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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Times and Democrat: 'We believe in you': Governor's message, new sneakers aim to inspire D-O Middle students

[http://thetandd.com/news/we-believe-in-you-governor-s-message-new-sneakers-aim/article\\_59e42189-caee-5d70-a822-f7a0ab9a3336.html](http://thetandd.com/news/we-believe-in-you-governor-s-message-new-sneakers-aim/article_59e42189-caee-5d70-a822-f7a0ab9a3336.html)

John Mack

Gov. Nikki Haley delivered an encouraging message to 100 sixth through eighth grade students at Denmark-Olar Middle School on Friday morning: "We believe in you." And, there was more. The students also received school supplies, book bags and sneakers from INNERSOLE, an international initiative, from representatives of University of South Carolina Women's Basketball Coach Dawn Staley, who is involved in the movement. Haley, representing her non-profit organization The Original Six Foundation, told students, "We wanted to be here and let you know we believe in you." She said she previously came to Bamberg County to talk to the school superintendents and ask them what kind of things they felt they needed. "They said school supplies, backpacks," Haley said. Under Armor book bags filled with supplies like binders and highlighters, along with new Nike sneakers, were given to each student. "The confidence you can give these kids when they get that and they know they deserve it and they've earned it, there's nothing better than that," Haley said. She challenged the students to make this "the best year you can possibly make it." "What are you going to do this year? How are you going to be different?" she asked them. "Whatever you did last year, put it out of the way." Haley told the students to ask for help when they need it. She said if they don't understand what their teacher is saying, speak to them. You may not be the only one who doesn't understand, she said.

Times and Democrat: VIDEO: Gov. Haley's Original Six Foundation and INNERSOLE gives to Denmark-Olar

[http://thetandd.com/news/gov-haley-s-original-six-foundation-and-innersole-gives-to/youtube\\_dd980e4e-a114-544a-b1dc-7e92f8973c74.html](http://thetandd.com/news/gov-haley-s-original-six-foundation-and-innersole-gives-to/youtube_dd980e4e-a114-544a-b1dc-7e92f8973c74.html)

Gov. Nikki Haley and Innersole Director of Operations Angela O'Neal delivered backpacks, school supplies and new shoes to the students at Denmark-Olar Middle School.

WLTX: Kids Get Back To School Sneakers and Supplies

<http://www.wltx.com/mb/life/kids-get-back-to-school-sneakers-and-supplies/309434450>

Sonia Gutierrez

One hundred and fifty students from Denmark Olar Middle School got a free backpack with supplies and brand new pair of sneakers for back to school. The sneakers were compliments of Dawn Staley's charity Innersole and the backpacks of Governor Nikki Haley's organization The Original Six Foundation. The binders, paper, pencils, backpacks and shoes were delivered Friday morning in the school gym. Principal Daryl Brockington was so grateful with the gifts, he said a lot of the students really needed them. In fact, The Original Six Foundation was created by Governor Nikki Haley to

empower rural communities and connect them with resources outside their area."Growing up in Bamberg we didn't know what we didn't have but we knew that we had each other and it was about families and relationships" said Haley. "To have us come in here and say you know what we believe in you we know that you're meant for great things and we want to help you get started to a great school year forget what's happened in the past and let's make this year really count and that's what these foundations are meant to do."

ABC Columbia: VIDEO: Denmark-Olar Students Receive 'Sole-ful Gifts'

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/2016/08/26/denmark-olar-students-receive-sole-ful-gifts/>

Kimberlei Davis

ABC Columbia's Beth Rousseau was at Denmark-Olar Middle School Friday morning as over one hundred students received school supplies and sneakers courtesy of Governor Nikki Haley's The Original Six Foundation and Dawn Staley's INNERSOLE Foundation.

Associated Press : Haleys' income and charitable giving falls over last 2 years

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=UYRFqOI2](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=UYRFqOI2)

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and her husband earned a combined \$171,000 in 2015, a steep drop from two years ago and the couple's lowest income of her tenure, according to 2014 and 2015 tax returns she allowed reporters to view Friday. The decline is largely due to no more profits from her book and less investment income. A real estate investment with her father earned \$19,200 in 2014 and 2015, compared with \$70,500 in income from several properties in 2013. Details on the investment were not provided. In 2013, the Haleys reported earning more than \$282,000. Their actual income was higher, though how much is unclear. Michael Haley's income wasn't taxable during his 11-month deployment to Afghanistan that year with the South Carolina Army National Guard and therefore was not reported. The Haleys' charitable donations plummeted from \$126,000 in 2013 to \$2,500 last year. During her fifth year as South Carolina's CEO, she gave \$1,000 each to Mt. Horeb United Methodist and the Palmetto Health Foundation and \$500 to the Special Olympics. The couple's taxable work wages fell from \$164,600 in 2014 to \$144,600 last year.

The State: Gov. Haley, first gentleman's income falls, tax returns show

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article98068247.html>

Jamie Self

South Carolina's first family reported an income of \$170,661 last year and about \$20,000 more in 2014, according to Gov. Nikki Haley's tax returns for the last two years. The governor and First Gentleman Michael Haley also paid \$43,600 in federal taxes and \$13,893 in state taxes over the two years, and made \$6,130 in charitable contributions. Released Friday to reporters, the couple's reported earnings in 2014 and 2015 both fell short of the \$284,556 in income the couple reported in 2013. That year, their income was boosted by more than \$100,000 the governor was paid for her 2012 memoir, "Can't is Not an Option," and about \$70,500 from real-estate investments. The governor has reported about \$94,000 in taxable annual income for her job as the state's chief executive.

Post and Courier: Gov. Nikki Haley, husband earnings drop in 2015

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160826/160829555/gov-nikki-haley-husband-earnings-drop-in-2015>

Gavin Jackson and Schuyler Kropf

Gov. Nikki Haley and her husband Michael earned \$171,000 in 2015, according to tax returns released Friday, as the governor took one step that GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump

hasn't. Haley shared her tax returns for the last two years with state media, continuing a practice that has long been associated with South Carolina governors. Haley allowed reporters to view the documents but not to make copies. She chose to release tax years 2014 and 2015 together after the scheduled disclosure of her 2014 returns last summer were postponed because the Emanuel AME Church shooting in Charleston and subsequent removal of the Confederate battle flag from the Statehouse grounds took priority, her office said. In total, the Haley family income fell roughly \$20,000 from 2014 after first husband Michael Haley, a captain, became part-time with the S.C. National Guard.

Greenville News : Haleys release tax returns for 2014 and 2015

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/08/26/haleys-release-tax-returns-2014-and-2015/89394712/>

Tim Smith

The total income for Gov. Nikki Haley and her husband dropped last year, according to state and federal tax returns the couple released Friday. Haley, who has released tax returns in prior years following the practice of her predecessors, on Friday released forms for 2014 and 2015. They show the couple's total wages for 2015 were \$144,578 and their total income was \$170,661, down from wages of \$164,593 and total income of \$191,581 for 2014. Michael Haley, a captain in the South Carolina Army National Guard, transitioned from a full-time employee to a part-time role last year, according to the Governor's Office, accounting for the drop in his wages from \$70,695 in 2014 to \$51,039 in 2015. Haley's taxable income as governor for 2014 was \$93,897, slightly higher than the \$93,537 reported as taxable income in 2015. The couple reported total taxable income of more than \$284,000 in 2013, aided by investments and the governor's book sales. Last year, the Haley's paid \$19,681 in federal taxes and \$7,692 in state taxes, down from \$23,919 for federal taxes paid in 2014 and \$7,692 in state taxes. The Haleys received \$4,750 in federal refunds for 2015, which were credited toward the next year's taxes, and \$2,871 in state refunds. That's down from \$7,244 in federal refunds and \$6,917 in state refunds due the couple in 2014.

SC Political News:

Associated Press : Career prosecutor retires from SC Attorney General's Office

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SC State Wire

A longtime prosecutor in South Carolina is retiring after a 50-year career spanning work at the local, state and federal levels. The Attorney General's Office announced Friday that John McIntosh would be leaving his post as chief deputy attorney general. McIntosh has served in that role since 1998, for three attorneys general. That includes Henry McMaster, under whom McIntosh also served in the U. S. Attorney's Office.

McIntosh also previously worked as chief deputy at the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office and as a public defender. Robert Bolchoz is taking over for McIntosh as chief deputy attorney general, a post he previously held from 1995-98. A lawyer for more than 25 years, he also has worked as a solicitor in Charleston.

The State: S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson names new chief deputy

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article98044917.html>

Cynthia Roldan

State Attorney General Alan Wilson named Robert Bolchoz on Friday as his new second-in-command. Bolchoz will assume the position of chief deputy attorney general Jan. 2. He replaces John

McIntosh, who is retiring after nearly 20 years. McIntosh served under three attorneys general since 1998 and has worked for the agency since 1995, according to a release by Wilson's office. Before that, McIntosh worked as an assistant public defender and chief deputy solicitor. He also worked at the U.S. Attorney's Office. Wilson called McIntosh "one of the most experienced and respected prosecutors" in South Carolina. "John's legal knowledge is second-to-none and to work with him and learn from him has been invaluable to me," said Wilson in a statement.

Post and Courier : Robert Bolchoz to replace retiring Chief Deputy Attorney General John McIntosh  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160826/160829559/robert-bolchoz-to-replace-retiring-chief-deputy-attorney-general-john-mcintosh>

Maya T. Prabhu

South Carolina's Chief Deputy Attorney General John McIntosh will end his 21-year career with the state at the end of the year, with private attorney Robert Bolchoz replacing him in January. McIntosh has served as chief deputy for three attorneys general since 1998. He's been with the office since 1995. "It has been my honor and privilege to work with one of the most experienced and respected prosecutors in the state," Attorney General Alan Wilson said in a press release. "John's legal knowledge is second to none and to work with him and learn from him has been invaluable to me as attorney general." McIntosh has spent 50 years in the legal realm, previously working as an assistant public defender, chief deputy solicitor and first assistant in the U.S. Attorney's Office. Bolchoz is returning to the Attorney General's Office after working as chief deputy under former Attorney General Charlie Condon from 1995 to 1998.

Associated Press : MUSC board spent \$560K in 5 years on hotels, meals and booze

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SC State Wire

Two state legislators say they plan to investigate "excessive" spending by the Medical University of South Carolina's unpaid governing board. The Post and Courier reported Friday (<http://bit.ly/2bFPInK>) that Board of Trustees members were reimbursed \$560,000 over five years for upscale hotels, dining and liquor while in Charleston for meetings. That doesn't include an additional \$290,000 spent by the public university's separate Board of Visitors, which has no governing role. Spending included \$37,400 on a 2014 Christmas banquet and \$160 bottles of wine. An exemption in state law allows university trustees to set their own travel rates. University officials contend most of the reimbursements come from a private nonprofit, so it's not public money. The newspaper's investigation found that, among public universities in South Carolina, only Clemson's board spent more.

Post and Courier: MUSC board members rack up thousands on luxury hotels, meals

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160826/160829697/musc-board-members-rack-up-thousands-on-luxury-hotels-meals>

Doug Pardue and Lauren Sausser

A Post and Courier investigation found that the unpaid 16-member board has spent some \$560,000 for food, drink and lodging since 2011. And that doesn't include an extra \$290,000 spent to wine and dine members of the MUSC Board of Visitors, who function as community ambassadors for the public research university but have no governing role. All told, members of both boards spent nearly \$850,000 in five years. The trustees' spending continued even after internal auditors and the General Assembly's watchdog agency warned the board about its "inappropriate" and possibly illegal habits in the late '90s. MUSC leaders say board members follow the rules regarding spending and reimbursement. The Board of Trustees developed those guidelines in 2015, but records show, on at

least one occasion since then, a board member broke them. Two state lawmakers recently made aware of the newspaper's investigation renewed calls to review the group's expenses.

The State: Sanford opponent wants to avoid Armageddon by finding 'Planet B'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article98134917.html>

Avery G. Wilks

U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford's general election opponent thinks it is time "we started colonizing other planets." Democratic political activist Dimitri Cherny says humankind needs a backup plan should NASA scientists one day discover an object barreling toward Earth, bringing annihilation with it. The former long-haul truck driver and die-hard Bernie Sanders fan lists "Finding Planet 'B'" on his campaign website among eight pieces of legislation that he would push if elected in the coastal 1st District. However, Sanford is heavily favored to win re-election, and he says he's not too worried about finding mankind's next home. Cherny, 56, suggests diverting some of the country's defense spending toward locating and, ultimately, colonizing other inhabitable planets. The concept so far has been explored in science fiction and by British entrepreneur Richard Branson, who has launched a space tourism company with plans to colonize Mars.

Greenville News: House race flips norms on defense spending

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/08/26/house-race-flips-norms-defense-spending/89419396/>

Mary Orndorff Troyan

This year's race in the 5th Congressional District is twisting political norms when it comes to defense spending. Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-Indian Land, running for a fourth term, has a long record of pushing spending cuts as a way to shrink the federal debt — no surprise for a Republican. But Mulvaney veers outside traditional GOP orthodoxy in saying defense programs should be subject to that same belt-tightening. "If we are going to balance the budget, then all spending needs to be scrutinized, including the Pentagon," Mulvaney wrote recently in a Facebook message to constituents. It's a controversial position for a Republican to take in a conservative, Southern state with several military bases, thousands of active and retired military personnel and a general affinity for a strong national defense. The Democrat running for the 5th District seat, Fran Person of Tega Cay, has criticized Mulvaney's position and opposes defense cuts, giving his party a rare opportunity to claim the pro-military mantle. "Congressman Mulvaney on some issues is in a very vulnerable spot," Person said in a recent interview. "He supported the sequester cuts, which I wholeheartedly disagree with because they gutted the military when it was needed the most."

Post and Courier : S.C. Democrats make Electoral College picks

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160826/160829509/sc-democrats-make-electoral-college-picks>

Schuyler Kropf

The S.C. Democratic Party's Executive Committee has announced its nine Electoral College designees who would cast ballots if Hillary Clinton wins South Carolina in the Nov. 8 presidential election. The nominees for electors, along with their congressional district or at-large designation, are: party Chairman Jaime Harrison, at-large; Kaye Koonce, at-large; Katie Catalon, 1st Congressional District; Don Fowler, 2nd Congressional District; Sheila McDaniel, 3rd Congressional District; former governor Richard Riley, 4th Congressional District; Debbie Gudenas, 5th Congressional District; Clay Middleton, 6th Congressional District; and Sara Lisenby, 7th Congressional District. Republicans announced their picks earlier this week.

## SC Agency News:

### WSPA: SC Prisons Often on Lockdown Because of Staff Shortage

<http://wspa.com/2016/08/26/sc-prisons-often-on-lockdown-because-of-staff-shortage/>

Robert Kittle

The South Carolina Department of Corrections has such a shortage of correctional officers that some prisons have to go on lockdown. The agency is short about 500 officers, according to Corrections director Bryan Stirling. It was short about 800 just two months ago, but has taken steps to hire more officers. "As the economy improves, it's very difficult to get people to come work at the Department of Corrections. We've seen that through the years," he says. He says there's an inverse relation between the state's unemployment rate and the vacancy rate for correctional officers, as you can see in this graph. Stirling says big job announcements, like Volvo building a plant in the Lowcountry, hurt the agency's ability to attract applicants. The same thing happened with BMW in the Upstate. The correctional officer shortage is affecting life inside the prisons, with some going on lockdown. "What we do is we'll lock down a little early," Stirling says. "Generally, we shut the level 2 and 3 institutions down, which are our higher level security institutions, down around 10 o'clock. We lock them in their room until the next morning, until about 5 or 6 in the morning, to start feeding again. Sometimes at night in some institutions we have to do that at 6 o'clock, which is not optimal, so that's four hours early. Sometimes we have to let them out to feed and then lock them back down during the day. It really just depends on who shows up for a shift. If we are at a deficit of officers, which we still are, it happens more than when you're even because you can call people in."

NOTE: The agency has been able to lessen its shortage because state lawmakers and Gov. Nikki Haley approved a \$1,500 raise for correctional officers. Stirling says he'll ask for another \$1,500 raise next year.

### Aiken Standard: DHEC releases map of counties with travel-associated Zika cases

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160826/160829611/dhec-releases-map-of-counties-with-travel-associated-zika-cases>

Mayaan Schechter

At least eight travel-associated cases of the Zika virus have been identified in patients in the Charleston area, the highest number of cases found in South Carolina, according to a new map released on Friday by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. The map ([bit.ly/2bMWFUI](http://bit.ly/2bMWFUI)) shows 12 of the state's 46 counties have shown positive for travel-associated Zika cases. Aiken County does not have any confirmed cases of the Zika virus, despite its neighbor in Lexington having seven and Richland with six. Jennifer Read, chief communications officer with DHEC, said the health agency released the map primarily due to growth in public concern, since the number of travel-associated Zika cases in the state has increased and the multiple locations of local transmission in Florida. "Therefore, we decided to go ahead and release county-level data to better inform South Carolinians and enhance preparedness for and awareness of the virus," she said.

### Island Packet: There are no Zika cases in Beaufort or Jasper counties. So where are they?

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article98186927.html>

Rebecca Lurye

There are no confirmed cases of Zika virus in Beaufort or Jasper counties, according to new information South Carolina health officials released Friday afternoon. The state's 43 travel-related cases of the mosquito-borne virus are located in 12 counties, including eight in Charleston, seven in Lexington and Greenville, six in Richland and four in Dorchester, according to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. On Friday afternoon, Yanity said DHEC decided to release the

county-level data to better inform residents and enhance preparedness for and awareness of the virus. "With the increase in the number of travel-associated Zika cases in South Carolina and the multiple locations of local transmission in Florida, public concern has grown," he wrote in an email. The information will be updated online monthly, he said. Previously, DHEC had refused to name the counties in which there were cases of the virus, citing concerns that news media would use that information to track down patients

SC After Recent Violence:

Post and Courier: SLED investigating fatal officer-involved shooting in North Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160827/160829455/sled-investigating-fatal-officer-involved-shooting-in-north-charleston>

Caitlin Byrd

North Charleston police shot and killed a man Friday night after he opened fire on officers, police said. State Law Enforcement Division agents are now investigating what happened. The shooting occurred at Summit Place Apartments on Dunlap Street. Officers responded to a call around 11:30 p. m. Friday about a Hispanic man shooting a gun in the breezeway of the apartment building, according to North Charleston police spokesman Spencer Pryor. As officers began arriving on the scene, they saw the suspect leaving the location in a vehicle, Pryor said. Pryor said officers then tried to conduct a traffic stop and the suspect failed to stop. The suspect then drove around and returned to the apartment complex, where he then got out of the vehicle and lead officers on a chase, Pryor said. According to police, when officers entered the breezeway, the suspect fired his handgun at them. Officers fired back, and the man was pronounced dead at the scene by emergency responders. The suspect's identity has not been released at this time.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press : SC gala raises funds toward child abuse prevention efforts

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SC State Wire

The top group that works to prevent child abuse in South Carolina is getting all dressed up for a good cause. Children's Trust of South Carolina is holding its annual gala and auction on Saturday night in Columbia. The formal event at the University of South Carolina Alumni Center is the organization's annual fundraiser. More than 300 people are expected to attend. 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. Money raised Saturday supports its programs, including educating first-time mothers on child safety, professional development for childcare workers and advocacy for policies that positively impact the state's children. Tickets are available online and at the door.

Post and Courier: State losing when it comes to S.C. Education Lottery scholarships

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160827/160829533/state-losing-when-it-comes-to-sc-education-lottery-scholarships>

Diane Knich

Some high-achieving college students are winners when it comes to the South Carolina Education Lottery, but one of the losers is the Palmetto State, which has had to subsidize those awards with more than \$1 billion during the past 14 years. Thousands of college students who started school last week will pay for their educations partly with the merit-based scholarships, which range from \$2,800 to \$10,000 per year for South Carolina students who meet certain academic criteria and attend a

public or private college in state. But much of the money to pay for those awards doesn't come from lottery proceeds. Instead, it comes from taxpayers through the state's operating budget. In the 2015-16 school year, the most recent year for which data is available, \$263.2 million in scholarships was awarded. The general fund covered \$45 million, or 17 percent of the total cost. But that's the lowest percentage of money from state taxpayers used for the scholarships since lottery money became available in the 2002-03 school year. In other years, it ranged from 27.4 percent to 61 percent.

Local News:

Associated Press: FBI: Missing teenage girl abducted, raped, thrown into swamp

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SC State Wire

An FBI agent, citing a statement from a prison inmate, says a teenage girl who disappeared from Myrtle Beach seven years ago was abducted, gang-raped, shot to death and thrown into an alligator-infested swamp. Agent Gerrick Munoz this week gave the first detailed account of what investigators think happened to 17-year-old Brittanee Drexel of Rochester, New York, after she disappeared in 2009 while on a spring break trip. His account, contained in a federal court transcript obtained by The Post and Courier of Charleston (<http://bit.ly/2bvYaCJ>), is based on a statement from a prison inmate who claims he was present when she was killed. But a McClellanville woman whose husband and son have been implicated by the inmate says the story is just a bunch of "craziness" adopted by federal authorities desperate to solve the case. In the transcript, Munoz testifies that the inmate, Taquan Brown of Walterboro, told investigators he went to a "stash house" in the McClellanville area in the days after Drexel was abducted. As he entered the house with a couple of other men, he saw Timothy Da'Shaun Taylor, then 16, "sexually abusing Brittanee Drexel," the agent said.

Post and Courier: FBI agent: Missing teen Brittanee Drexel was kidnapped, shot and dumped in alligator pit

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160826/160829517/fbi-agent-missing-teen-brittanee-drexel-was-kidnapped-shot-and-dumped-in-alligator-pit>

Doug Pardue and Glenn Smith

A teenage girl who disappeared from Myrtle Beach seven years ago was abducted, gang-raped, shot to death and thrown into an alligator-infested swamp in the dense forests near McClellanville, according to the FBI. FBI agent Gerrick Munoz this week gave the first detailed account of what investigators think happened to 17-year-old Brittanee Drexel after she disappeared in 2009. His account, contained in a federal court transcript obtained by The Post and Courier, is based on a statement from a prison inmate who claims he was present when she was killed. But a McClellanville woman whose husband and son have been implicated by the inmate says the story is just a bunch of "craziness" adopted by federal authorities desperate to solve a vexing case. For years, tips repeatedly have sent state and local investigators on wild goose chases from Myrtle Beach to McClellanville searching in vain for clues to the young woman's disappearance or her remains.

Associated Press: Lawyers plan civil suit in '44 execution of black youth

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=JURAcJ5F](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=JURAcJ5F)

Bruce Smith

Attorneys are investigating the possibility of filing a civil-rights lawsuit in the case of a black teenager electrocuted more than 70 years ago for the killings of two young white girls in a segregated South Carolina mill town. George Stinney was 14 when he was arrested, convicted of murder in a one-day

trial and executed in 1944. A state judge in 2014 tossed out the conviction, saying a grave injustice had been done. "It's an awful part of our history and one that we have to tackle," Charleston School of Law President Ed Bell said Friday as he announced that law students will help research the legal grounds for suing over something that happened seven decades ago. Bell said that the lawyers, law enforcement and court officials who participated in the case have long since died. Their descendants can't be sued and research will determine whether the state or Clarendon County, where the trial was held, can be named as defendants, he said.

Post and Courier: 'The George Stinney case is back': Attorneys plan civil rights suit

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160826/160829547/the-george-stinney-case-is-back-attorneys-plan-civil-rights-suit>

Deanna Pan

More than 70 years after the execution of the youngest person ever in modern U.S. history, attorneys plan to launch a civil rights lawsuit on behalf of the young boy's surviving siblings. George Stinney Jr., a 14-year-old African-American boy from Alcolu, was sentenced to death in 1944 in the killing of two white girls. In 2014, a state judge vacated his murder conviction after finding "fundamental, Constitutional violations of due process" in Stinney's prosecution. Charleston School of Law professor Miller Shealy was one of the attorneys hired by Stinney's siblings to exonerate their brother. Under Shealy's supervision, 17 third-year law students will assist on the case through the school's new clinical externship program. "The George Stinney case is back," said Charleston School of Law President Ed Bell, an attorney based in Georgetown, at a press conference Friday. "We're going to fight for that family."

Associated Press : Court: Columbia must release complaints against former chief

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dOnhT7po](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dOnhT7po)

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The state Court of Appeals says Columbia must release complaints against former police chief Randy Scott. The court issued the order Wednesday.

resigned from the police department in 2013, citing post-traumatic stress disorder. His resignation came after the department was sued by a former officer who said she was made a scapegoat in a botched investigation. Scott returned to the Richland County Sheriff's Department, where he had worked before becoming Columbia's police chief in 2010. Sheriff's Lt. Curtis Wilson told local media Scott left the sheriff's department July 19 because of medical problems. The Appeals Court order said there are certain emails and other complaints that should be released. City Attorney W. Allen Nickles says he doesn't know yet if the city will appeal to the state Supreme Court.

The State: Richland County deputy charged after doctor found bruises on step-child

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article98091537.html>

Jane Moon Dial

A Richland County deputy found himself on the other side of the law when he was charged after a doctor found bruises on a child. Lexington County deputies responded to a medical center Monday after doctors raised concern about a child, according to a news release from the Richland County Sheriff's Department. The victim, an 8-year-old boy, had an appointment with the doctor, who observed bruises on the child's lower body. The doctor alerted law enforcement of his findings. The victim is the stepson of Richland County Deputy Brandon Robins, the release stated. Robins, 45, turned himself into the Lexington County Sheriff's Office Friday. Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott stated he has been placed on suspension without pay pending an internal review. A post on the department's Facebook page indicated Robins was promoted to investigator in November.

Robins was charged with unlawful conduct toward a child. The release stated Robins was transported to the Lexington County Jail, though his mugshot was not available on its website Friday afternoon.

Associated Press: Medical foster home offers aging veteran a family

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SC State Wire

When Jeanette Drayton decided to sign up as a caregiver under the VA hospital's medical foster home program, she knew she'd be welcoming a stranger into her North Charleston house. She didn't expect that this patient, 71-year-old Ronnie Pruett, would become part of her family. "He is," she said. "He is everywhere I go. If he's not with me, they ask, 'Where is Mr. Ron?' "The VA's medical foster home program was established at the federal level about a decade ago, but it's relatively new in Charleston. The program accommodates elderly patients who can't live by themselves anymore, but don't want to, or can't afford, to move into a nursing home. Pruett, who served in the Air Force for three years in the early 1960s and suffers from dementia, pays \$1,900 in VA benefits to live with Drayton. Nursing homes, on average, cost more than \$6,000 a month. Natasha Simeon-Major coordinates the medical foster home program at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston. Five medical foster homes have been established in the area, but she hopes to grow the program to at least 25 homes. Simeon-Major said she gets three calls a week from veterans or their family members who want to find a placement. Right now, there just isn't enough room to accommodate all the requests, she said.

The State: More problems uncovered at nuclear fuel plant near Columbia

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article98215982.html>

Sammy Fretwell

An atomic safety investigation at a Columbia nuclear fuel factory uncovered additional problems this week as inspectors discovered more radioactive material had built up in the plant than they previously knew about. An air pollution control system pipe potentially contained enough uranium to cause a nuclear accident at the Westinghouse plant on Bluff Road, records show. The amount of uranium found in the pipe might have exceeded a federal safety limit, according to a federal event notification report. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission became aware of the problem Tuesday, about five weeks after Westinghouse notified the agency that uranium had built up in another part of the air pollution scrubber system, records show. In that case, the amount of uranium found in the scrubber was three times higher than federal safety limits, the notification report says. This week's discovery, like the uranium buildup that surfaced in July, did not pose any danger to the surrounding community and no workers at the factory were harmed, according to the NRC. But buildups of nuclear material are a concern.

The State: Belching sewage plant will be fixed after years of problems, county says

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article97962932.html>

Sammy Fretwell

Richland County Council voted Thursday to spend \$1.5 million on repairs to a sewage treatment plant that has tainted the Broad River with bacteria for parts of the past three years. The plant must be improved or Richland County faces additional enforcement action from the state's environmental agency. The Department of Health and Environmental Control has hit the county with at least two enforcement orders – the most recent a \$6,000 fine in 2015 – over failures at the treatment plant.

Gerald Seals, Richland's interim administrator, said the county hopes to have the work done by March. In addition to making upgrades at the treatment plant, the county is hiring a utility consulting firm, The Constantine Group, to help with the improvements. The plant has had trouble with its power

supply and with an ultraviolet treatment system used to reduce pollutants in wastewater before the water is released into the river.

The State: Columbia's questioned bonds amounted to \$191 M

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article98124887.html>

Cliff Leblanc

The bonds the city of Columbia sold without fully informing investors about the state of the city's finances totaled about \$191 million, according to figures the finance office released Friday. City Hall was reprimanded Wednesday by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for letting investors believe that Columbia's annual finances had been audited when the city sold bonds in 2011 and 2012. The city reported the violation to the SEC, which resulted in Wednesday's cease-and-desist order as well as requirements that Columbia disclose the order every time it sells bonds for the next five years. The capital city's chief financial officer, Jeff Palen, said Friday that the first of the three questioned bonds was for almost \$5.6 million in August 2011 to replace vehicles used by public safety, public works and parks-and-recreation departments. It was a general obligation bond. In November 2011, the city issued \$127.3 million in water and sewer bonds for construction projects in those utility systems, he said. Of that total, almost \$27.3 million was refinanced bonds to take advantage of lower interest rates. The last of the three bonds was issued in February 2012 for \$58 million in water and sewer projects, Palen said. The amounts of the bonds were unavailable on Thursday when Palen discussed the SEC's order for the first time publicly.

The State: Precision aerospace work in demand from more SC companies

<http://www.thestate.com/news/business/article98208192.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

Jake Brackett was the general manager of a Columbia machine shop when he watched the South Carolina's fledgling aerospace industry begin to take off, particularly with the arrival of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner assembly plant in North Charleston. So in 2012, Brackett decided to try to become a supplier for the aviation giant. He took out a loan to purchase two \$500,000 computerized precision milling machines capable of measuring titanium to one-millionth of an inch, and he set up shop in West Columbia. Today, Brackett's business, Jacob Grey Precision Machining – Grey is Brackett's middle name – has grown to 10 employees and 10 machines, one costing more than \$1 million. And he is fabricating one-of-a-kind titanium parts for Boeing and other aviation companies around the world, some costing upwards of \$30,000 each. "The firm I was working for didn't want to put up the money to go after Boeing, so I went out on my own," Brackett said. "I put up my house and piece of land and just worked my (behind) off." Jacob Grey is one of about 400 aerospace firms statewide, 30 of which have announced a new location or expansion in South Carolina since 2011, according to a study released during this week's South Carolina Aerospace Conference & Expo held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. About 20 to 25 percent of the firms are located in the Midlands.

Presidential Election 2016:

Associated Press: As Trump courts Latinos, Clinton links him to radical fringe

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Jonathan Lemire and Lisa Lerer

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump met with about two dozen Latino supporters in Nevada to discuss strategies for boosting Hispanic turnout in the swing state, part of his effort to make the case that his economic policies would be better for small minority-owned businesses than

those of Democratic rival Hillary Clinton. "People don't know how well we're doing with the Hispanics, the Latinos," Trump said Friday at his hotel just off the Vegas Strip. "We're doing really well." Trump has suggested that minorities have been left behind by Democratic economic policies and hammered the nation's sluggish GDP growth as "a catastrophe," saying that the United States has "some very, very serious problems and it's going to get worse with this group of people" in charge. But Trump continued to send mixed signals about a key issue for many Latinos: immigration. While he has not wavered on his desire to build an impenetrable wall along the border with Mexico, he exhibited indecisiveness in recent days about his plan to deport 11 million immigrants living in the U.S. illegally.

Associated Press: US: Clinton calendars won't be released until after election

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Ted Bridis

Seven months after a federal judge ordered the State Department to begin releasing monthly batches of the detailed daily schedules showing meetings by Hillary Clinton during her time as secretary of state, the government told The Associated Press it won't finish the job before Election Day. The department has so far released about half of the schedules. Its lawyers said in a phone conference with the AP's lawyers that the department now expects to release the last of the detailed schedules around Dec. 30, weeks before the next president is inaugurated. The AP's lawyers late Friday formally asked the State Department to hasten that effort so that the department could provide all Clinton's minute-by-minute schedules by Oct. 15. The agency did not immediately respond. The schedules drew new attention this week after the AP analyzed the ones released so far. The news agency found that more than half the people outside the government who met or spoke by telephone with Clinton while she was secretary of state had given money — either personally or through companies or groups — to the Clinton Foundation. The AP's analysis focused on people with private interests and excluded her meetings or calls with U.S. federal employees or foreign government representatives.

National News:

Associated Press: Man faces 2 capital murder charges in Mississippi nun deaths

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Emily Wagster Pettus

A man suspected in the slayings of two Mississippi nuns who were found dead inside a residence within the community they served has been arrested and charged with two counts of capital murder, Mississippi authorities said. Rodney Earl Sanders, 46, of Kosciusko, Mississippi, was charged in the deaths of Sister Margaret Held and Sister Paula Merrill, both 68, Mississippi Department of Public Safety spokesman Warren Strain said in a statement released late Friday night. The bodies of both women were discovered Thursday after they failed to show up for work at a clinic in Lexington, Mississippi, about 10 miles from where they lived. "Sanders was developed as a person of interest early on in the investigation," Lt. Colonel Jimmy Jordan said in the statement. Authorities said Sanders was being held in an undisclosed detention center pending a court appearance. Meanwhile, in the poverty-stricken Mississippi county where the two nuns were slain, forgiveness for their killer is hard to find, even if forgiveness is what the victims would have wanted.

Associated Press : Little precedent for \$400 million cash payment to Iran

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Bradley Klapper

A \$400 million cash delivery to Iran to repay a decades-old arbitration claim may be unprecedented in recent U.S. history, according to legal experts and diplomatic historians, raising further questions

about a payment timed to help free four American prisoners in Iran. The money was sent to Iran on Jan. 17, the same day Iran agreed to release the prisoners. The Obama administration claimed for months the events were separate, but recently acknowledged the cash was used as leverage until the Americans were allowed to leave Iran. Only then, did the U.S. allow a plane with euros, Swiss francs and other foreign currency loaded on pallets to take off in the other direction for Tehran. "There's actually not anything particularly unusual about the mechanism for this transaction," White House press secretary Josh Earnest said this week of the initial cash payment. But diplomatic historians and lawyers with expertise in international arbitration struggled to find any similar examples.

World News:

Associated Press : Italy buries quake dead, recalls sisters embracing in rubble

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Trisha Thomas and Vanessa Gera

A young man wept over a little girl's white coffin, while a woman nearby gently stroked another small casket, as Italians bid farewell Saturday to victims of the devastating earthquake that struck a mountainous region of central Italy this week. As Italians observed a day of national mourning, President Sergio Mattarella and Premier Matteo Renzi joined grieving family members for a state funeral for 35 of the 290 people killed in Wednesday's quake. Mourners, among them many injured, wept and held each other in a sweltering community gym in the town of Ascoli Piceno as the local bishop, Giovanni D'Ercole, urged them to rebuild their communities. "Don't be afraid to cry out your suffering — I have seen a lot of this — but please do not lose courage," D'Ercole told them. "Only together can we rebuild our houses and our churches. Together, above all, we will be able to restore life to our communities."

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