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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Politico: Hardly anybody wants to speak at Trump's convention

<http://www.politico.com/story/2016/06/hardly-anybody-wants-to-speak-at-trumps-convention-224815>

Alex Isenstadt

A slot at the GOP convention used to be a career-maker — a chance to make your name on the big stage and to catch the eye of the Republican donors and activists who make or break campaigns. In the year of Trump: Not so much. With the convention less than a month away, POLITICO contacted more than 50 prominent governors, senators, and House members to gauge their interest in speaking. Only a few said they were open to it — and everyone else said they either weren't planning on it, didn't want to, weren't going to Cleveland at all, or simply didn't respond.

NOTE: "I am not attending," said South Carolina Rep. Trey Gowdy, who is overseeing the high-profile congressional Republican investigation into Hillary Clinton's handling of the attacks on Benghazi. Gowdy, who said he was taking his family to the beach instead, hasn't gone to conventions in the past and didn't plan to now. "I'm not," said South Carolina Rep. Mark Sanford, a former two-term governor. "But hope you have a good Thursday!"

NOTE: A spokesman for South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham: "He announced back in May he's not attending." For South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley: "The governor has not been asked to speak at the convention and has no plans to." Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn: "There are no plans for him to speak."

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: Family Advocacy Day hits home for South Carolina lawmakers

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160627/160629617/family-advocacy-day-hits-home-for-south-carolina-lawmakers>

Emma Dumain

Gabe Johnson is a soft-spoken 9-year-old who becomes animated when he starts talking about sports and when he pantomimes firing a toy Nerf gun. As a former patient of the Medical University of South Carolina's children's hospital, he is also eager to speak about how members of Congress can help kids like him. They were there to share Gabe's story with members of the South Carolina Congressional delegation as part of the Children's Hospital Association's Family Advocacy Day, which aims to bring attention to the importance of federal investments in children's health care services by putting faces with names. If the success of Family Advocacy Day hinges on being able to turn dry case studies into compelling personal narratives, it seems to be working, at least as far as the South Carolina delegation is concerned. On Wednesday afternoon, Votava and the Johnson family stopped by the office of U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan.

SC Elections:

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.

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.

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.

Opinion/Editorial:

Times and Democrat: Bill to regulate mopeds should have been OK'd

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/bill-to-regulate-mopeds-should-have-been-ok-d/article_3a1b8a95-c571-5ef7-8cdb-6769ae590b83.html

Opinion

Nikki Haley's libertarian leanings should not have prevented her from signing a moped safety bill. The Republican governor said the legislation is government overreach, specifically the requirement that reflective vests be worn for nighttime driving and helmets be worn by those under age 21. In a veto letter to the General Assembly, Haley said the restrictions for mopeds would exceed those for motorcycle drivers, although existing law does require helmets for bikers under age 21. People over 18 "should decide for themselves what they should wear for their personal safety," she wrote. The Haley veto was among those upheld by lawmakers when an override vote was blocked by a single senator after the House voted 69-33 to overrule the governor. In sending the bill to Haley two weeks earlier, the Senate approved 41-1. Supporters of the legislation contend mopeds are among the most dangerous vehicles for people to drive, partly because there are no regulations. Moped drivers are dying because people can't see them, especially at night.

South Carolina News:

The State: New Miss South Carolina 2016 talks platform, Clemson and 'Tebowing'

<http://www.thestate.com/living/article86101522.html>

Dwuan Sellers

The crowd loved Miss Clemson Rachel Wyatt – and so did the judges, as she was crowned Miss South Carolina 2016 Saturday in the 80th anniversary pageant at The Township. From her dance

routine in a cotton candy pink confectionary ensemble, to showing off her toned physique in a turquoise Azure bathing suit, to answering “people holding the guns” are the issue in the gun control debate, the audience roared their approval. The statuesque blond looked radiant in a bejeweled champagne floor length gown as she was crowned. She will next travel to Atlantic City, New Jersey for the the Miss America pageant on Sept. 11. “It was my pleasure to crown Rachel for a second time,” said Daja Dial, Miss South Carolina 2015. “In 2014 I crowned her Miss Clemson University and then again last night as Miss South Carolina. We are sisters on so many levels. I’m so proud of you and I’m so excited to go to Miss America and watch you compete. Welcome to the sisterhood.”

Local News:

Post and Courier: Two of three inmates who escaped from Dorchester jail arrested at Goose Creek residence

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160626/160629521/two-of-three-inmates-who-escaped-from-dorchester-jail-arrested-at-goose-creek-residence>

Melissa Boughton

Two of three inmates who escaped from the Dorchester County jail Friday were arrested Sunday, according to authorities. Brothers Michael Bryan Chaplin and Matthew Daniel Chaplin were found in a residence on Foxborough Drive in Goose Creek. Special tactical teams from the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office and the Goose Creek Police Department surrounded the home and negotiators convinced the men to surrender, according to Berkeley County Chief Deputy Mike Cochran. The Chaplins were turned over to the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office and charges are pending. Donald Ray Little Jr. remains at large. The three men were seen at the jail about 3 a.m. Friday and discovered missing about 35 minutes later, according to a Sunday news release from the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office.

Post and Courier: Report questions why blacks sent to prison more often than whites

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160626/160629856/report-questions-why-blacks-sent-to-prison-more-often-than-whites>

Andrew Knapp and Dave Munday

Black South Carolinians are over four times more likely to be imprisoned than white residents, researchers said in a recent analysis. Advocates who authored the report about racial disparities among American inmates see promising signs from South Carolina's prison system, while defense attorneys say lingering social issues in black communities and strict sentencing guidelines still need to be addressed. South Carolina's rate of incarceration for black people ranks the state among the lowest nationwide, according to “The Color of Justice: Racial and Ethnic Disparity in State Prisons.” The analysis was done by The Sentencing Project, a Washington, D.C., research and advocacy group. Still, the Palmetto State has the fourth-highest ratio of black prisoners to white inmates, the group's report on 2014 data found.

Morning News: Cause of Florence County inmate's death pending extended autopsy results

http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_f89ed32e-3be8-11e6-bd52-476bb74f1717.html

Autopsy results for the Florence County Detention Center inmate who died Saturday will be released upon the return of toxicological and histological studies, Florence County Coroner Keith von Lutcken revealed Sunday. According to von Lutcken, the inmate, 51-year-old Gerald Bush, was rushed to a local hospital ER early Saturday morning for an unspecified medical emergency. He died a short time later.

Associated Press: Authorities investigate officer-involved shooting in Easley
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Xw69IXm1

SC State Wire

The Pickens County Sheriff's Office says authorities are investigating an officer-involved shooting in Easley. Multiple media outlets report deputies responded Sunday afternoon to a 911 call about someone breaking into a home. Thom Berry with the S.C. Law Enforcement Division says shots were fired when deputies encountered a suspect. Chief Deputy Creed Hashe says a suspect was taken to a hospital with injuries. He says the deputy wasn't injured.

The Herald: Will second jury convict Chester councilman's killer, or will he go home?

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article85998987.html>

Andrew Dys

In April, when the jury hung, **Christopher Moore did not hang his head**. The **admitted killer of Chester** City Councilman Odell Williams smiled. Because he was not sent to prison for life. In a few days, Moore will find out if that smirk he had on his face April 23 – after six days of trial – was worth it. Because Moore will be on trial for his life – again. And again, the use of guns, by the living and the dead, will be on trial. Without men using guns, there was no death and there is no trial. But gang members carry guns and Odell Williams, the retired cop, carried guns, and used them. The retrial begins Monday. It is like the first trial that took six days never happened.

Associated Press: Brothers lose sons to gun violence nearly 30 years apart

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dSLtvVc4

SC State Wire

As brothers, Frederick "Fred" and Thomas "Nolan" Babb have always been close. They've also had a lot in common. Both are veterans. Nolan, the older of the two, is a Vietnam veteran. Frederick is, a former Marine. A thread of commonality between them broke when Nolan's 16-year-old son, Demetrius "Foot" Babb, was shot multiple times and killed outside a Greenville nightclub on June 9, 1986. Fred couldn't comprehend the depth of his brother's loss until a similar incident happened to his son. Almost 30 years to the day his nephew died, this year, on June 5, Fred's 24-year-old son was also gunned down. On a hot Friday afternoon, the two brothers sat inside Fred's brick home, nestled alongside a cul-de-sac within the Canterbury subdivision off Augusta Road, to talk about their losses and the impact. Also reflected upon were the happenings of today - questions about gun control given the massacre in Orlando, the anniversary of the nine victims of the shooting deaths in Charleston, and just gun violence overall.

Associated Press: Quilts donated after church shooting displayed in Charleston

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=d6hoh3MN

SC State Wire

Some of the hundreds of prayer quilts donated to Mother Emanuel AME Church after last year's church shootings are being displayed in Charleston. The quilts are on display through Thursday at the Charleston Civil Design Center near the church. In the days following the shootings on June 17 of last year, letters, flowers, candles and other items were left in front of the church. The church also received more than 400 quilts from around the world. The church plans to create an archive of items left as memorials after nine parishioners were shot and killed during a Bible study.

WIS: New pastor at Emanuel AME, Rev. Eric Manning, delivers first sermon

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32311022/new-pastor-at-emanuel-ame-rev-eric-manning-delivers-first-sermon>

On Sunday Mother Emanuel AME Church received its first sermon from its newly appointed pastor, Rev. Eric Manning. He previously served as pastor at Bethel AME Church in Georgetown. This new appointment comes in the same week the former pastor of the church, Rev. Betty Deas Clark was appointed to another church by the 7th District AME Church District Bishop Richard Norris. The pews were filled at the church with both church members and visitors as usual. "A lot of people within the city of Charleston, everyone is asking 'why, why, why', but we come back to... we have to learn how to trust God in everything and with everything and it's hard," Rev. Manning said. "When we do we know that everything always has a purpose." A reason has not been revealed as to why there was a sudden change in leadership.

Post and Courier: Charleston job market's outlook 3rd-best in U.S. this summer, survey finds
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160626/160629625/charleston-job-markets-outlook-3rd-best-in-us-this-summer-survey-finds>

Thad Moore

Charleston's job market is one of the hottest in the nation, as nearly a third of the region's companies say they plan to hire more people in the coming months. Some 32 percent of Charleston-area employers plan to add staff in the third quarter, according to a recent survey by the human-resources consulting firm ManpowerGroup. Meantime, just 1 percent expect cutbacks. That's the third-best outlook for job growth among the nation's 100 largest metro areas, the survey found. Only Albany, N. Y., and Richmond, Va., had brighter expectations. That finding suggests the Lowcountry's already-robust job market is continuing to pick up steam. More companies expect to grow their staffs than did this time last year, while fewer expect to slim their payrolls.

The State: Mayor proposes tax district to pay for pricey Finlay Park rehab
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article86143417.html>

Clif Leblanc

A multimillion-dollar renovation of Finlay Park and a pedestrian-friendly remodeling of parts of two major downtown streets might be within reach if local governments will agree to a controversial financing plan being floated by Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin. Benjamin said last week that he's working on a proposal to create a small taxing district that would capture property taxes on buildings along Assembly Street stretching north to Laurel Street, west to just behind the rundown park and south to Washington Street. The largest source of income would come from a proposed \$60 million to \$70 million, 15-story apartment building called The Edge that a Chicago-based company wants to construct near the Richland County library, Benjamin said.

The State: Millions of taxpayer money at stake in DOR vs Richland County duel
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article86096602.html>

John Monk

Millions of taxpayer dollars are in play Tuesday in a Columbia courtroom as lawyers for the S.C. Department of Revenue square off against lawyers for Richland County in a showdown over revenues from the county's transportation penny sales tax. It is a historic showdown – never before has the state tax agency alleged that a county is grossly mismanaging taxpayer money and committing fraud on a grand scale using locally raised tax revenues. Saying it has the power to stop Richland County from spending any more sales tax money, DOR says it will stop transferring millions in penny sales tax revenues to Richland County in July. The county asserts DOR doesn't have the power to impound that money – some \$13 million scheduled for transfer next month.

The Aiken Standard: Aiken County comprehensive plan closer to adoption, plan includes health

initiatives

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160627/160629611/aiken-county-comprehensive-plan-closer-to-adoption-plan-includes-health-initiatives->

Christina Cleveland

Aiken County's comprehensive plan, which now includes health recommendations from a S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control health initiative, took a step closer to adoption this month. An ordinance to amend the 10-year plan took the first of three readings at the Aiken County Council meeting last week. This year, the county was selected as one of six municipalities in the state to earn a grant for assistance from DHEC to include the agency's Health + Planning initiative in its plan, said County Planning and Development Director Stephen Strohming. A consultant included the health recommendations, while the county completed all other changes like zoning classifications. As part of the health initiative, the first goal was to make the county a healthier place by decreasing the incidences of obesity and chronic disease, said Strohming.

Associated Press: Headed to Myrtle Beach? Slow down in Turbeville _ for now

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=r3lcFg06

SC State Wire

A class-action lawsuit has been filed against the Clarendon County town of Turbeville for its practice of charging speeders under an ordinance that allows the town to keep the fines rather than the state. The State newspaper in Columbia reports (<http://bit.ly/28WI3xk>) the lawsuit filed by three law firms seeks nullification of Turbeville's town safety ordinance. It also seeks the return of millions of dollars to the tens of thousands drivers who received such tickets since 2003, when the local ordinance was passed. The ordinance allows Turbeville - which sits along U.S. 378 on the way to the tourist destination of Myrtle Beach - to write traffic tickets with higher fines than state traffic tickets. The violations aren't reported to the state Department of Motor Vehicles, which means the driver's insurance company doesn't learn of them either, the newspaper reported.

Post and Courier: Charleston County schools will feel the burn after \$18 million in cuts

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160626/160629660/charleston-county-schools-will-feel-the-burn-after-18-million-in-cuts>

Paul Bowers

When Charleston County schools welcome an estimated 1,400 additional students in August, nearly every school district employee will be asked to do more with less. Classroom sizes will grow. Departments will shrink. The workers left behind will need to pick up the slack. Overall, the General Operating Fund — the largest portion of the budget used to fund day-to-day operations — will grow from \$426.8 million to \$429.2 million, the smallest increase in recent history. The district was obligated to increase spending in some areas, including utility costs, printing, school supplies, and state-mandated increases to teacher salaries and benefits. But that growth obscures about \$18.3 million in cuts that had to be made to balance revenue and spending according to Chief Financial Officer Glenn Stiegman, even as the board voted in May to raise business property taxes.

Associated Press: Surprise, surprise: Chanticleers, Arizona set for CWS finals

<http://bigstory.ap.org/66d16858c6114265a4ce5da129960288>

Eric Olson

All those SEC and ACC heavyweights are long gone from the NCAA Tournament, and the last two Big 12 teams went home this weekend. The College World Series championship comes down to two teams that were not expected to even make it to Omaha, let alone the finals. Coastal Carolina and Arizona had to go through demanding regionals and super regionals on the road to make the CWS,

and each had to come back from an early loss here to win three straight in bracket play and reach the best-of-three finals starting Monday night. Even more impressive, the Chanticleers (53-17) have made it this far in their first CWS appearance. The Wildcats (48-22) are here in Jay Johnson's first season as coach after having not even made the national tournament in the three years following their 2012 national championship. They were picked ninth in the Pac-12 and ended up tied for third.

The State: Columbia fans cheer Coastal Carolina's College World Series bid: 'They're our team now'
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article86116547.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

Columbia is traditionally Gamecocks territory, but these days, many baseball fans are throwing their support behind Coastal Carolina, as the team plays its opening game Monday in the College World Series finals. Thirsty Fellow, a pizzeria and pub on Gadsden Street less than a mile from the Gamecocks' baseball stadium, has seen a lot of diners cheering for the Chanticleers in recent days, said Cam Shealy, one of the restaurant's owners. "Once Clemson and Carolina were eliminated, people kind of picked up," Shealy said. "They're our team now, and we have seen a boost of people coming in and watching them." People are rallying behind Coastal as a matter of South Carolina pride, Shealy added.

National News:

Associated Press: Clinton, Warren meet for first 2016 campaign event
<http://bigstory.ap.org/d668bf20bdfd42b296e99ea68ea768a5>

Lisa Lerer

In December, thirteen of the 14 Democratic women serving in the U.S. Senate hosted a fundraiser for their favorite primary candidate: Hillary Clinton. The one who didn't show? Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren. Six months later, there's little distance between two of the most powerful women in the Democratic Party. With the primary season over and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders fading from the spotlight, Warren is stepping up to reclaim her role as leader of the party's progressives. She's mobilizing behind Clinton, lending her presidential bid a powerful boost of liberal credibility. In recent weeks, the two women have formed a tight electoral alliance — one that could grow even closer should Clinton pick Warren as her running mate. On Monday, Warren will join Clinton for their first joint event at a rally in Cincinnati.

Associated Press: Supreme Court set to close out current term with 3 big cases
<http://bigstory.ap.org/687e2c1fe07042f2b0d2f9d7c03241b6>

Mark Sherman

The Supreme Court is set to close out its current term with opinions Monday in three remaining cases after a flurry of decisions last week. It's expected to be the justices' final meeting before they disperse on their summer breaks. The last three cases concern regulation of Texas abortion clinics, the public corruption conviction of former Gov. Bob McDonnell of Virginia and a federal law that seeks to keep guns out of the hands of people convicted of domestic violence. Just eight justices are taking part in the cases following the death of Justice Antonin Scalia in February. President Barack Obama has nominated federal appeals court Judge Merrick Garland to take Scalia's place, but Garland has not received a hearing or a vote in the Republican-controlled Senate.

World News:

Associated Press: UK Treasury chief tries to calm fears over 'Brexit' fallout

<http://bigstory.ap.org/1d35da1dbc174099aebaa9954f7af512>

Danica Kirka

Britain's Treasury chief sought Monday to ease concerns about the vote to leave the European Union, saying the economy is as strong as it could be to face the uncertainty — even as a survey showed many companies are looking to move business out of the country. In his first public appearance since Thursday's referendum, George Osborne stressed that Britain's economy is in a far better position than it was at the start of the 2008 financial crisis. "It will not be plain sailing in the days ahead," he said. "But let me be clear. You should not underestimate our resolve. We were prepared for the unexpected." The leaders of Germany, Italy and France will be huddling in Berlin to discuss the vote, trying to hone a common message that negotiations need to get underway quickly on the exit so as not to continue the uncertainty.

Associated Press: Stocks, pound fall again due to UK vote uncertainty

<http://bigstory.ap.org/06792355f7c74f0a8af0820433266e3e>

Danica Kirka and Joe McDonald

European stocks and the pound fell further on Monday as concern grew over the potential economic costs of Britain's vote to bring its country, the world's fifth-largest economy, out of the European Union. The British pound, which last week plunged to its lowest level since 1985, dropped another 2.4 percent to \$1.3352, despite the British Treasury's reassurances that the economy was strong enough to withstand the uncertainty. European stock markets added to their painful losses from Friday, when concern over the vote outcome wiped out \$2.1 trillion of stock value from Hong Kong to London to New York.

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