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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Aiken Standard: Aiken Technical College's Dr. Winsor receives highest state honor, legislative resolutions

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160627/AIK0101/160629545>

Larry Wood

Retiring Aiken Technical College President Dr. Susan Winsor received the Order of the Palmetto on Monday at a reception recognizing her almost 17 years leading the institution. Winsor, who will retire Thursday, also received resolutions from the S.C. Senate and House of Representatives. Colleagues, community leaders, elected officials and friends congratulated Winsor on her achievements and retirement at the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing, one of the many building constructed during her tenure as president.

NOTE: Young also read a letter from S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley to Winsor, saying, "Your passion for education has not gone unnoticed, and your contributions will have a lasting impact for years to come. Thank you for your efforts to make our state an even better place to live, to work and to learn and for upholding the highest ideals of servant leadership in all that you do."

WIS: U.S. Supreme Court ruling on abortion could affect SC

http://m.wistv.com/wistv/db_331935/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9ViFh498

Meaghan Norman

While Monday's Supreme Court ruling affects a Texas law, it's possible it could influence other states with similar legislation governing abortion. At this point, there is no direct effect from the ruling because South Carolina's standards are not the same as Texas'. With that said, this new legal standard and precedent set Monday could steer future legislation. Right now, there are several restrictions on abortions in South Carolina. Most recently, in May Gov. Nikki Haley signed into law a 20-week ban on abortions. A woman must receive state-directed counseling and wait 24 hours before having the procedure. Another restriction would mean health insurance can only cover an abortion under certain circumstances. This ruling continues the conversation on both sides about access and regulating rights. "A lot of this, if we think about you have these Constitutional rights not just in theory but in reality and so if women can't access these services then in reality they don't have that right," Eme Crawford with Tell Them SC said.

SC Political News:

Greenville News: Abortion ruling leaves SC pro-life supporters uneasy

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/06/27/abortion-ruling-leaves-sc-pro-life-supporters-uneasy/86433262/>

Tim Smith

A United State Supreme Court ruling Monday striking down some Texas abortion clinic regulations may not have any impact on South Carolina law but it is causing pro-life supporters to feel uneasy. In

a 5-3 ruling, the justices found that Texas regulations that require, in part, doctors performing abortions to hold admitting privileges to a local hospital are an "undue burden" to women's access to an abortion and provide "a substantial obstacle in the path of women seeking a pre-viability abortion." "We conclude that neither of these provisions offers medical benefits sufficient to justify the burdens upon access that each imposes," Justice Stephen Breyer wrote for the majority. The Texas regulations, which also required abortion providers to meet the standards for ambulatory surgical centers, had been copied in some other states but not in South Carolina, though some S.C. lawmakers had proposed similar measures. South Carolina pro-life supporters said they were disappointed in the ruling and felt uneasy about the future of abortion legislation and regulations as a result.

Post and Courier: Sanford attends Panama Canal expansion ceremony, reports good news for Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160627/160629494/sanford-attends-panama-canal-expansion-ceremony-reports-good-news-for-charleston>

Emma Dumain

On Sunday, U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford was one of 14 members of Congress to witness — in person — the long-anticipated expansion of the Panama Canal. The South Carolina Republican, who celebrated alongside 70 heads of state, told The Post and Courier the culmination of the seven-year, \$5 billion project will have a very big impact back home. "Here we are, very many miles away, and they keep bringing up Charleston," Sanford said of the briefings the congressional delegation received in Panama on Sunday morning. "I think it was illuminating on what a big deal this is, the way it changes, frankly, the viability and service area of the Port of Charleston," said Sanford, who lives in Mount Pleasant. Sanford's inclusion was part of an official trip organized by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He was invited by committee chairman Rep. Bill Schuster, R-Pa.

Chicago Tribune: Dems' Benghazi report: Clinton 'engaged' during attack, panel 'squandered millions of taxpayer dollars'

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-benghazi-report-democrats-20160627-story.html>

Karen DeYoung and Adam Goldman

Evidence collected by the House Select Committee on the 2012 attacks in Benghazi, Libya confirms that Defense Department actions could not have saved the lives of four Americans killed, that then-secretary of state Hillary Clinton was actively "engaged" and responsive during the attack, and that no one in the Obama administration lied about what happened, according to a report issued Monday by committee Democrats. The committee, the Democrats said, "obtained no credible evidence that any Administration official made intentionally misleading statements about the attacks." Over the course of the two-year investigation, the minority report said, the panel "squandered millions of taxpayer dollars in a partisan effort to attack a presidential candidate." Release of the 344-page Democratic report amounted to a preemptive strike against a majority version, following years of charges the GOP majority was using the committee to undermine Clinton's presidential campaign. NOTE: Republican Chairman Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., has said he hoped to complete the committee's work before this summer's nominating conventions. The majority report is expected to conclude that the administration, for political reasons, intentionally misrepresented the facts of the attack on a diplomatic compound that killed U.S. Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and a State Department official, and an assault hours later on a nearby CIA facility in which two American security contractors died. "We know we were lied to," Gowdy said before the investigation began.

SC Elections:

Associated Press: Handful of legislative nominees to be decided Tuesday
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ajs2hK5y

Bruce Smith

A handful of nominees for seats in the South Carolina General Assembly will be selected Tuesday as voters go to the polls to settle party runoffs. There are runoffs in six state Senate and seven House primaries. There are no statewide races to be decided in Tuesday's voting. Candidates needed 50 percent plus one vote during the June 14 primary to avoid a runoff. A look at some of the races to be decided with the polls open from 7 a.m. through 7 p.m....

The State: 8 runoffs to watch in the Midlands

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article86349547.html>

Voters in the Midlands can cast ballots in more than a half-dozen runoffs Tuesday, including a high-profile race to elect a new solicitor in the 11th Circuit for the first time in 40 years. Runoffs on Midlands ballots are...

Associated Press: Runoffs in 13 South Carolina legislative races being decided

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=daLSBoh7

SC State Wire

South Carolina voters are returning to the polls to settle runoffs for party nominations in 13 General Assembly districts. There are six state Senate primaries being decided Tuesday, including three involving incumbents, as well as seven state House primaries. There are no statewide races. Candidates needed 50 percent plus one vote during the June 14 primary to avoid a runoff. The polls are open until 7 p.m. and voters should not have to wait for long. About 14 percent of the state's 3 million registered voters cast ballots two weeks ago and runoffs generally see fewer voters at the polls. In 2014, only about 6 percent of registered voters cast ballots during the runoffs when there were several statewide contests to be settled.

Herald-Journal: Bright-Talley match included in runoff elections Tuesday

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160627/articles/160629728>

Chris Lavender

State Sen. Lee Bright faces former state House Rep. Scott Talley in a Republican runoff for the state Senate District 12 seat Tuesday. The winner faces no Democratic opposition in November's general election. Bright is seeking a third term in office and said he is optimistic about his re-election bid despite growing opposition from the State Chamber of Commerce and Conservation Voters of South Carolina. "It's been a fight when the governor, State Chamber of Commerce and Conservation Voters of South Carolina come out against you," Bright said. "It's an uphill task." One of Talley's campaign goals was to face Bright in a runoff where he believed the incumbent would be vulnerable. "Hopefully, our people will show up and outnumber him," Talley said.

NOTE: South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley has endorsed Talley's campaign. Former candidates in the District 12 race - David McCraw and Lisa Scott - have also endorsed Talley. Bright received endorsements from nine state lawmakers including state Rep. Bill Chumley, R-Reidville, and state Rep. Mike Burns, R-Greenville.

Independent Mail: Low voter turnout expected for Tuesday runoffs in Anderson area

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/small-voter-turnout-expected-for-tuesday-runoffs-in-anderson-area-36089ce3-b45a-22a5-e053-0100007f3a-384455211.html?d=mobile>

Kirk Brown

Voters in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties will pick winners in seven Republican runoffs

when they head back to the polls Tuesday. The runoff races include the top prosecutor in Anderson and Oconee counties, two seats in the South Carolina General Assembly, one county council seat in Anderson County and three county council seats in Pickens County. The winner of each of the runoffs is not expected to face any opposition in the November general election. Election officials expect fewer voters will cast ballots in the runoffs than in the June 14 primaries. Voter turnout for the primaries ranged from about 10 percent in Oconee County to slightly more than 20 percent in Anderson and Pickens counties.

NOTE: Gov. Nikki Haley campaigned for Martin this week when she visited Easley to sign to two ethics reform bills. Martin, who is chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, played a key role in passing both measures. "He is my No. 1 ally in the Senate, and I will tell you that I need him to come back," Haley said.

Independent Mail: Voters in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties to pick winners in seven runoffs

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/voters-in-anderson-oconee-and-pickens-counties-to-pick-winners-in-seven-runoffs-36479179-3e33-1d7a-e-384586431.html>

A total of 164 polling places in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday for Republican runoffs. Registered voters in the three counties will eligible to vote in the runoffs except for the 487 voters who cast ballots in the June 14 Democratic primary for Anderson County Council District 2.

One of Tuesday's marquee matchups is the 10th Judicial Circuit solicitor's race between Rame Campbell and David Wagner. The winner is not expected to face any opposition in the November general election to replace Solicitor Chrissy Adams as the top prosecutor in Anderson and Oconee counties. Adams cited health issues as the reason she is not seeking another term. Two other runoffs will be on the ballot in parts of Anderson County. Blake Parker of Honea Path and Belton City Councilman Jay West are competing for the South Carolina House of Representatives District 7 seat. Voters also will choose between Ray Graham and Eddie Moore in the Anderson County Council District 3 contest. In Pickens County, state Sen. Larry Martin and former state Rep. Rex Rice will meet in a runoff for the state Senate District 2 seat. There also will be runoffs for three county council seats in Pickens County.

Greenville News: What you need to know for the June 28 runoff elections

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/06/22/what-you-need-know-june-28-runoff-elections/86226354/>

Amanda Coyne

Voters in Greenville and Pickens Counties have another opportunity to cast their ballot on Tuesday, June 28, when multiple county and state offices are up for runoffs. All registered voters in these counties are eligible to vote in runoff elections. The only restriction is that those who voted on June 14 must vote for the same party's candidates -- if you voted for Republicans in the primary, you may only vote for Republicans in the runoff, and the same is true for those who voted for Democrats. To find who your legislators are in the S.C. House of Representatives and Senate, go to scstatehouse.gov/legislatorssearch. To find who your Greenville County council member is, go to greenvillecounty.org/county_council and click "Find your representatives." Pickens County does not have an online tool to find which district or representative is yours, but county council districts are largely divided by towns.

Aiken Standard: KT Ruthven, Bart Blackwell face off today in District 81 runoff

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160628/160629546/kt-ruthven-bart-blackwell-face-off-today-in->

district-81-runoff-

Christina Cleveland

Today, voters in District 81 will once again have the chance to head to the polls and vote on their district's S.C. House of Representatives race. The runoff for the House seat will be held between Republicans KT Ruthven and Bart Blackwell. Ruthven is a local Realtor and former Aiken GOP chairman. Blackwell is a local businessman and a member of the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors and was chairman of the board in 2015. Today's runoff is being held because none of the candidates running in the primary earned the majority of the votes needed to win the election. Unofficial results show Ruthven earned around 42.57 percent of the vote and Blackwell 26.59 percent in the June 14 primary, which drew around 9 percent of registered voters in Aiken County.

The Herald: Coleman to face Fanning in Tuesday runoff for Senate District 17

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article86134622.html>

Teddy Kulmala

With just a day remaining before voters in state Senate District 17 head – again – to the polls, Sen. Creighton Coleman and challenger Mike Fanning both feel confident about Tuesday's runoff. District 17 includes parts of Chester, Fairfield and York counties. Fanning finished ahead in the York County precincts, which include the city of York and Rock Hill's south side, in the June 14 primary but fell behind in Chester and Fairfield counties, while Coleman seemed to be just under the 50 percent needed to secure the Democratic nomination. Tuesday's runoff winner will face Republican Mark Palmer of York in November.

The State: Turnout key in tight House District 79 runoff

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article86142962.html>

Avery G. Wilks

Pastor Ivory Thigpen is knocking on doors and sending out new mailings. Richland 2 school board member Monica Elkins is contacting some of the thousands of students and parents who she met in more than two decades as an educator. Both candidates know that after months of campaigning and tens of thousands of dollars spent, voter turnout – or the lack thereof – will decide Tuesday's House District 79 Democratic primary runoff. "I would venture to say that most people don't even know there's a runoff," Richland County Democratic Party chairman Jay Parmley said. "They have to go back to their core, core supporters that they have developed during their campaign, and you have to impress upon them why (they) need to go back and vote." Pundits expect voter turnout to be light – likely less than 10 percent of the eligible voters – in the race for the seat that state Rep. Mia McLeod, D-Richland, is vacating to run for state Senate.

The State: Myers, Scott face off once more in Richland Council District 10 runoff

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article86096697.html>

Sarah Ellis

The top two candidates to fill Kelvin Washington's former seat on Richland County Council will face off for the fourth and final time in Tuesday's runoff election. Attorney Dalhi Myers and former longtime councilwoman Bernice Scott meet again on the ballot in council District 10, which covers the majority of Lower Richland. Myers beat Scott in a special runoff election two weeks ago to finish out Washington's vacated term, which ends in January. Tuesday's runoff will decide who is likely to serve a four-year council term beginning in January. There are no Republican challengers in District 10 slated for the November general election. Myers has bested Scott, a 20-year council veteran, in vote

totals in three elections so far: the special primary election May 31, the special runoff June 14 and the general primary June 14.

Post and Courier: Newly naturalized citizens look forward to having voice in upcoming elections
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160627/160629487/newly-naturalized-citizens-look-forward-to-having-voice-in-upcoming-elections>

Middleton Place hosted 52 applicants for U.S. citizenship at its annual naturalization ceremony Monday morning, where each person completed the final step in their application process. The new citizens came from 28 different countries, including Mexico, Russia, Thailand, Egypt, India, China, Canada and Peru. Middleton Place, formerly home to a signer of the Declaration of Independence, hosts the naturalization ceremony to provide Southeastern citizenship applicants the opportunity to be naturalized at a place imbued with American history. The applicants pledge allegiance just in time to celebrate their first Independence Day as American citizens and to vote in their first presidential election.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: Why popular bills die, or get gutted: a mystery — by design

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scopepe/article86237672.html>

Cindi Ross Scopepe

FIRST STORY: After six years of debate, the Legislature passed a bill last month to make moped drivers obey traffic laws. The vote was 68-31 in the House and 41-1 in the Senate. So when Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed the bill, objecting (in the same way she objects to mandatory seat-belt laws) that it was wrong to make all drivers wear reflective vests and to make those younger than 21 wear helmets, you would have thought the only question was whether the House would be able to maintain the two-thirds margin to override her veto. In fact, the House overturned the veto with three votes to spare. The problem was the Senate, where Gerald Malloy — who had been among the 41 who voted to pass the bill less than two weeks earlier — suddenly decided it was a bad idea, and made it clear during the Legislature's June 15 veto session that he was going to filibuster if necessary to keep the Senate from voting to override the veto. Did those missing senators intend to kill the bill, or did they simply figure there would never be a vote, so there was no use sticking around as the clock ticked toward midnight? There's no way to say for sure.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Sexually transmitted Zika reported in state for first time

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2CJu6nfK

SC State Wire

State health officials say the first case of sexually transmitted Zika virus has been reported in South Carolina. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control health officials tell news outlets that there are now six Zika cases in the state. Zika is primarily spread by mosquito bites, and transmission through sex is considered rare. Scientific research has found the virus causes severe birth defects. A man with Zika can pass it to a sexual partner before, during or after symptoms appear. As of June 22, the Centers for Disease Control said 11 of the 820 Zika cases that have been reported in the U.S. were sexually transmitted. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control says no mosquitoes in the state have been found to carry the Zika virus at this time.

Sun News: SC reports the cheapest average gas prices in the nation

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/state/south-carolina/article86237872.html>

Mandy Matney

Good news if you're road tripping around South Carolina for the Fourth of July weekend: you should be paying less at the pump. In fact, the average price of gasoline in South Carolina is about 46 cents less per gallon since this week last year, dropping to just below \$2 per gallon this week, according to GasBuddy.com. Since prices peaked at \$2.09 per gallon on June 3, South Carolina gas prices have fallen steadily throughout the month. South Carolina's average gas prices are the cheapest in the nation, well below the national average of \$2.28 per gallon. According to GasBuddy.com, motorists should save over over \$200 million every day on gas alone, given that prices are now 50 cents less than last year.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Third escaped inmate turns himself in, authorities say

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160627/160629510/third-escaped-inmate-turns-himself-in-authorities-say>

Melissa Boughton

The last of three inmates who escaped Friday from the Dorchester County jail in St. George turned himself in Monday night. Donald Ray Little Jr., 34, whose last known address was Tryon Street in Summerville, called 911 from a residence on College Park Road wanting to surrender to deputies, according to Berkeley County Chief Deputy Mike Cochran. He was arrested and turned over to the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office. The house he called from is believed to belong to one of his relatives, Cochran said. It is unknown what additional charges Little faces after the escape. He was in jail for a probation violation after being convicted of burglary and manufacturing methamphetamine.

Sun News: Horry Sheriff, Police department to remain separate

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article86214387.html>

Audrey Hudson

Horry County residents will not get the opportunity to vote in the November election on whether the sheriff and county police department should merge into one agency, members of the Horry County Council decided Monday. The council's Public Safety Committee dismissed the issue citing time constraints. To meet the deadline to get a question on the ballot for November, it must be approved by Aug. 15 after the council votes on the measure three times, and only one meeting is scheduled before then. Councilman Paul Prince recommended the committee allow the full council one vote on the matter to gauge momentum. His request was dismissed and the panel dropped the issue without a recommendation or vote to allow council consideration.

Sun News: Horry County weighs whether to limit gunfire in some neighborhoods

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article86283267.html>

Audrey Hudson

In an attempt to address gun safety while balancing Second Amendment rights, Horry County officials say they are moving cautiously to consider whether the use of firearms should be restricted in some Horry County neighborhoods. The council is also looking at whether state law forbidding gunfire within 300 feet of public roads is being enforced by county police. Horry County Council Chairman Mark Lazarus says the issue of gunfire is not a countywide nuisance. It appears to be a problem in subdivisions that have not been fully developed, and gun enthusiasts are taking advantage of nearby wooded areas to engage in target practice, he said. "You've got children wandering around in the

woods and that's a concern for the safety and the houses within that particular subdivision," Lazarus said. "It's something we're going to need to address at some point in unincorporated areas."

The State: Lawsuit against Turbeville's alleged speed trap gains momentum

<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/article86349882.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

Nearly two dozen potential clients have contacted three law firms suing the town of Turbeville in Clarendon County, claiming the hamlet of 804 for years has operated an illegal speed trap. Attorneys for the firms say they expect more potential clients to come forward to challenge Turbeville's "town safety" ordinances, which police officers use to write local traffic tickets with fines much higher than those allowed by state law. The ordinances have been on the town's books for 13 years and have garnered Turbeville about \$1 million a year, financial statements show. On Monday, the three law firms, based in Columbia and Lexington, gave a copy of the lawsuit to the S.C. Attorney General's Office, as required by state law when suing a municipality. The suit was first reported by The State Sunday.

The State: Private companies might build, operate Columbia parking garages

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article86300422.html>

Clif Leblanc

Columbia officials are exploring a new way to pay for more downtown parking garages that would include a major role for private garage companies and would use new construction on existing garages as a way to help finance them. Sometime this summer, Mayor Steve Benjamin and City Hall staff will lay out the plan in detail after asking companies that have experience in public/private garages to submit their proposals, he said. "We need thousands of spaces now," Benjamin said, referring to two garages the city is contracted to build in the Bull Street neighborhood as well as the need for another garage in the Vista area. "But will we need them in 10 years, 20 years?" So rather than city government taking all the risk, officials are studying the best way to plan for parking needs and how to pay for them and manage them.

Associated Press: New data plan: Charleston schools update cellphone policies

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7sYEVnDk

SC State Wire

The Charleston County School Board has updated a district cellphone policy written years ago when there were few cellphones but many kids had pagers. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/28Z6f4xa>) that middle and high school students in South Carolina's second-largest district may now use phones and other mobile devices during lunch in the cafeteria. Elementary students can have phones but they must remain off and hidden through the day. Teachers will no longer be allowed to confiscate cellphones on sight. The old policy said that parents or guardians could only retrieve confiscated phones at the end of the school year. Under the new policy mobile devices may not be used to cheat on tests, violate the privacy of students or take photos on school property.

Associated Press: Shark attack injures man off Sullivan's Island

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

SC State Wire

Officials say a man was "nipped" by a small shark Monday while knee-deep in the water on Sullivan's Island. The Sullivan's Island fire and police departments said in a news release that the 35-year-old was bitten Monday afternoon by a shark that the victim estimated to be 3 to 4 feet long. The man,

who was on vacation with his wife, was taken to the hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Prior to Monday, the last reported bite on Sullivan's Island occurred in May 2015. The Post and Courier of Charleston (<http://bit.ly/28Yxpoh>) reports that there hasn't been a fatal attack in South Carolina since the 1850s.

Associated Press : 8-year-old bitten by boa constrictor he was trying to pet

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=m8EshdFA

SC State Wire

Police say an 8-year-old boy vacationing with his family in South Carolina was bitten by a boa constrictor he was trying to pet. A report filed by Greenville police says the family from Trenton, North Carolina, was walking through downtown Greenville on Sunday when they came upon a man letting people pet a nonvenomous Colombian red-tailed boa. Police spokesman Officer Gilberto Franco says the boy and his father approached and asked to pet the snake, which was about 5 feet long. When the boy tried, the snake bit him on the right forearm. The snake was pulled off the boy, who was taken into a nearby restaurant for a towel and water. Emergency personnel arrived and treated the boy's wound.

Associated Press: Coastal Carolina shut down by Arizona's Cloney in CWS loss

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=sWG9VSKw

Eric Olson

Michael Paez and Coastal Carolina guessed wrong for most of Game 1 of the College World Series finals. JC Cloney was that good. The Chanticleers managed just four singles in a 3-0 loss to Arizona on Monday night. Cloney struck out six and walked three in his second career complete game. "You want to sit on a fastball, and he throws you a cutter," Paez said. "And you sit on the off-speed, and he throws a fastball." Now Coastal Carolina (53-18) needs a win on Tuesday to stay alive for the school's first national championship in any sport. The Chanticleers haven't lost consecutive games since getting swept at Georgia Tech from April 29-May 1.

Sun News: Arizona takes game one from Coastal Carolina in CWS finals

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/sports/college/big-south/coastal-carolina-university/article86342392.html>

Ryan Young

Nobody could have predicted the Coastal Carolina baseball team making it here, all the way to the finals of the College World Series. Even coach Gary Gilmore admitted that for all the dreams he's had and shared all these years of reaching Omaha, those thoughts had never been quite this extensive. More than anything, this special run has been a product of the Chanticleers' relentless tenacity no matter the situation before them or the opponent across from them, and so once again pushed to the brink of elimination it is now their move to see if they can overcome the odds once more. Arizona rode a dominant pitching performance from junior left-hander JC Cloney to a 3-0 win over Coastal Carolina on Monday night before a crowd of 20,789 at TD Ameritrade Park, taking the opener of the teams' best-of-three CWS championship series. The series continues Tuesday night at 8 p.m. ET as the Chants (53-18) will try to earn at least one more day out here while the Wildcats (49-22) will look to finish off the program's fifth national championship.

National News:

Associated Press: Supreme Court upholds reach of U.S. gun ban for domestic violence

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/3e48c59c8e26440496a2e9db6a0cc584/court-upholds-reach-us-gun-ban->

domestic-violence

Jessica Gresko

The Supreme Court on Monday upheld the broad reach of a federal law that bars people with misdemeanor domestic violence convictions from owning guns. The justices rejected arguments that the law covers only intentional or knowing acts of abuse and not those committed recklessly — where a person is aware of the risk that an act will cause injury, but not certain it will. As examples, the court mentioned throwing a plate in the heat of an argument, or slamming a door. The case involved two Maine men who said their guilty pleas for hitting their partners should not disqualify them from gun ownership. Writing for herself and five other justices, Justice Elena Kagan said that Congress enacted the gun law some 20 years ago to close a loophole and "prohibit domestic abusers convicted under run-of-the-mill misdemeanor assault and battery laws from possessing guns." She said if the law were read to exclude misdemeanors in which a person acted recklessly, it would "substantially undermine the provision's design."

Associated Press: Big ruling for abortion rights in Supreme Court's Texas case

<http://bigstory.ap.org/654afc839388440f8a4efc2eb22ca41a>

Mark Sherman

The Supreme Court issued its strongest defense of abortion rights in a quarter-century Monday, striking down Texas' widely replicated rules that sharply reduced abortion clinics in the nation's second-most-populous state. By a 5-3 vote, the justices rejected the state's arguments that its 2013 law and follow-up regulations were needed to protect women's health. The rules required doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals and forced clinics to meet hospital-like standards for outpatient surgery. The clinics that challenged the law argued that it was merely a veiled attempt to make it harder for women to get abortions by forcing the closure of more than half the roughly 40 clinics that operated before the law took effect. Justice Stephen Breyer's majority opinion for the court held that the regulations are medically unnecessary and unconstitutionally limit women's right to abortions.

Associated Press: Supreme Court ruling imperils abortion laws in many states

<http://bigstory.ap.org/89e40d76284d46848b34871eb0cecc21>

David Cary

By striking down tough abortion restrictions in Texas, the U.S. Supreme Court has emboldened abortion-rights activists nationwide and imperiled a range of anti-abortion laws in numerous states. Many anti-abortion leaders were openly disappointed, bracing for the demise of restrictions that they had worked vigorously to enact over the past few years. The Supreme Court has decided "the abortion industry will continue to reign unchecked as mothers are subjected to subpar conditions," said Heather Weinger, executive director of Wisconsin Right to Life. On the other side of the debate, Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards hailed the ruling as "an enormous victory for women," and joined her abortion-rights allies in vowing to quickly seek gains beyond Texas. "Far too many women still face insurmountable barriers, which is why we are taking this fight state by state," she said. "It's time to pass state laws to protect a woman's constitutional right to abortion, and repeal ones that block it."

Associated Press: Trump's Muslim ban: From simple clarity to plain confusion

<http://bigstory.ap.org/8c410a249dce4759afd0a8b7bb649427>

Jill Colvin

From the moment he first declared it, the plan has been a signature of his campaign for president: "Donald J. Trump is calling for a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States until our country's representatives can figure out what is going on." Yet from that first moment, the

Republican White House candidate has evaded questions when pressed for details. Now that he's a presumptive nominee with sliding poll numbers, his spokeswoman says he's no longer seeking the ban at all. In its place, he's offering an approach based on a standard of terrorism that he and his campaign refuse to define. The ban idea originated with 28 direct and forceful words, issued immediately after the December shootings in San Bernardino, California, that killed 14 people. The blanket nature of the proposal, which appeared to stretch beyond immigration to include any member of the Muslim faith seeking to cross the U.S. border, provoked a flurry of questions.

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Lorne Cook and Raf Casert

Indignant European Union lawmakers pressed Britain to end the uncertainty that has gripped European and global markets, saying Tuesday that if it intends to leave, it should start the process immediately. Prime Minister David Cameron entered talks with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker hours ahead of an EU summit which is expected to hear from the British leaders that exit talks might not be launched before October. Cameron has said he wants informal talks on what comes next before that happens. Juncker and other European leaders insisted they won't begin any talks until Britain invokes the EU Constitution's Article 50, which sets in motion a two-year process to split. In an unprecedented emergency session of the EU parliament, called after Britain voted Thursday to leave the union, EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker demanded that Britain clarify its future.

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Danica Kirka and Leonora Beck

The impact of Britain's vote to leave the European Union was swift and painful for Ed Bussey's small tech firm in London. The founder and CEO of Quill, an online content company, had been looking to fill a software development job paying 70,000 pounds (\$95,000) a year that's been open for six months. He had a job interview set up with a promising candidate from EU member Italy on Friday — the day after the vote. "Because of what had happened on Thursday, he was not prepared to up sticks and move to London," Bussey said with chagrin. "He was saying: 'Look, I'm not sure I'm not going to get booted out in two years.'" Businesses in Britain already are seeing the impact of the seismic vote to have the country leave the other 27-nations in the trading bloc and strike out on its own. Companies large and small are feeling the shockwave which left Britain in uncharted waters, unclear of what the future will hold.

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