrote in a letter to

the mayor and City Council. "To do nothing is not an option; to engage in a journey that has been challenging, risky and has the potential to inform generations to come has been our responsibility and honor."

Aiken Standard: Local Aiken police agency awarded for zero fire-related deaths in 2015

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160914/160919758/local-aiken-police-agency-awarded-for-zero-fire-related-deaths-in-2015>

Tripp Girardeau

A local law enforcement agency was recently given an award for having no fire-related deaths anywhere in Aiken in 2015. The Aiken Department of Public Safety was presented with the Life Safety Achievement Award by the National Association of State Fire Marshals Field Research and Education Foundation in partnership with Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, said Lt. Jake Mahoney with Aiken Public Safety. "It really is a good feeling to be recognized on a national level for the work we do in Aiken," Mahoney said. "This award comes from the hard work and dedication by all the personnel who work here at the agency. We all come to work everyday looking to improve ourselves and the community in any way we can."

Michael Slager Case:

Post and Courier: Prosecutors seek experts, test results from Michael Slager's defense team

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160914/160919668/prosecutors-seek-experts-test-results-from-michael-slagers-defense-team>

Andrew Knapp

Prosecutors asked defense lawyers on Wednesday to reveal the expert witnesses who will testify for Michael Slager and the scientific test results that will be used in his murder trial this fall. Picking a jury to decide the former North Charleston officer's fate in state court could take time. He's charged in the April 2015 shooting death of Walter Scott that was captured on a video that spread worldwide. Making the defense experts and their backgrounds known ahead of the Halloween trial date should help ensure that prospective jurors have no ties to the witnesses, 9th Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson said in a court filing. Wilson also said the defense might use witnesses who have information "that is beyond (prosecutors') expertise," prompting a delay in the trial so the authorities can find their own experts.

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press: Witness lists to be on church shooting jury questionnaire

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ccBbw4e6

SC State Wire

A federal judge wants the defense and prosecution each to provide a list of potential witnesses as jury screening begins in Dylann Roof's trial stemming from the Charleston church shootings. In a Tuesday order, U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel said he wants the lists included on a questionnaire to determine if potential jurors know any witnesses. The order says attorneys should make the lists available to the court but do not have to share them with the other side. The 22-year-old Roof faces the death penalty in his November federal trial on hate crimes and other charges stemming from the June 2015 slayings of nine people at Emanuel AME Church. A pool of 3,000 potential jurors begins reporting to the courthouse later this month for initial screening.

LGBT Laws:

Greenville News: ACC presidents move championships out of North Carolina because of HB2
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/entertainment/arts/paul-hyde/2016/09/14/acc-presidents-move-championships-out-north-carolina-because-lgbt-bill/90360122/>

Ron Barnett and Mike Eads

The state of North Carolina took another hit Wednesday over its controversial LGBT bathroom law, with the Atlantic Coast Conference pulling all neutral-site championship games that had been scheduled there out of the state for the rest of the academic year. The move, which follows similar action by the NCAA a day earlier, means if Clemson makes it back to the league championship game in football again this year, it won't be played in Charlotte, where the Tigers won the title last year. The presidents of the member institutions, meeting in Clemson, issued a statement saying the law is "inconsistent" with the league's values of non-discrimination. "As members of the Atlantic Coast Conference, the ACC Council of Presidents reaffirmed our collective commitment to uphold the values of equality, diversity, inclusion and non-discrimination," the statement says.

Post and Courier : Palmetto State poised to pursue NCAA, ACC events moved out of North Carolina
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160914/160919666/palmetto-state-poised-to-pursue-ncaa-acc-events-moved-out-of-north-carolina>

Jeff Hartsell

With the NCAA and ACC pulling championship events out of North Carolina this week, Palmetto State officials are poised to pounce on some of those games and tournaments. In response to North Carolina's controversial HB2 law — the "bathroom bill" — first the NCAA and then the ACC announced they would remove championship events from the Tar Heel state in the 2016-17 academic year. Those include the lucrative NCAA's first- and second-round games of the men's basketball tournament in Greensboro, and the ACC football championship game set for Dec. 3 in Charlotte. Other events on the move include the NCAA Division I women's soccer, golf and lacrosse championships, and the ACC women's basketball and baseball tournaments.

Associated Press: 2016-17 ACC championships being moved from North Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=eYqIk7im

SC State Wire

A list of the Atlantic Coast Conference championships during the 2016-17 academic year being moved from North Carolina, as announced Wednesday following a vote of the league's presidents...

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina helps tell African-American history at new national museum

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160914/160919653/south-carolina-helps-tell-african-american-history-at-new-national-museum>

Emma Dumain

A slave cabin, transported from Edisto Island and reconstructed piece by piece, is one of the crown jewels of the new National Museum of African American History and Culture. "We see the cabin as an artifact with many, many lives within it," said Nancy Bercaw, one of the museum curators. "Whenever I go near the cabin, I try to peak in the door — I'm not allowed to any more — and I try to see if those lives still speak to me." Reporters got a preview Wednesday of the newest addition to the Smithsonian Institution, 10 days before the grand opening ceremonies where thousands of visitors will descend on the nation's capital. There are hundreds of totems throughout the museum that burn with the legacy of the black experience in America, from the transatlantic slave trade to the inauguration of the first

African-American president and many things in-between. There's Nat Turner's Bible, brittle with age. There are the shards of glass from the 1963 bombing of the Birmingham Church that killed four girls. And also the boxing gloves of Cassius Clay, aka Muhammad Ali.

Associated Press: Family disputes report Marine recruit killed himself

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

SC State Wire

The family of a Marine recruit who died during training in South Carolina is disputing a Marine account that he killed himself amid a widespread culture of hazing and abuse in the Corps. Shiraz Khan, the attorney for the family of Raheel Siddiqui, released a statement saying there's a lack of evidence that the 20-year-old Taylor, Michigan, resident killed himself March 18 at Parris Island by jumping into a 40-foot (12.19-meter) stairwell. Khan released the statement to the Detroit Free Press (<http://on.freep.com/2d00EMT>) saying Siddiqui didn't have any "disqualifying conditions, medical or otherwise, during recruiting and processing into the U.S. Marine Corps. It's impossible for his family and friends to accept that he took his own life." Family members have said that Siddiqui, who was Pakistani-American Muslim, may have been targeted because of his ethnicity and religion, the newspaper reported.

Island Packet: USMC: Days before death, recruit told Parris Island officials of suicide plans

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/bg-military/article101621322.html>

Wade Livingston

Five days before his fatal three-story plunge, Raheel Siddiqui told personnel at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island he planned to jump to his death. On the morning of March 13, Siddiqui, a Marine recruit, told someone in his platoon he wanted to kill himself, according to a Marine Corps official close to the death investigation who spoke on background Tuesday afternoon. When asked how he would kill himself, Siddiqui said he would "jump out of the squad bay window" and, if necessary, "cut the screen window" before doing so, the official said. Siddiqui, a 20-year-old Taylor, Mich., native, died March 18 from injuries sustained in a nearly 40-foot fall at his barracks. A recent Marine Corps command investigation — one of three linked to his death — determined he killed himself. The Naval Criminal Investigative Service continues to investigate the matter. Siddiqui's family disputes the Corps' claim of suicide and feels their son was "targeted and intentionally abused," according to a statement provided Tuesday by the family's attorney, Shiraz Khan.

Associated Press: Ohio boy seen in car with passed-out adults gets new home

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

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A 4-year-old Ohio boy pictured in police photos in the back seat of a car while his grandmother and her boyfriend were slumped over from a drug overdose is moving in with other relatives. Columbiana County Juvenile Court administrator Dane Walton tells The Associated Press that the boy's great uncle and great aunt in South Carolina petitioned the court for custody, which was granted Monday by a judge. Walton says the grandmother, Rhonda Pasek, was granted custody of the boy six weeks ago. Walton says the judge's report shows that at the time there was "no evidence brought forward" of any drug issues with Pasek. Pasek is being held on a child endangerment charge. Her boyfriend, James Acord, pleaded guilty to child endangerment and operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Local News:

Sun News: 'How can you be punished for not knowing anything?' attorney asks in Drexel case

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article101777902.html>

Emily Weaver

Mark Peper, the defense attorney for Timothy Da'Shaun Taylor, said his client was in school on the two dates a jailhouse informant told authorities he saw Taylor sexually assaulting a missing teen, who was reportedly killed. Brittanee Drexel was 17 years old when police say she was abducted from Myrtle Beach a day after she came for a spring break trip without her parents' permission in April 2009. FBI agents say they suspect the Rochester, N.Y., teen was held against her will for several days before she was killed in the McClellanville area. The last signal from Drexel's cellphone pinged just north of the town in an area known as South Santee, where Taylor lives. Taylor was arrested in July on federal charges stemming from an old state conviction of a 2011 armed robbery. An FBI agent admitted at a bond hearing for Taylor last month they sought the charges, in part, because they suspect Taylor was involved in the Drexel case.

Associated Press : Children's Trust training aims to help prevent child abuse

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=g6oP1eWs

SC State Wire

The top group that works to prevent child abuse in South Carolina is doing some important training this week to help keep kids safe. Starting Wednesday, Children's Trust of South Carolina is putting on a Home Visiting Summit. The two-day gathering at the Columbia Marriott is for home-visiting professionals including childcare workers and program managers. Organizers say home visiting pairs volunteer families with specialists who provide services throughout a child's first five years to improve health, development and early learning. Children's Trust of South Carolina focuses on the prevention of child abuse, neglect and injury and advocates for the overall well-being of children. Its programs include educating first-time mothers on child safety, professional development for childcare workers and advocacy for policies that positively impact the state's children.

Island Packet: Bluffton principal says officer may be lying about school bus abuse case — 'Maybe he's CYA'

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article101825832.html>

Rebecca Lurye

Bluffton Elementary School principal Christine Brown has accused a school resource officer of lying about the handling of child abuse suspicions in 2014, an incident that's now central to a pending lawsuit, according to recently released court records. It was not clear Wednesday whether Brown or any other Beaufort County School District employees have been reprimanded in connection with the case, in which bus monitor Lillian Jackson was originally suspected of leaving marks on a nonverbal, autistic child in September 2014 but was not arrested until the child's mother complained of fresh bruises on the 4-year-old boy in February 2015. When asked in a June 22 deposition why she and a school resource officer had starkly different accounts of the first incident of alleged abuse — Officer Christopher DeCrane reportedly says he never got a report — the principal responded, "Maybe he's CYA (cover your a--)."

The State: Dreher students taken to hospital after school bus is sideswiped

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article101856672.html>

Cynthia Roldan

Eight students were taken to the hospital Wednesday after a school bus was sideswiped by a vehicle, a district official said. Dreher High School students were riding on a bus on South Beltline Boulevard at Rosewood Drive when a vehicle sideswiped the bus, said Karen York, spokeswoman for Richland County School District I. Eight of 27 students who were on the bus reported suffering from back and

neck pain and were taken to the hospital. The Columbia Police Department continues to investigate.

Greenville News: Clemson professor writes open letter to Dabo Swinney

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/09/14/clemson-professor-writes-open-letter-dabo-swinney/90356704/>

Brian N. Felicien

Clemson professor Chenjerai Kumanyika wrote an open letter to Dabo Swinney following the Clemson head coach's comments on social issues during a press conference Tuesday. Swinney spoke to the media about Colin Kaepernick's NFL protest of the national anthem, our society and race in America. "It's so easy to say we have a race problem," Swinney stated. "I think we have a sin problem; that's what I think. And I think the answer to our problems is exactly what they were for Martin Luther King when he changed the world – love, peace, education, tolerance of others, Jesus. "Kumanyika's letter is hosted on The Grio and is titled "Take MLK's name out your mouth: An open letter to Clemson football coach Dabo Swinney."

Associated Press: Hopkins addresses Swinney's comments on anthem protest

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SC State Wire

Former Clemson star DeAndre Hopkins said he respects Tigers coach Dabo Swinney. The Houston Texans receiver also made it clear that he thinks Swinney's recent comments about 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick's anthem protest showed a lack of understanding. "You can't speak on something unless you've been put in that situation," Hopkins told The Associated Press. "I wouldn't speak on something about something else if I had no idea what was going on or how they felt because I couldn't relate to it. So I don't suggest anybody else do it." Swinney talked at length about Kaepernick's protest Tuesday and said he wouldn't discipline his players for protesting the national anthem because they have that right. However, that's a moot point at Clemson because players remain in the locker room while the anthem is played.

Associated Press : Medal of Honor Bowl on hold

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SC State Wire

Organizers for the Medal of Honor Bowl have cancelled this year's game because of problems with Citadel's Johnson Hagood Stadium. The game was last played as an all-star format in 2015. The bowl's executive committee said Wednesday it expects its next game to take place January 2018. The Citadel's 68-year-old stadium has had structural issues and the Bulldogs played their first game there last week without using the east side, visitor stands. Those stands have been closed because of structural integrity and lead paint issues. Bowl chairman Tom McQueeney said he is confident Citadel will adopt a plan to fix things and the game can go on as planned in 2018.

Associated Press: Pause for Reflection: Charleston delays vote on hotel rules

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SC State Wire

Charleston has again put off consideration of zoning changes applying to new hotels serving the tourism industry that attracts millions of visitors a year. News outlets report that a proposed ordinance preventing hotels from displacing residential, retail and office buildings on the Charleston peninsula was supposed to come up at Tuesday's city council meeting. The matter was postponed after several people attending the meeting urged the council to reflect on the changes. It's the third time a vote on the ordinance has been delayed. Earlier this year the city conducted a three-month study on the

impact of hotels on the city. Several hundred new hotel rooms were added when four new hotels opened downtown area last year. Several additional hotels are under construction.

Post and Courier: Luxury hotel with 225 rooms planned for Charleston ports agency's office site
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160914/160919685/luxury-hotel-with-225-rooms-planned-for-charleston-ports-agencys-office-site>

David Wren

The proposed buyer of the State Ports Authority's headquarters on prime downtown real estate is asking city officials for permission to build a 225-room luxury hotel at the site that will cater to both guests and the general public. Los Angeles-based Lowe Enterprises, which wants to redevelop the SPA property at 176 Concord St., filed the request with the city's Board of Zoning Appeals, which is scheduled to review the matter Tuesday. At 225 rooms, the hotel lodging would be at the maximum size allowed for the roughly 5-acre parcel. Lowe spokeswoman Hannah Nuccio said the hotel will offer amenities open to the public and hotel guests. Plans includes indoor and outdoor dining options, including an open-air cafe, a full-service spa, a rooftop bar and lounge, and a continuation of the city's walking path along Charleston Harbor.

The State: Vulcan could buy unused Richland property for future quarry expansion
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article101825337.html>

Sarah Ellis

The company that owns a pair of quarries in Columbia and has plans for a third in Lexington County is considering buying surplus property from Richland County for future use at one of its sites. A public meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Upper Richland Community Center (280 Camp Ground Road, Columbia) to provide information and receive input on plans for Vulcan Materials Co. to purchase property from the county adjacent to a county landfill and current quarry. It would be decades before Vulcan would begin mining the 72 acres it is considering buying from Richland County beside its existing Caughman Road quarry.

Post and Courier: Boeing's Muilenburg: Slow Dreamliner sales not a problem — yet
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160914/160919657/boeings-muilenburg-slow-dreamliner-sales-not-a-problem--yet>

David Wren

Dennis Muilenburg acknowledges the next few years will be bumpy ones for sales of the 787 Dreamliner, but Boeing Co.'s CEO told investors on Wednesday that the wide-body plane will have a strong future once airlines start replacing their aging fleets in the new decade. "That is a great marketplace," Muilenburg said during a Morgan Stanley conference in California. "The challenge we have is now through the end of the decade." Boeing so far this year has delivered more than 90 Dreamliners, which are made at the company's North Charleston campus and at a plant in Everett, Wash. Muilenburg said Boeing will deliver 135 of the jets by the end of 2016 and another 135 next year. Boeing has a backlog of Dreamliner orders stretching for more than four years and its order book is nearly full through 2019.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: Update from Clinton's doctor: Democrat is 'fit to serve'
<http://bigstory.ap.org/718a11c87a484deaad67c17ab40a203b>

Lisa Lerer and Jonathan Lemire

Hillary Clinton is "recovering well" from pneumonia and remains "fit to serve as President of the

United States," her doctor said in a letter released Wednesday by her campaign. The health details made public by the Democratic presidential nominee included a description of the pneumonia diagnosis Clinton received last week Friday. Her illness became public after she left Sunday's 9/11 memorial service early and was seen on video staggering while getting into a van. The health episode fueled long-simmering conservative conspiracy theories about Clinton's health and provided a fresh line of attack for rival Donald Trump, who has frequently questioned whether Clinton has the stamina to serve as commander in chief. Facing criticism about a lack of transparency when it comes to her health, Clinton's campaign promised to disclose more detailed information about her health this week.

Associated Press: With his wife sidelined, Bill Clinton steps in to fill void

<http://bigstory.ap.org/b17fd3556ad4456da008fe3fad4a8abb>

Julie Pace and Catherine Lucey

When Hillary Clinton was sidelined this week with pneumonia, her campaign didn't rush to cancel a busy slate of events out West. The presidential candidate's husband simply stepped in to take her place. Former President Bill Clinton hobnobbed with wealthy donors at a pair of Beverly Hills fundraisers, including a \$100,000-per-couple dinner at the home of designer Diane Von Furstenberg. He snapped selfies with fans during a surprise stop at a trendy coffee shop in Los Angeles. And he rallied supporters in swing state Nevada. "I'm glad to have a chance to stand in for Hillary today," he told voters in Las Vegas on Wednesday. "She did it for me for a long time. It's about time I showed up and did it for her." Having a former president on standby is an unprecedented luxury for a White House candidate. It's also a reminder to voters that, when it comes to the Clintons, the couple is a package deal, for better or worse.

Associated Press: In leaked emails, Powell calls Trump a 'national disgrace'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/750b68186c0345459961b04b5e3866a6>

Jeff Horwitz and Michael Biesecker

In a trove of newly leaked emails, former Secretary of State Colin Powell calls Donald Trump "a national disgrace" and suggests his own Republican Party is "crashing and burning." Powell also laments Hillary Clinton's attempt to equate her use of private email at the State Department with his. The emails, posted on the website DCLeaks.com and first reported by BuzzFeed News late Tuesday, offer insight into the unvarnished opinions of the respected retired Army general who was secretary of state under President George W. Bush. The messages run from March 2015 through last month. Powell, 79, did not respond Wednesday to a phone message or email seeking comment. He earlier told BuzzFeed that he does not deny the emails' authenticity.

Associated Press: US official: Difficult to alter US elections through hacking

<http://bigstory.ap.org/445560e9c55b40fd87941a447b123457>

Eric Tucker

President Barack Obama's homeland security adviser said Wednesday that it would be very hard for someone to hack into America's voting systems in a way that could alter an election outcome. Lisa Monaco, speaking at an event commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the Justice Department's national security division, said election systems by and large are not hooked up to the Internet and are diffusely operated by state and local governments. "That makes it extremely disparate, extremely diffuse and, as a consequence, extremely difficult to have an effect across the board that would result in a change in results," Monaco said during a question-and-answer session. The bigger worry, she said, involves efforts to sow "concern or confusion" about the resilience of the system.

World News:

Associated Press: US, Israel sign massive military aid deal; \$38B, 10 years

<http://bigstory.ap.org/fa4e190c3c9e4602bda57c84315bf0b5>

Matthew Lee

The United States on Wednesday signed an unprecedented new security agreement with Israel that will give the Israeli military \$38 billion over 10 years. The deal, the largest such agreement the U.S. has ever had with any country, amounts to \$3.8 billion a year beginning in budget year 2019, compared with \$3.1 billion the U.S. gave Israel annually under the current 10-year deal that expires in 2018. "This commitment to Israel's security has been unwavering and is based on a genuine and abiding concern for the welfare of the Israeli people and the future of the state of Israel," President Barack Obama said in a statement. After months of negotiations that took place after a particularly tense time in the relationship amid disputes over the Iran nuclear deal, the memorandum of understanding was signed at the State Department by Israel's national security adviser, Jacob Nagel, and Thomas Shannon, the third-highest ranking U.S. diplomat.

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