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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Gov. Nikki Haley touts SC's flood recovery

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article86864497.html>

Avery G. Wilks

South Carolina suffered roughly \$741 million in losses to housing, \$137 million in damage to state roads and more than \$200 million in damage to other public assets during the historic storm last fall, S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley announced Thursday. But fixed roads and ongoing repairs to storm-damaged homes highlighted Haley's rundown Thursday of the state's triumphs after record rain on Oct. 4. "We saw devastation like we had never seen, and we quickly got to work," Haley said. Just 36 of 541 state roads closed by the storm remain closed, and two-thirds of those are related to an unstable dam, Haley said. Hotel revenue is up 7.8 percent from last year, meaning 2016 will be the fourth straight year of tourism growth, she announced. And the Haley-backed One S.C. Flood Recovery Fund has received nearly \$1.65 million in donations and \$12.7 million in donated skilled labor, she said.

Post and Courier: Gov. Haley touts flood recovery on eve of application period for farm aid she opposed

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160630/160639962/gov-haley-touts-flood-recovery-on-eve-of-application-period-for-farm-aid-she-opposed>

Maya T. Prabhu

Gov. Nikki Haley on Thursday touted the state's recovery from last October's record flooding, a day before South Carolina farmers will be able to apply for their share of \$40 million in aid — a program she opposed. Farmers who lost at least 40 percent of their crop can begin the application process Friday for their allocation of the money set aside by the General Assembly this year. Haley vetoed the measure, but the Legislature overrode her and reinstated the aid. "It is not that I don't want the farmers to be successful," Haley said at a Statehouse press conference. "I do. But I'm still driving down the street and seeing businesses that have never opened back up again after that. And that you don't forget." Haley praised the \$1.6 million in donations given to the One S.C. Recovery Fund effort she supports and urged people to continue giving while the state waits on \$156 million in federal housing aid.

Associated Press: Haley updates South Carolina on flood recovery efforts

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

SC State Wire

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley didn't want to wait for the anniversary of October's massive floods to update people on the recovery effort. The governor called a news conference Thursday to tout the \$1.6 million in donations to the One S.C. Recovery Fund she backs and to urge people to go to five town halls in early July and discuss the state's 110-page recovery plan. Haley says South Carolina still has a lot of work to do. The state is waiting for \$156 million in federal housing aid. Thirty-six of the 541 roads closed in the floods are still closed, but most are atop dams that private owners have not decided if they will repair. Nineteen people died and the flood did nearly \$1 billion in damage.

WIS: Gov. Nikki Haley praises state leaders on continued flood relief efforts

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32345253/gov-nikki-haley-praises-state-leaders-on-continued-flood-relief-efforts>

Jeremy Turnage

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley held a news conference on Thursday to discuss the state's continued flood relief efforts as the one-year anniversary steadfastly approaches. "[Washington] D.C. is slow," Haley said. "We could not wait on D.C." Haley mentioned there's still a lot to be done to the roads and infrastructure due to last year's October flooding. She mentioned one of the biggest challenges were the people still without homes and figuring out what needs to be done to get them back on their feet. Haley also mentioned the One SC fund has raised \$1.6 million towards helping citizens restore their homes. "We are not done yet," Haley said. "Just because the water is gone, there is still people in need. and we want to make sure we're constantly throughout the year to go forward."

Associated Press: Gov. Haley: No regrets in campaigns against Republicans

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=h3z2UUC4

Jeffrey Collins

Only two of the seven candidates she endorsed won their races, and one of her best allies in the state Senate lost a runoff, but South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said she still thinks her campaigns against fellow Republicans in this year's primaries were successful. Haley said Thursday her main goal was to put enough pressure on lawmakers to pass ethics reform. The General Assembly did pass bills that require lawmakers and other public officials to reveal who pays their private salaries and have an independent panel investigate allegations of ethics violations against legislators. The governor said just the pressure of her potentially campaigning - and the more than \$500,000 her political group raised for those campaigns - forced the Legislature to act. "Every one of the incumbents had to talk about ethics for the first time. Even the ones who tried to kill it had no choice but to campaign on it," Haley said.

South Strand News: Officials: New law protects property owners, taxpayers, environment

<http://www.southstrandnews.com/20160630/160639998/officials-new-law-protects-property-owners-taxpayers-environment>

Clayton Stairs

State Sen. Ray Cleary, R-Murrells Inlet, and Pawleys Island Mayor Bill Otis were at the forefront of recently passed legislation that will keep oceanfront development from inching closer to the Atlantic Ocean. The law draws a line in the sand that can't be crossed after Dec. 31, 2017. After that date, construction – which has inched more and more seaward in recent years, at the peril of property, as well as beaches – will be halted. The law was designed to stop homes being built in areas that were or would be of risk from storm surges and changes in the shoreline. Already signed into law by Gov. Nikki Haley, the legislation grew out of recommendations from the 2011 Blue Ribbon Committee on Shoreline Management. Both Cleary and Otis sat on that committee. "Under past law, that baseline could have been re-established at a new dune line further east," Otis said. "Under this new law, that baseline will be wherever it is in 2017, and it is never allowed to move further east."

Savannah River Site/MOX:

Associated Press: Judge considers nuclear fuel dispute between SC, Energy Dept

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=40LCTwql

Meg Kinnard

A judge is considering whether South Carolina's lawsuit against the federal government over an unfinished project to turn old plutonium into commercial nuclear reactor fuel should be dismissed. South Carolina is suing the U.S. Department of Energy over the mixed oxide fuel project at the Savannah River Site. Attorney Randy Lowell said at a hearing Thursday the law is clear that the government owes the state daily fees of up to \$1 million and removal of plutonium from the state because the processing plant wasn't operational on time. Government attorney Spencer Amdur says

the lawsuit should be dismissed because such monetary penalties are best handled in a different type of court. U.S. District Judge Michelle Childs said she'd issue a ruling later on whether the suit will continue.

Post and Courier: Judge hears arguments in South Carolina MOX plutonium case

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160630/160639963/judge-hears-arguments-in-south-carolina-mox-plutonium-case>

Derrek Asberry

A federal judge is deciding whether to dismiss South Carolina's case against the Department of Energy in which the state seeks \$100 million and the removal of plutonium from the Savannah River Site in Aiken. Judge Michelle Childs heard arguments from both sides Thursday morning in Columbia. She did not indicate when she will rule on the state's request for summary judgment to avoid prolonging the case, or on the Department of Energy's request to throw out the case altogether. The lawsuit, filed by the state earlier this year, stems from a missed deadline at the MOX plutonium recycling plant, housed at the Savannah River Site near Aiken. The MOX facility, still under construction, is designed to meet an agreement with Russia to convert 34 metric tons of weapons-grade plutonium into commercial nuclear fuel.

Aiken Standard: MOX lawsuit goes before judge

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160630/160639985/mox-lawsuit-goes-before-judge>

Thomas Gardiner

Demonstrators and public interest groups convened at the federal courthouse Thursday, as legal counsel for the U.S. Department of Energy and the state of South Carolina presented arguments in the still-nebulous battle involving the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility, or MOX. The state filed the lawsuit in February after the Energy Department failed to comply with a series of deadlines, including the completion of construction on the MOX facility at the Savannah River Site. After being pushed back several times before, the deadline to finish building the project was Jan. 1, 2014. According to U.S. Code 50, section 2566, the statute the state claims lays the foundation to support the lawsuit. After missing that deadline, the DOE had until Jan. 1, 2016 to remove at least 1 metric ton of defense plutonium or defense plutonium materials.

LGBT Laws:

Associated Press: Pentagon ends ban on transgender troops in military

<http://bigstory.ap.org/ab34aac18f6340d98ecba11a0a527796>

Lolita C. Baldor

Transgender people will be allowed to serve openly in the U.S. military, the Pentagon announced Thursday, ending one of the last bans on service in the armed forces. Saying it's the right thing to do, Defense Secretary Ash Carter laid out a yearlong implementation plan declaring that "Americans who want to serve and can meet our standards should be afforded the opportunity to compete to do so." "Our mission is to defend this country, and we don't want barriers unrelated to a person's qualification to serve preventing us from recruiting or retaining the soldier, sailor, airman, or Marine who can best accomplish the mission," Carter said at a Pentagon news conference. Under the new policy, by Oct. 1, transgender troops already serving should be able to receive medical care and begin formally changing their gender identifications in the Pentagon's personnel system.

Dylann Roof Case:

Post and Courier: July 18 hearing to address Dylann Roof jury, mental health issues

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160630/160639964/july-18-hearing-to-address-dylann-roof-jury-mental-health-issues>

Andrew Knapp

A federal judge on Thursday summoned attorneys for a July hearing to discuss how they will pick a

jury and present mental health evidence in Dylann Roof's death penalty trial. Set for 2 p.m. July 18 at U.S. District Court in downtown Charleston, the proceeding will be a chance for Judge Richard Gergel to settle disagreements between Roof's defense team and prosecutors. The opposing attorneys have disputed how many details should be revealed and when they should divulge the information before they bring up Roof's mental health status in the penalty phase of the Nov. 7 trial. Among the issues with jury selection, Roof's lawyers have asked that the panel members be chosen from just the Charleston region while prosecutors have sought a statewide pool. It's unknown if the judge intends to rule on that key point during the hearing.

Associated Press: Federal judge sets July 18 hearing in church shooting case

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

Meg Kinnard

A hearing has been set for next month to sort out jury selection details for the federal trial of a white man accused of gunning down nine black parishioners at a historic South Carolina church. U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel on Thursday set a July 18 hearing in the federal case against 22-year-old Dylann Roof. Attorneys disagree about some juror selection details, such as whether they should come from across South Carolina or only from the Charleston area. Roof faces charges including hate crimes in the shooting deaths at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church. Both state and federal prosecutors are seeking the death penalty, and Roof's federal trial is set for November. The state case is not scheduled until January, although state prosecutors have said their case should be tried first.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina Senators split on vote to fix Puerto Rico's debt

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160630/160639975/south-carolina-senators-split-on-vote-to-fix-puerto-ricos-debt>

Emma Dumain

South Carolina's U.S. Senators split Wednesday night on whether to help Puerto Rico address its \$73 billion debt. U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham took the position favored by most members of Republican leadership — and the majority of the Senate — and voted “yes.” The junior senator from the Palmetto State, Tim Scott, voted “no.” “Senator Scott is concerned with the precedent this would set in terms of allowing states and municipalities, which hold trillions in debt, to proceed with a similar process,” Scott's spokesman, Sean Smith, told The Post and Courier in a statement. “He is also uneasy with the control board created by the bill being able to accept gifts.” The legislation would help the U.S. territory recover from its crippling financial crisis days before it is scheduled to default on a major payment. Republicans concerned that the bill would be tantamount to a “bailout” won concessions, like the creation of independent oversight committee to monitor Puerto Rico's finances and a possible exemption from the Department of Labor's new overtime rules.

Morning News: Sen. Leatherman presents SC's donation of \$25,000 to Florence homeless shelter

http://www.scnw.com/news/article_9ac8f2fa-3ee2-11e6-a3f7-73723f8e52df.html

Shamira McCray

Senator Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. presented a \$25,000 check Thursday on behalf of the State of South Carolina to the Courtney McGinnis Graham Community Shelter. The presentation was made at a press conference Thursday morning at the shelter that is scheduled to open in the fall. The emergency shelter will be operated by the House of Hope of the Pee Dee and provide short-term shelter for men, women and families seeking temporary shelter. It is located at 535 S. Church Street, Florence. House of Hope of the Pee Dee executive director Bryan Braddock said the \$25,000 donation from the state will be a huge benefit to the organization when it comes to renovating the shelter and covering operational costs.

SC Elections:

The Herald: Fanning, Palmer talk issues in state Senate 17 race

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/politics-government/election/local-election/article86737697.html>

Jennifer Becknell

The two candidates running in S.C. Senate District 17 race are in strong agreement on one thing: A fresh approach is needed to combat the inaction of state government Columbia. Mike Fanning, a former educator who is executive director of the Olde English Consortium, unseated 16-year incumbent Sen. Creighton Coleman in Tuesday's Democratic primary runoff, according to unofficial results. Fanning got about 56 percent of the vote, with 44 percent for Coleman. Fanning, 49, who lives near Great Falls in Chester County, will face Republican Mark Palmer, 57, of York in the November election. Palmer, an Iraq war veteran, works as a system administrator for United Refrigeration Inc. in Rock Hill. The Senate District 17 includes part of York County, including southern Rock Hill and the area around York, and all of Chester and Fairfield counties.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Marine Corps: 15 drill instructors under investigation

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Mo1j0l7y

Susanne M. Schaffer

The Marine Corps is looking into allegations of hazing, assault and physical abuse involving 15 drill instructors at Parris Island training depot in South Carolina, officials said Thursday. The allegations stem from an investigation into the death of a Parris Island recruit in March, Maj. Gen. James W. Lukeman, the commander of Marine Corps training and education at Quantico, Virginia, said in a statement. Raheel Siddiqui of Taylor, Michigan, 20, died after falling nearly 40 feet in a stairwell at the installation, the Naval Criminal Investigation Service has said. Once the Marine Corps' investigations are complete, it will be up to Lukeman to determine "appropriate administration and judicial actions necessary" based on the study's findings, the statement said.

Sun News: 15 Parris Island drill instructors face recruit hazing, abuse allegations

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/state/south-carolina/article86849397.html>

Wade Livingston

Approximately 15 "drill instructors and affiliated leadership" at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island are under investigation for allegedly hazing and physically assaulting recruits. The Marine Corps' Training and Education Command announced the investigations in a news release that linked the allegations to the March 18 death of recruit Raheel Siddiqui. The investigations date back to November, according to the release. And they "appear isolated to companies with the 3rd Recruit Training Battalion," which Siddiqui, a 20-year-old Taylor, Mich., native, was part of before he suffered a fatal 40-foot-fall. "During the course of the Recruit Siddiqui death investigation," the release said, "facts revealed a drill instructor was improperly placed in charge of recruits while he was subject to an ongoing investigation. Existing orders, policies and procedures to prevent improper assignments were not followed," the release said.

Island Packet: Update: As probe of Parris Island DIs continues, Siddiqui family wants answers

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/bg-military/article86836032.html>

Wade Livingston

Despite welcoming the investigation of Marine Recruit Depot Parris Island drill instructors, the family of a recruit who died there still feels their questions about his death are unanswered, their attorney said. "They absolutely feel they still don't know happened," attorney Nabih Ayad said of the family of Raheel Siddiqui, who died at the depot March 18. "They're happy to see some action that's been taken by the military, but at the end of the day, they still need to know what happened to their son," Ayad said Thursday morning. On Wednesday, the Marine Corps announced it was investigating "approximately 15 drill instructors and affiliated leadership" for potential violations including "hazing, physical abuse, assault and failure of supervision." The Marine Corps' Training and Education

Command announced the investigations in a news release that linked some of the allegations to Siddiqui's death.

Associated Press: The Latest: Attorney: Family wants full story on death

<http://bigstory.ap.org/ee93939aea2c4d6fb102c6c4b3342af5>

The attorney for relatives of a Parris Island Marine Corps recruit from Michigan who died during basic training in March says they don't believe they have been told the full story of how their son died. Attorney Nabih Ayad (nah-BEE AY-yahd) says the Marine Corps hasn't kept recruit Raheel Siddiqui's family informed about the case. The Naval Criminal Investigation Service has said the 20-year-old from Taylor, Michigan, died after falling nearly 40 feet in a stairwell at the installation. Ayad says the NCIS told the family several weeks ago that its investigation could take up to a year. On Thursday, the Marine Corps general in charge of education and training said the service is investigating allegations of hazing, assault and physical abuse involving 15 drill instructors at Parris Island. Maj. Gen. James W. Lukeman says all the Marines under investigation have been assigned to duties that do not involve recruits. That investigation is separate from the NCIS probe.

Aiken Standard: Application process for S.C. farmers seeking October flood aid opens Friday

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160630/160639984/application-process-for-sc-farmers-seeking-october-flood-aid-opens-friday>

Christina Cleveland

Applications will open Friday for farmers seeking aid after the October 2015 floods.

S.C. Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers spoke to reporters Thursday, giving an update several months ahead of the October anniversary. The total impact of the floods on South Carolina was just under \$600 million, Weathers said. All counties except four qualify for aid relief. The aid is designed to give farmers a "life line, not a bailout," Weathers said. After applications come in, Weathers said funds could come to farmers as early as Oct. 1. The state is waiting for \$156 million in federal housing aid, The Associated Press reports. Thirty-six of the 541 roads closed in the floods are still closed, but most are atop dams that private owners have not decided if they will repair.

Morning News: Episcopalians nominate new Provisional Bishop for South Carolina

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_db3e6162-3edd-11e6-930e-8f9e53e740bc.html

Leaders of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina have nominated the Right Reverend Gladstone B. "Skip" Adams III as the next Provisional Bishop for the diocese, calling him to South Carolina as he prepares to retire as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York. The Standing Committee has called a special convention for September 10 at Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston, where delegates will vote on installing Bishop Adams as the successor to Bishop Charles G. vonRosenberg. Adams was the unanimous choice of the Standing Committee, said the committee's President, the Rev. Jean McGraw. The nomination follows a four-month search process and interviews with several potential nominees, coordinated with help from Bishop Clay Matthews of the Episcopal Church's Office of Pastoral Development.

Local News:

WIS: CCU takes 4-0 lead against Arizona in CWS Championship game

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32346575/ccu-takes-4-0-lead-against-arizona-in-cws-championship-game>
Ian Cross

Coastal Carolina has taken a 4-2 lead in the top of the eighth inning against Arizona in the winner-take-all game of the College World Series Championship. The Chanticleers were able to score two runs after an error by the Wildcats. That was followed by a two-run homer from G.K. Young. After a weather delay Wednesday night, the Chanticleers are facing off against the Wildcats for third and final time for the College World Series championship Thursday afternoon. WMBF News Sports Reporter Joe Murano is tweeting live from the game - follow his tweets above. Mobile users, tap here to follow along. The game began at 1:08 p.m. Thursday, and is airing on ESPNU. HTC customers

can also watch the game on Channel 4, according to a Facebook post from the local communications company.

Sun News: CCU plans hero's welcome for baseball team

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article86859852.html>

Coastal Carolina University's Chanticleers are set to return home from the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., at 11 p.m. Thursday to the cheering celebration of fans at the General Aviation gate of Myrtle Beach International Airport. The General Aviation Airport is located at 1250 Airdrome Avenue in the Market Common area of Myrtle Beach. Fans are encouraged to welcome the team there. A welcome home motorcade and ceremony, initially scheduled for Thursday afternoon, is now set for Friday, according to a CCU news release. The Chanticleer motorcade will parade through downtown Conway at 1:30 p.m. The team will continue on to CCU, arriving at approximately 2 p.m. at the main entrance of TD Sports Complex, located on West Chanticleer Drive. Fans will form a gauntlet to cheer on the team, starting at the Chauncey statue leading to the Springs Brooks Baseball Stadium. The official welcome home ceremony will immediately follow at the stadium. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the HTC Student Recreation and Convocation Center.

The State: Judge rules Richland's ankle monitor program unlawful

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article86880467.html>

John Monk

A state circuit judge issued an order Thursday in which he ruled that a Richland County ankle monitoring program that lets defendants out of jail is unlawful. In his four-paragraph ruling, Judge Clifton Newman overturned two 2014 orders by another circuit judge, orders which allowed 5th Circuit Solicitor Dan Johnson to set up an ankle monitoring program now in wide use in Richland County. It is unclear what will happen with the possibly hundreds of Richland County criminal defendants now out of jail and awaiting trial, who are were able to get out of jail because they agreed to wear an ankle monitor. Newman's ruling comes in the wake of a six-hour hearing in May at which the ankle monitoring program was challenged by Richland County chief public defender, Fielding Pringle. Her office represents defendants in criminal cases who don't have enough money to pay for a lawyer.

Independent Mail: Oconee County to look at using inmate labor

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/oconee-county-to-look-at-using-inmate-labor-3670d02f-9115-33f4-e053-0100007f6900-384951511.html>

Ray Chandler

Some Oconee County building projects could take shape using state inmate labor if the County Council goes ahead with an idea pitched Tuesday by Sheriff Mike Crenshaw. Crenshaw, acting on a previous request from council members, outlined to the county council's public safety committee how the county could go about assembling a workforce from state prison inmates with particular job skills. The county, the South Carolina Department of Corrections and the inmate all must agree to the arrangement before it can be implemented, Crenshaw said. The inmate would be interviewed before being brought to Oconee County. If the inmate's offense involved a victim, the sheriff said, the victim also must agree for the inmate to be given the opportunity. The skills sought among inmates, according to Crenshaw, are usually in such fields as plumbing, heating and air conditioning, and other construction-related trades.

Associated Press: Feel the heat: Myrtle Beach motorists to feel police sirens

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

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Motorists in Myrtle Beach will soon literally be able to feel the heat. The Sun News of Myrtle Beach reports (<http://bit.ly/297TxQs>) that Police Chief Warren Gall says his department will soon be installing new sirens called "howlers." Gall says the new low-frequency sirens and normal sirens should keep motorists safer when police cars are rushing to a call. He says the new sirens send a vibration that drivers can literally feel in the same way one can feel the vibration from a passing car

playing a thumping bass line on a stereo. Gall says the new sirens should make drivers more aware of what's happening around them. They are being paid for with a \$30,000 Justice Department grant.

Associated Press: Officials baffled by Publix patrons' breathing troubles

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=sfOop5B1

SC State Wire

A Publix supermarket in Summerville was evacuated after fire officials responded to reports that people were experiencing shortness of breath and having difficulty breathing. Fire Chief Richard Waring tells news outlets that 10 people were treated for breathing problems Wednesday afternoon, but no one had to be hospitalized. Fire officials do not know what caused the symptoms. Waring says there was no odor or any signs of a gas leak. Publix spokeswoman Kim Reynolds says the store worked with local authorities to investigate the matter. The store has since reopened.

Associated Press: Riverbanks Zoo: Nearby river water had high bacteria levels

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gFwZ77rs

SC State Wire

Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia says it's found high bacteria levels in the nearby Saluda River. The State newspaper reported (<http://bit.ly/2981QcR>) that bacteria levels high enough to make people sick were found in the river near the zoo. Riverbanks uses water from the river only for irrigation of plants and ponds where four elephants and 40 flamingos live. There is no indication the animals have been sick. Drinking water at the zoo comes from a municipal water supply. Most of the animals drink treated water. Director Satch Krantz says the zoo began testing water in the river after reports that high bacteria levels were found in the Saluda Shoals Park several miles upstream from the zoo.

Associated Press: All At Sea: 2 sea turtles released on South Carolina coast

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8kUg74Om

SC State Wire

Two sea turtles will be spending the Fourth of July weekend back at home in the ocean. The turtles were released on the Isle of Palms on Thursday after undergoing rehabilitation at the Sea Turtle Hospital at the South Carolina Aquarium. The turtles released were Lady, a 140-pound loggerhead, and Forest, a juvenile green sea turtle. Lady was found floating near Lady's Island along the state's south coast last summer. She weighed just 95 pounds and had cataracts which were removed during her stay in the hospital. Forest was found on Hilton Head Island in April and appeared to have been attacked by a shark. The aquarium said in a news release that the Sea Turtle Hospital has now rehabilitated more than 190 turtles.

Associated Press: New Daufuskie ferry operator to add routes, landing sites

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=5Kw3mXCj

SC State Wire

It will soon be a more convenient for Daufuskie islanders to travel between their sea island and Hilton Head. Daufuskie Island is best known to those outside South Carolina as the setting of the 1972 book "The Water Is Wide" by the late Pat Conroy. The Island Packet of Hilton Head reports (<http://bit.ly/29sBjq8>) that the Haig Point Ferry Co. is contracting with Beaufort County to provide service to island residents. The company already provides service to Haig Pint developments on the island. The company plans additional trips and addition pickup sites on Daufuskie.

National News:

Associated Press: Clinton and Lynch met privately at Phoenix airport

<http://bigstory.ap.org/896c6b0562b04cd68e9337a398aa660a>

Ken Thomas

Former President Bill Clinton spoke with Attorney General Loretta Lynch during an impromptu meeting in Phoenix, but Lynch said the discussion did not involve the investigation into Hillary

Clinton's email use as secretary of state. Lynch told reporters that the meeting at a Phoenix airport on Monday was unplanned and happened while the former president was waiting to depart and walked over to the attorney general's plane after she landed there. Lynch was traveling with her husband and said her conversation with the former president "was a great deal about his grandchildren" and their travels. The former president, who recently became a grandfather for the second time, told her he had been playing golf in Arizona and they discussed former Attorney General Janet Reno, whom they both know. "There was no discussion of any matter pending for the department or any matter pending for any other body. There was no discussion of Benghazi, no discussion of the State Department emails, by way of example," Lynch said in Phoenix.

Associated Press: Judge blocks Indiana genetic abnormality abortion law

<http://bigstory.ap.org/7401c7d499e640bebae25cce9a270de8>

Tom Davies

A federal judge blocked an Indiana law Thursday that would have banned abortions sought because of a fetus' genetic abnormalities, saying that the state does not have the authority to limit a woman's reasons for ending a pregnancy. U.S. District Court Judge Tanya Walton Pratt granted a preliminary injunction sought by Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky, which argued that the law was unconstitutional and violated women's privacy rights. The law was set to take effect Friday. North Dakota is the only other state that prohibits abortions because of genetic abnormalities such as Down syndrome or because of the race, gender or ancestry of a fetus. The judge's action, which is temporary, arose from a lawsuit filed by Planned Parenthood and the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana. That case can still proceed.

Associated Press: 'Active shooter' report at military base was false alarm

<http://bigstory.ap.org/cb194c4d066d4c69b7e6ec8e69c6e7d7>

Jessica Gresko and Eric Tucker

The military base outside Washington where the presidential plane Air Force One is stationed was temporarily locked down Thursday after an "active shooter" report that turned out to be a false alarm. The report stemmed from someone who made a distress call after seeing security forces doing a routine inspection. The confusion was heightened by a planned active shooter drill at Joint Base Andrews that had not yet begun. Officials said in a Facebook post Thursday that there was no shooter and no threat to the base or workers there. The base had been placed on lockdown about 9 a.m. after an active shooter was reported. The base is home to the presidential air fleet, including the planes that carry the call sign Air Force One when he is aboard. It is about 20 miles from Washington. About an hour and a half later, the military post tweeted that the lock down had been lifted, except for the medical building where the active shooter was reported.

World News:

Associated Press: Turkish official: Attackers were from Russia, Central Asia

<http://bigstory.ap.org/5228732503834ffa908de8092a12d31a>

Dominique Soguel and Suzan Fraser

As the death toll from the Istanbul airport attack rose Thursday to 44, a senior Turkish official said the three suicide bombers who carried it out were from Russia, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, and police raided neighborhoods for suspects linked to the Islamic State group. Turkish authorities have said all information suggested the Tuesday night attack on Ataturk Airport, one of the world's busiest, was the work of IS, which boasted this week of having cells in Turkey, among other countries. The police raided 16 locations in three neighborhoods on both the Asian and European sides of Istanbul, rounding up 13 people suspected of having links to the Islamic State group.

Associated Press: Istanbul airport attack victims mourned, honored, praised

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Cinar Kiper

An adoring father of his four "princesses." A weeping bride-to-be, bent over her fiancée's coffin. Two women looking forward to a few days' vacation with their husbands and their infant children. Victims of Tuesday night's attack at Istanbul's main airport have left behind mourning friends and relatives who are now struggling to deal with their loss. Here are some of their stories..

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Jill Lawless

In a real-life political drama mixing Shakespearean tragedy with "House of Cards," Britain's victorious anti-EU campaigner Boris Johnson saw his chances of leading his country evaporate Thursday after the defection of a key ally. The former London mayor dropped his campaign to become Conservative Party leader and prime minister after Justice Secretary Michael Gove abruptly withdrew his support for Johnson and announced he would run himself. Johnson, a prominent campaigner for Britain's withdrawal from the 28-nation European Union, told a news conference where he was expected to announce his candidacy that the next Conservative leader would need to unite the party and ensure Britain's standing in the world. "Having consulted colleagues and in view of the circumstances in Parliament, I have concluded that person cannot be me," he said to the astonishment of gathered journalists and supporters.

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