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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Haley attends to RGA business, addresses Republican Jewish Coalition in Cleveland

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729890/haley-attends-to-rga-business-addresses-republican-jewish-coalition-in-cleveland>

Emma Dumain

6 p.m.: The South Carolina delegation to the Republican National Convention had a considerable amount of down time Thursday, the final day of the convention where Donald Trump will accept the nomination for president. Gov. Nikki Haley, however, was busy. Deputy chief of staff Rob Godfrey told The Post and Courier that Haley spent Thursday morning at a meeting related to Republican Governor Association business. Then, she and her husband, Michael Haley, “spent time visiting the area where Michael was adopted and grew up.” Her afternoon schedule included an address to the Republican Jewish Coalition. Godfrey also said she planned to “thank members of South Carolina law enforcement who are assisting with the state of Ohio’s security efforts.” Haley plans to attend the RNC’s Thursday evening programming but she might decide not to visit the convention floor if Wednesday night provided any preview of what to expect. Reporters, photographers and fans mobbed Haley when she came to visit the S.C. delegation, shoving microphones and cameras in her face while she tried to mingle with delegates. The field trip ended up being brief, with Haley retreating soon after she arrived. DeLinda Ridings, a Columbia delegate, said Haley told her she had to go so as not to distract from the main event. “She said she had to leave the floor so we could enjoy the convention,” Ridings recalled.

Post and Courier (Editorial): Haley tickets don’t fumble ethics

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160722/160729843/haley-tickets-dont-fumble-ethics>

However, commission member Frank Grimball, who had asked for the review of last year’s opinion, found the change insufficient. He wanted the rule to restrict use of the tickets to “economic development.” Chaney Adams, a spokeswoman for the governor, said Wednesday that as in previous gubernatorial administrations, Mrs. Haley has strictly used the suite “for state-related purposes, including economic development and business recruitment, because there’s no better way to showcase the great things going on in our state.” Mrs. Haley, a Clemson graduate, also has a Death Valley suite, provided by that university’s board members and others, for the Tigers’ home games. And as long as those tickets and suites for either school’s games aren’t being sold to benefit Mrs. Haley or anybody else, this gubernatorial perk hardly seems excessive or corrupting. Instead, it seems like a home-field advantage for the state’s top elected official in the big game of bringing more business investment — and good jobs — to South Carolina. As for the Gamecocks, their chances of winning an SEC title in their first season under coach Will Muschamp look even slimmer than usual, coming off a 3-9 season that included a loss to The Citadel. On the other hand, USC has won five out of its last seven games against Clemson.

WSPA: Cellphones in the hands of inmates causing problems

<http://wspa.com/2016/07/21/cellphones-in-the-hands-of-inmates-causing-problems/>

Eryn Rogers

Many people almost always carry their cell phones with them wherever they go. But, for some people such as inmates in our state prisons, it's a lifeline, and they'll go through lengths just to make sure they get and keep them. However, cell phones in the hands of inmates are causing problems, and they are one of the highest items of contraband taken away in prisons. The investigation began after an inmate inside Perry Correctional called the 7News after an officer was beaten and held hostage at the prison back in April. Retired Captain Robert Johnson knows the dangers of a contraband cell phone all too well. He was a contraband officer at Lee Correctional in the Midlands where he worked for 15 years. "I was determined to get it," Johnson said. "If I didn't find it today, I would turn around and come back tomorrow...I was upsetting the economy at the prison."

NOTE: Prisons use a rover to travel around prison perimeters to catch people illegally trying to throw items over the fence. Governor Nikki Haley also put money in the budget for prisons to build towers, so guards can get a better look at the property.

NOTE: In May, Governor Nikki Haley and nine other republican governors across the country wrote a letter to the FCC asking them to re-evaluate their regulations on cell phone contrabands.

Republican Convention in Cleveland:

Associated Press: Trump's closer is over, Clinton set to snag attention

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2cb63450364e4256a1e538723a1e9bae>

Kathleen Hennessey and Calvin Woodward

In the swirl of balloons and cheers of the masses, Donald Trump finally had his Rocky moment after a rocky convention, and now Democrats are eager to step up for their own spectacle. Hillary Clinton is set to snatch attention from Republicans by naming her running mate in advance of the Democratic convention, with Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine the leading contender. Trump's forceful promises to be the champion of disaffected Americans closed out his convention on a high note for the party, not a moment too soon after shows of disharmony and assorted flubs before Thursday night's closer. Speaking to "the forgotten men and women of our country," the people who "work hard but no longer have a voice," he declared: "I am your voice." With that, he summed up both the paradox and the power of his campaign — a billionaire who made common cause with struggling Americans alienated from the system, or at least a portion of them.

Associated Press: Making GOP history, Trump vows to protect LGBTQ community

<http://bigstory.ap.org/d2b6f9de782e485eb3025ac7bed51013>

Josh Lederman

With five letters, Donald Trump brushed off decades of Republican reluctance to voice full-throated support for gay rights — at least for a night. Trump's call in his speech to the Republican National Convention for protecting the "LGBTQ community" was a watershed moment for the Republican Party — the first time the issue has been elevated in a GOP nomination address. Four years ago, Mitt Romney never uttered the word "gay," much less the full acronym — standing for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning. But Trump, as if to drive the point home, said it not once, but twice. "I will do everything in my power to protect our LGBTQ citizens from the violence and oppression of a hateful foreign ideology," Trump said, adding for emphasis: "Believe me." If Republican delegates gathered in Cleveland to nominate Trump were caught off-guard, they didn't show it. They cheered him — loudly.

Associated Press: Trump upends decades of NATO doctrine with views on treaty

<http://bigstory.ap.org/b0c761d7bfe049548a9cdfa87e89f4ee>

Matthew Lee

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's suggestion that the United States might abandon its NATO treaty commitments has upended decades of American foreign policy dogma and doctrine in both parties. It has created a domestic furor and fueled angst not only across Europe but in Asia, where Trump's complaints about allies not paying their own way have also resonated. Trump's mere musing that he would review allies' financial contributions — in this case those owed by Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania — before acting under NATO's Article 5 mutual defense clause if they were attacked by Russia could rock the foundations of the security architecture that has underpinned European stability since the end of World War II. That possibility, and the global instability that would likely follow, is not something NATO leaders or their nervous citizens will countenance lightly, particularly since they responded, without question, under Article 5 when the United States was attacked on Sept. 11, 2001.

The State: SC's Graham calls on Trump to back NATO allies

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article91033107.html>

Jamie Self

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham criticized Donald Trump for saying the United States may not always defend its NATO allies and called on Trump to correct the statement in his acceptance speech for the GOP presidential nomination. "Statements like these make the world more dangerous and the United States less safe," said Graham, a Seneca Republican who withdrew from the GOP presidential nominating race late last year. In an interview with the New York Times published Thursday, Trump said if Russia attacked small Baltic States that recently entered NATO, he would consider if they "have fulfilled their obligations to us." "If they fulfill their obligations to us," Trump told The Times, "the answer is yes." "I can only imagine how our allies in NATO, particularly the Balkan states must feel after reading these comments from Mr. Trump," Graham said. "I'm 100 percent certain how Russian President (Vladimir) Putin feels – he's a very happy man."

Post and Courier: Lindsey Graham calls on Trump to clarify NATO dedication statement

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729890/lindsey-graham-calls-on-trump-to-clarify-nato-dedication-statement>

Emma Dumain

10:30 a.m.: U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham urged Donald Trump to clarify his position on defending European allies after a New York Times article quoted the GOP presidential nominee as not fully supportive of the NATO alliance treaty. "Statements like these make the world more dangerous and the United States less safe," Graham, R-S.C., said this morning. "I can only imagine how our allies in NATO, particularly the Balkan states must feel after reading these comments from Mr. Trump," Graham said. "I'm 100 percent certain how Russian President Putin feels – he's a very happy man." Trump, in a New York Times interview today, broke from standing U.S. foreign policy in suggesting the U.S. wouldn't defend its NATO allies, including the Baltic states against Russian aggression. He cited them not fulfilling "their obligation to us" including through adequate military spending. Graham called on Trump to correct his statement.

The State: Most SC Republicans in Cleveland unifying behind Trump

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article91176832.html>

Jamie Self

Donald Trump is capturing the hearts – or at least the support – of Palmetto State Republicans at the GOP convention. Among the converts in Cleveland are Ted Cruz loyalists and other delegates whose favorite candidates exited the race long ago, clearing the path for Trump to win the GOP's presidential nomination. Even a S.C. Cruz supporter, who proudly aided an effort to oust Trump at the Republican National Convention earlier this week, says the GOP nominee still could earn his support. Trump's naming of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as his running mate was a positive move toward winning over K.C. Lombard, a 63-year-old Johns Island roofing contractor. Still not convinced, Lombard says he will decide later – maybe in November – whether to vote for Trump. For other S.C. delegates, the sell has been easier.

Aiken Standard: Lindell enjoying Trump's rise to top at convention

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160721/160729903/lindell-enjoying-trumpx2019s-rise-to-top-at-convention>

Dede Biles

Colen Lindell has been watching the Republican National Convention on television this week with great interest. As co-chairman of Donald Trump for President in Aiken County, Lindell is enjoying seeing the man he supported early in the presidential race achieve the goal of becoming the GOP's nominee. "I'm very happy," said Lindell on Thursday. "I think he (Trump) is resonating with the American people with his America First, Make America Great Again message." But Trump's rise to the top hasn't always gone smoothly, and there have been some widely-publicized problems at the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland. "I think the convention, for the most part, has been really exciting with all of the controversies," Lindell said. "It's gotten a lot of headlines with what happened on Monday night with Melania Trump's speech (when she was accused of plagiarism) and what happened Wednesday night with Ted Cruz dissing and insulting Donald Trump."

Aiken Standard: Day 3 of RNC: Jane Page Thompson unhappy with Cruz at GOP Convention

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160721/160729909/day-3-of-rnc-jane-page-thompson-unhappy-with-cruz-at-gop-convention->

Dede Biles

Chants of "Trump, Trump, Trump" and a chorus of boos erupted in Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland on Wednesday night while Texas Sen. Ted Cruz was speaking during the Republican National Convention. Aiken's Jane Page Thompson, who is a South Carolina delegate, was among the angry noisemakers who were upset because Cruz didn't endorse Donald Trump as the GOP's presidential nominee. Instead, Cruz, who was one of Trump's challengers in the primaries, encouraged Americans to "vote your conscience" in November. "Some of the Ted Cruz supporters are saying he did the right thing and didn't cave to political pressure," Thompson said in a telephone interview Thursday morning. "But there is difference between being a gentleman and being respectful to the process that you willingly entered into and being a sore, petulant loser. I was disappointed in him. He didn't do the right thing; he is not a man of integrity. "I really think he did himself some political damage," Thompson continued. "I truly believe he could have been one of the best Supreme Court justices that America could have had, but he might have jeopardized that opportunity."

Greenville News: Delegates return from GOP convention more committed to Trump

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/07/21/delegates-return-gop-convention-more-committed-trump/87405184/>

Deirdre Shesgreen

Before Donald Trump even takes the stage Thursday night, the Republican presidential nominee has

already won new support from Greenville-area delegates who arrived for the four-day GOP convention a bit skeptical and uncertain. They have been moved less by Trump himself than by other political players in the Quicken Loans Arena, where the GOP festivities unfolded this week with a mix of celebration, dissension, and chaos. "I think it has been a unifying event to a person like me who has not been. up to this point, even favorable to Donald Trump," said Nathan Leupp, 36, of Greer. "It's got me over that hurdle, and I think I can go home fully supporting Donald Trump without any reservations at this point." What swayed him? First, the threat of Hillary Clinton, the presumptive Democratic nominee, winning the White House. Second, Trump's pick of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as his running mate. And third, the unprecedented rebuke delivered by Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, who in a prime-time speaking slot declined to endorse Trump.

Post and Courier: The first draft of Henry McMaster's GOP convention speech

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160722/160729884/the-first-draft-of-henry-mcmasters-gop-convention-speech>

Brian Hicks

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: Rep. Clyburn said he consulted on Hillary Clinton VP talk

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729879/rep-clyburn-said-he-consulted-on-hillary-clinton-vp-talk>

Gavin Jackson

U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn said he consulted with Hillary Clinton and her presidential campaign to discuss three potential vice presidential candidates. He identified U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and U.S. Labor Secretary Tom Perez. He didn't mention who he was pulling for, only that it should be someone who can "really become president" as the most important factor. "I've had more experience with Tim Kaine than all the three," Clyburn, D-S.C., said. "The three finalists who I understand are the three finalists ... I admire a whole lot." Clinton is expected to announce her choice as soon as Friday or Saturday. Clyburn's comments came as Democrats held a Columbia press conference Thursday in advance of next week's national party convention. Several South Carolina Democrats will have speaking roles at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, Clyburn, state Democratic Party Chairman Jaime Harrison and former state Rep. Bakari Sellers are the announced speakers so far.

Post and Courier: South Carolina Democrats picked to speak at party convention next week

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729879/south-carolina-democrats-picked-to-speak-at-party-convention-next-week>

Gavin Jackson

Several South Carolina Democrats are getting speaking roles at next week's Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign has disclosed. Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, U.S. Rep James Clyburn, D-S.C., State Democratic Party Chairman Jaime Harrison and former state representative Bakari Sellers are the announced speakers so far. Clyburn, who attended a rally at the Statehouse for more than 20 Democrats on the state ticket this November, said his speech will center on the theme stronger together; a theme Republicans he said attempted to do this week at their convention in Cleveland. "They talked about stronger, but they haven't talked about together too much," Clyburn said. "The fact that the Republicans cannot seem to reconcile the differences in their own party--how in the world can we entrust a country for them to do so?"

The State: Clyburn, Benjamin among S.C. speakers at Democratic National Convention

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article91065722.html>

Avery G. Wilks

At least six South Carolinians will speak next week at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, former state Rep. Bakari Sellers and S.C. Democratic Party chair Jaime Harrison each are speaking at the convention, which starts Monday. Two survivors of last summer's Emanuel AME Church shooting, Felicia Sanders and Polly Sheppard, also will speak at the convention, according to the Charleston Post and Courier. Party officials have not yet released a detailed speaking schedule.

The State: SC Democrats kick off 2016 election campaign

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article91113507.html>

Avery G. Wilks

About 20 Democratic state and congressional candidates gathered on the State House steps Thursday to kick off the party's Nov. 8 campaign, centered on the message "Enough is Enough." "After 14 years of Republican dominance of South Carolina state government," state Democratic Party chair Jaime Harrison said, "our schools are failing, our roads are crumbling, our wages are stagnated, our dams are breaking, our coast line is receding, our hospitals are closing, and our people are being denied health insurance and dying two years earlier than the national average." State Sen. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter, said it is important to elect more Democrats because Republicans have been unwilling to compromise in the State House. "Our caucus has fought, and we've done all we can to collaborate with our Republican colleagues to come up with real, long-term solutions to fix our roads and our infrastructure so that we can ensure continued economic development, opportunities and success for South Carolinians," said McElveen. "But the leadership of the other party hasn't been interested in that."

Charlotte Observer: Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump to visit Charlotte next week for VFW convention

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/election/article91123257.html>

Jim Morrill

Presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump will both be in Charlotte next week for the VFW National Convention. Clinton will speak at the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention Monday, and Trump will address the group Tuesday. "We are very fortunate to have both presidential candidates speaking to us next week," VFW National Commander John Biedrzycki Jr. said in a news release. "It continues a longstanding VFW tradition to provide an opportunity for those seeking the nation's highest office to address the nation's largest and oldest major war veterans' organization, which is especially important during a time of war and instability abroad, as well as internal challenges at home," he said. It will be Clinton's second visit this month – and three days before she'll accept the Democratic presidential nomination in Philadelphia.

SC Agency News:

Associated Press: DOT secretary: \$1.4B for paving only maintains poor roads

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Sz1HI2Z2

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina's roads are so bad that drivers probably won't notice the \$1.4 billion worth of

pavement resurfacing a new law provides over the next decade or so, Transportation Secretary Christy Hall said Thursday. "The new funding will essentially keep the pavements in the same condition they're in today," she said. That shows "just how much decay we've got on the pavement system." The road-funding law approved last month allows for more than \$4 billion in spending over the next 10 to 13 years, mostly by borrowing and redirecting money. Department of Transportation Chairman Mike Wooten said people mistakenly think the law "makes things all better." "While this was wonderful, we're a long way from where we need to be," he told his fellow commissioners. "The public's expectation is significantly greater than we can possibly deliver based on the funding we got."

NOTE: Several senators who blocked proposals that included hiking the 16-cents-per-gallon tax insisted on first restructuring the DOT. Gov. Nikki Haley reluctantly signed the law, saying its so-called reforms are better than nothing.

The State: Richland, Lexington likely to get \$138 million for paving, road safety

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article91134377.html>

Cassie Cope

Roads in Richland and Lexington counties will get at least \$138 million for re-paving and to improve safety through 2022. The proposed State Transportation Improvement Plan, presented Thursday, includes at least \$128 million to repave interstates and state roads in Richland and Lexington counties. Another \$10 million would go for safety improvements, including money for roads that have a history of wrecks. However, that amount likely will increase as safety needs are re-assessed annually, state Transportation Department officials said. The commission that oversees the Transportation Department likely will approve the plan in August, after the public weighs in online and at public meetings. Revisions will be made as budgets evolve and more money becomes available.

Associated Press: Inmate killed by cellmate at maximum security SC prison

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=lo4JMNWK

SC State Wire

A second prisoner in less than a month has been killed by his cellmate at a maximum security South Carolina prison. The Corrections Department said in a news release that 24-year-old Ryan Mansfield was killed early Thursday morning in his cell at Lieber Correctional Institution near Ridgeville. Prison officials didn't say how Mansfield was killed. Prison records show Mansfield was serving a five-year sentence for burglary and grand larceny from Richland County. He was set to be released in March. Authorities say Mansfield was killed by 34-year-old Michael Brice. The investigation continues and no charges have been filed. Brice started a 13-year sentence for drug and weapons charges from York County in January. A prisoner was also killed by a cellmate at Lee Correctional Institution on June 22.

Dylann Roof Case:

The State: What is in provocative videos, documents now under seal in Roof case?

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article91090082.html>

John Monk

Videos, documents and a transcript that could be among the government's evidence in the upcoming federal Dylann Roof death penalty trial have been placed under seal by U.S. Judge Richard Gergel, according to court filings. The items are, at least for the time being, deemed so potentially provocative as to taint the outlooks of potential jurors in the case, according to the filings. "Sealing of these items is necessary because their public disclosure could affect the court's ability to select an impartial jury and conduct a fair trial in this high-profile, Federal Death Penalty Act case," according to a motion

filed by two of Roof's defense lawyers, David Bruck and Sarah Gannett. "Any disclosure would reveal information that could affect jury selection and the fairness of the trial," the motion asking Gergel to seal the items said.

Post and Courier: Dylann Roof defense seeks to add fourth attorney

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729859/dylann-roof-defense-seeks-to-add-fourth-attorney>

Andrew Knapp

Dylann Roof's defense team wants to add a fourth member, a filing stated Thursday. Kimberly Candace Stevens, a federal public defender in Oregon, asked U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel to allow her to work on Roof's case. The application for "pro hac vice" admission would permit Stevens to work in the South Carolina federal court district only to defend Roof. Gergel was expected to approve the motion. He already has allowed Sarah Gannett, a public defender from Arizona, to help Roof's primary attorneys, David Bruck and Michael O'Connell. Roof, 22, of Eastover, is charged with 33 federal counts, including hate crimes and religious rights violations. If he's convicted of certain charges at his Nov. 7 trial, a jury would decide whether he should be executed. In a separate development Thursday, Gergel allowed Roof's defense team's motion to suppress evidence, including videos and documents, to be filed under seal from public view. Prosecutors' response to the motion also must not be made public, he ruled. Roof's lawyers had said they feared that disclosure of the evidence would threaten his right to a fair trial.

SC after Baton Rouge Shootings:

Post and Courier: Black Lives Matter activist arrested for disorderly conduct

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729857/black-lives-matter-activist-arrested-for-disorderly-conduct>

Brenda Rindge

The leader of the local Black Lives Matter movement was arrested after disrupting a North Charleston City Council committee meeting Thursday. Muhiyidin Elamin Moya, 31, of Charleston, also known as Muhiyidin d'Baha, was charged with disorderly conduct, according to the booking report. He is being held on \$470 bail. Moya was removed by four or five officers from the City Hall conference room where the Public Safety Committee was meeting. About 10 members of the group followed, chanting, "This is what democracy looks like." City Councilman Mike Brown trailed them, telling The Post and Courier he wanted to make sure that Moya was OK. Moya complained of wrist pain and was checked out by emergency medical personnel, police spokesman Spencer Pryor later said.

WIS: Midlands police chief invited to White House to discuss police relations

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32504139/midlands-police-chief-invited-to-white-house-to-discuss-police-relations>

Chad Mills

A Midlands police chief talks about his trip to the White House just days ago. Chief Wallace Oswald has been with Batesburg-Leesville Police Department for years. Just days ago, the White House sought his opinion and the opinions of several dozen other lawmen from across the country. It was part of a White House initiative called Advancing 21st Century Policing. A couple of White House officials spoke, but Chief Oswald said it was a two-way conversation, and the White House got a lot of feedback from the badged men and women in the room. Oswald said one of the biggest topics was improving communication between law enforcement and the community in an effort to build trust. Of course, community policing is another big pillar they talked about, and that's one that Chief Oswald is

pretty passionate about.

WIS: Columbia prayer vigil preaches peace in wake of ongoing violence

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32504210/columbia-prayer-vigil-preaches-peace-in-wake-of-ongoing-violence>

Mike DeSumma

With violence continuing across our nation, some people in Columbia were making the call for peace Thursday night. Music filled the Reformation Lutheran Church as a prayer vigil was held in the evening. Leaders of the church organized it to remember all of the lives lost in Orlando, Dallas, Baton Rouge and other parts of the U.S. over the past five weeks. Officers with Columbia Police and the Richland County Sheriff's Department were among those in attendance. Many speakers put out a call for unity at the vigil as well as stronger ties between police and the public.

Independent Mail: A 9-year-old's handmade sign drawing attention in Anderson

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/a-9-year-olds-handmade-sign-is-drawing-neighborhood-attention-381b7129-1e85-73d1-e053-0100007ff8ff-387860542.html>

Mike Ellis

Kimberly Durham didn't think much of it when her 9-year-old son Jamison asked if putting a sign up was illegal. No, it's not illegal, she told him. She didn't think much of it when he asked how to spell the word "life." But she was brought to tears when Jamison took her outside Sunday and showed her what he'd taped to the mailbox. It was handmade sign, a piece of regular paper painted blue with yellow letters reading "Polices Lifes Matter." (Kimberly said she'd have spelled "lives" for him if she knew what he was doing.) Jamison said he made it, keeping his art project a secret from his parents, and hung it so everyone driving by the curve on their road would pray for his dad, state Trooper Josh Durham. "I'd heard about cops being killed and I made this in the kitchen," he said. "If people kill police officers, the officers can't save anyone's lives anymore."

LGBT News:

Associated Press: NBA moving All-Star Game out of Charlotte, cites LGBT law

<http://bigstory.ap.org/0a2fd6cffbc64f518a977f2b3e78c2e9>

Brian Mahoney

The NBA is moving the 2017 All-Star Game out of Charlotte because of its objections to a North Carolina law that limits anti-discrimination protections for lesbian, gay and transgender people. The league had expressed its opposition to the law known as HB2 since it was enacted in March, and its decision Thursday came less than a month after state legislators revisited the law and chose to leave it largely unchanged. "While we recognize that the NBA cannot choose the law in every city, state, and country in which we do business, we do not believe we can successfully host our All-Star festivities in Charlotte in the climate created by HB2," the league said in a statement. The league added that it hoped to announce a new location for next February's events shortly. It hopes to reschedule the 2019 game for Charlotte if there is a resolution to the matter.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Head out on the highway: Carolinas gas cheapest in 12 years

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=nN9T6uf6

SC State Wire

Motorists across the Carolinas are heading out on the highway this summer with gas price the lowest

they have been in July in a dozen years. AAA Carolinas reports that South Carolina has the lowest gas prices in the nation with an average price of about \$1.86 a gallon. The motor club says most gas stations in the state are selling gas for less than \$2 a gallon. In North Carolina the average price is \$2.05 a gallon - the difference is the higher state gasoline tax in North Carolina. Gas prices in both states are down about 16 cents a gallon from a year ago. Gas prices nationwide are falling thanks to abundant supplies and the declining cost of crude oil.

Herald-Journal: Low SC gas prices boost summer travel

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160721/articles/160729933>

Daniel J. Gross

Gas prices have dropped to a 12-year low for the month of July, and local motorists are reaping the benefits. South Carolina's gas prices are now the lowest in the country as a result of increased fuel supply and declining crude oil costs, according to AAA Carolinas. The state's average price for a gallon of gas was \$1.86 as of Thursday. Average prices are about 55 cents less than they were a year ago. Gas prices are expected to remain low for the remainder of the summer. According to AAA, more families are traveling and taking road trips this summer due to cheaper gas. Some motorists said they're just glad to be saving money at the pump.

Associated Press: South Carolina receives nearly \$4.5M to fight Zika virus

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=jDVmtas0

SC State Wire

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has awarded nearly \$4.5 million to South Carolina to fight the Zika virus. The CDC announced Thursday that the award is part of a nearly \$60 million fund to states, cities and territories to support efforts to combat the virus. Funds will be used to support activities to protect public health, improve mosquito control and strengthening laboratory capacity. The funding will be available Aug. 1. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control said Thursday that there have been 22 cases of the Zika virus in the state.

Post and Courier: South Carolina awarded nearly \$4.5 million from CDC to combat Zika virus

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729851/south-carolina-awarded-nearly-45-million-from-cdc-to-combat-zika-virus>

Derrek Abserry and Melissa Boughton

South Carolina has been awarded nearly \$4.5 million from the federal government to combat the Zika virus. The funding will support activities to protect public health, especially among pregnant women. Funds will also be used to improve mosquito control and monitoring, and strengthening laboratory capacity. Money will also support participation in the U.S. Zika Pregnancy Registry to monitor pregnant women with Zika and their infants. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced Thursday that is awarding nearly \$60 million to states, cities and territories to support efforts to protect Americans from Zika and the adverse health outcomes that can result from infection. The new funding will be available Aug. 1 and distributed through the CDC's Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases Cooperative Agreement.

WIS: South Carolina divorce rate declines

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32502640/south-carolina-divorce-rate-declines>

Sharon Johnson

Divorce rates are down in the country and in the Upstate as well. We took a closer look at what's keeping people together during trying times. As the nation divides on so many issues, it seems married couples are staying together. We interviewed an Upstate divorce attorney and a local pastor

about divorce and marriage. They both agree that getting married is easy. They say, staying married can be a lot tougher. When it comes to getting a divorce, there are so many decisions and variables that can change things. But more people are saying "I do" and keeping their word. Those who mentor couples, like Pastor Robert Gray, say counseling could be supporting a decline in divorce rates. Gray is the Pastoral Care Director at Redemption Church in Greenville. He said, "We're finding out that people nowadays are starting to look at the fact that they have invested so much in the relationship, where before when something goes wrong they just walk away." The decline is nationwide. South Carolina numbers reflect it too, going from 4.5 in 1990 and dropping steadily to 2.9 in 2014.

Local News:

Sun News: Federal judge will hear lawsuits against Horry County Police

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article91118662.html>

Audrey Hudson

Two lawsuits against the Horry County Police Department claiming a former detective abused victims of sexual assault will be heard in federal court. The cases were transferred from the Horry County Court of Common Pleas and are now under the jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court in Florence, according to federal court records. There are three lawsuits filed by victims identified as Jane Doe 1, Jane Doe 2 and Jane Doe 3. The only cases moved to federal court are those filed by Jane Does 2 and 3 because those cases allege that constitutional and civil rights were violated. The women are suing the police department and former Detective Allen Large alleging that the officer sexually harassed them and coerced them to participate in nude sexual fetish videos called catfighting. Two of the women, Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2, say they were sexually assaulted by Large.

Post and Courier: Charleston County coroner won't issue warrants in 2-year-old's death

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729881/charleston-county-coroner-wont-issue-warrants-in-2-year-olds-death>

Gregory Lee

A man and his girlfriend will not face arrest after the Charleston County coroner's controversial inquest into the 2013 death of a toddler in Mount Pleasant. Charleston County Coroner Rae Wooten, through the county attorney, said no warrants would be issued for the arrest of Bryan Seabrook, 29, or his girlfriend Marty Dixon, 48. An inquest jury implicated the two last week in the death of 2-year-old Elijah Washington, Dixon's grandson, but 9th Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson declined to prosecute the case, citing the inquest's lower burden of proof compared to criminal proceedings. A coroner's inquest is a legal proceeding in which a county coroner calls a jury to determine a person's manner of death in cases where foul play is suspected. According to state statute, coroners are granted judicial powers, such as the ability to call witnesses and issue arrest warrants.

Aiken Standard: Aiken police officer named in federal lawsuit resigns from agency

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160721/160729919/aiken-police-officer-named-in-federal-lawsuit-resigns-from-agency->

Maayan Schechter

An Aiken police officer named in a federal lawsuit quietly resigned Wednesday following an internal review into social media posts he made on Facebook. Chief Charles Barranco, of the Aiken Department of Public Safety, confirmed on Thursday that Master Corp. Chris Medlin turned in his resignation on Wednesday. In his resignation letter, Medlin said, "Please accept my immediate resignation from my position as a Public Safety Corporal. It has been a pleasure working for the

Aiken Department of Public Safety for the last 20 years.” He signed it respectfully, Master Corporal John C. Medlin. Medlin’s salary was \$56,264, according to records.

Associated Press: Lt. Gen. Harrigian takes over US Air Forces Central Command

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=C5iLbLn8

SC State Wire

A new three-star general is taking command of U.S. Air Force units in a 20-nation area of the Mideast and southwest Asia. Air Force Senior Airman Monica Ricci says Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Harrigian takes over from Lt. Gen. Charles Brown Jr. Friday at 10 a.m. The event is scheduled to be held at Shaw Air Force Base and is not open to the general public. U.S. Central Command head Army Gen. Joseph L. Votel is hosting the transfer. Harrigian takes charge of air operations and contingency planning for U. S. air combat forces in the region that stretches from Egypt to Pakistan. Besides its headquarters at Shaw Air Force Base outside Sumter, there is a command center as well at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar.

Post and Courier: Boeing to take \$2B hit to bottom line next week

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729854/boeing-to-take-2b-hit-to-bottom-line-next-week>

John McDermott

Boeing Co. warned shareholders it will take a \$2.05 billion earnings hit when it announces financial results next week, in part because the planemaker has decided it won’t refurbish and sell its last two 787 test jets. The accounting charges also involve the 747-8 air-cargo and KC-46 aerial tanker programs. The company announced the balance sheet maneuvering after the U.S. stock market closed Thursday. Its shares fell more than 1 percent to about \$132 in after-hours trading. “These are the right, proactive decisions to strengthen our business going forward,” Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg said in a written statement. Boeing had planned to sell the two seven-year-old 787 Dreamliners after refurbishing and modifying them for commercial use. Scuttling that plan will result in a charge of \$847 million, or \$1.33 per share. The costs are being written off as research and development expenses.

Post and Courier: Edisto, Kiawah, McClellanville residents fly friendlier medical transport skies

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729868/edisto-kiawah-mcclellanville-residents-fly-friendlier-medical-transport-skies>

Prentiss Findlay

The towns of Edisto Beach, McClellanville and Kiawah Island are providing a new benefit for full-time residents — helicopter transport to a hospital without the financial worries. The Edisto Beach Town Council agreed to pay about \$5,000 for a year-long agreement with AirMedCare to accept whatever a resident’s medical insurer allows as payment for air transport, said Mayor Jane Darby. McClellanville Mayor Rutledge Leland said Town Council voted in favor of paying \$2,300 for the same program. “It just sounded like an awfully good deal. The council jumped right on it. It basically covers the whole town for a small amount of money,” Leland said. Kiawah Island Town Council paid \$8,000 for its AirMedCare agreement. “The cost was low and because it’s not uncommon that a resident can be transported, we thought it was something that we would try,” said Councilman Craig Weaver, chairman of the Kiawah Public Safety Committee.

Morning News: McCall Farms to invest \$23 million over four years, create hundreds of new jobs in Florence County

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_041c61da-4f58-11e6-bbe7-3fc6076b9eb0.html

Joshua Lloyd

McCall Farms has been a staple of Florence County's economy for more than a century and will remain so with a \$23 million investment that will ramp production and create hundreds of new jobs by 2020. Although officials with McCall Farms were not immediately available for comment, Florence County Administrator K.G. "Rusty" Smith Jr. said the expansion will create about 150 jobs over the next four years. "They're an outstanding corporate citizen and have always provided job growth and economic enhancement throughout the county," Smith said. Smith said his understanding of the project is that McCall Farms will build a facility in northern Florence County this year and two more in 2017 and 2019, respectively. He said each building could be about 150,000 square-feet and set in different parts of the county.

Post and Courier: Fewer empties lead to flat cargo volumes at Port of Charleston during fiscal 2016
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160721/160729860/fewer-empties-lead-to-flat-cargo-volumes-at-port-of-charleston-during-fiscal-2016>

David Wren

Shipping lines are doing a better job of efficiently managing the containers they use to send goods out of Southeastern ports, and that's leading to lower-than-expected cargo numbers for the Charleston waterfront. "Where our shortfall in volume has been this year is in empty import containers — empties brought off ships," said Jim Newsome, president and CEO of the State Ports Authority. "It shows me that the lines are making better use of their land-side imbalance to fund their empty needs." Historically, ships would bring empty containers — called empty imports — to Charleston and other seaports so the boxes could be filled with goods and sent back overseas. However, slower export demand and slim profit margins have shippers looking for ways to cut costs, including how they find the empties they need.

Sun News: Huntington Beach State Park nature center will be rebuilt after devastating fire
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article91105582.html>

Elizabeth Townsend

The nature center at Huntington Beach State Park will be rebuilt after a fire early Wednesday morning destroyed the building and killed more than 20 animals inside. The S.C. Parks, Recreation and Tourism department plans to rebuild the center, but it was too early to give details Thursday about the rebuilding project, PRT spokeswoman Dawn Dawson-House said. "Our priority is visitor service and visitor safety so that's the mode that we're in when we decide how we're going to approach challenges like this. That's our focus, and that's where we're going," Dawson-House said.

The Herald: S.C. schools leader in Rock Hill: Let churches, other groups help students
<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/education/article91125572.html>

Jennifer Becknell

Public schools need to partner with churches and other groups to help students succeed because "we cannot do it ourselves," S.C. Education Superintendent Molly Spearman told local educators Thursday. Spearman, in an address at Castle Heights Middle School that was streamed to 1,100 Rock Hill educators at three other sites, said schools need to work with community partners to "find ways they can be involved." Spearman said she has spoken with church groups across the state that "want to help," and she has encouraged them to get involved. "You can't go in and talk about Jesus. Just act like him," she said, drawing laughter. Spearman's talk capped a two-day professional learning conference for Rock Hill teachers. Her address was streamed to educators meeting at Oakland Avenue Baptist Church, Winthrop University and Olde Pointe Elementary School. Spearman spoke of a goal of success for all students. "It is easy to say, but when we know the different backgrounds our children have, that is really impossible."

National News:

Associated Press: Roger Ailes out as head of Fox News, Fox Business

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David Bauder

Roger Ailes is out as chief executive at Fox News Channel and Fox Business, his career at the networks he built from scratch and ran with an iron hand for nearly 20 years over with stunning swiftness following allegations that he forced out a former anchor after she spurned his sexual advances. Hours before the final night of the Republican National Convention, network parent 21st Century Fox announced Thursday that Ailes would resign immediately. Rupert Murdoch, the executive chairman of 21st Century Fox, will assume the role of chairman and acting CEO of Fox News Channel and Fox Business Network until a replacement is named. Murdoch and 21st Century Fox did not address the widening scandal in the statement on the resignation but lauded Ailes for his contributions. "It is always difficult to create a channel or a publication from the ground up and against seemingly entrenched monopolies," Murdoch said in a statement. "(Ailes') grasp of policy and his ability to make profoundly important issues accessible to a broader audience stand in stark contrast to the self-serving elitism that characterizes far too much of the media." Fox is heading into a general election campaign in its customary spot at the top of the ratings, but without the man who sets its editorial tone every day.

World News:

Associated Press: Search for Flight 370 will be suspended, possibly forever

<http://bigstory.ap.org/ee2eaa393f8e48f995ac00a472abdf73>

Eileen NG

The more than two-year-long hunt for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 will be suspended once the current search area in the Indian Ocean has been completely scoured, the three countries conducting the operation announced Friday, possibly ending all hopes of solving aviation's greatest mystery. Some families of the lost plane's 239 passengers and crew were angry over the decision to stop what is already the most expensive search in aviation history, having cost 180 million Australian dollars (\$135 million). Others continued to hold out hope. "In the absence of new evidence, Malaysia, Australia and China have collectively decided to suspend the search upon completion of the 120,000-square-kilometer (46,300-square-mile) search area," Malaysian Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai said after a meeting with his Australian and Chinese counterparts.

Associated Press: Rio security push crumbles as murders, police killings rise

<http://bigstory.ap.org/6658b7a213074b2e95855c20851d3c31>

Adriana Gomez Licon

On the eve of hosting the world's largest sporting event, Rio de Janeiro's decade-long push to curb violence in hundreds of slums appears to be crumbling. Murders rose sharply in the first half of 2016, just as officials wanted to use the Aug. 5-21 Olympic Games to showcase the city as a tourist destination. Shootouts erupt daily, even in Rio slums where community policing programs created to pacify them had successfully rewritten the narrative in recent years. The number of people killed by police, who many residents accuse of shooting first and asking questions later, has spiked in the past two years after dropping significantly the previous six. Police, in turn, are increasingly under attack: 61 have been killed in Rio since January, the majority while off duty.

Associated Press: Police ask Nice to delete surveillance images of attack

<http://bigstory.ap.org/3074aeb2c38446fa99761b3939abbcc6>

Angela Charlton

Authorities in Nice are protesting against a request from French anti-terror police to delete surveillance camera images of last week's deadly truck attack, amid growing questions over the scale of the police presence at the time. The city received a letter this week from the SDAT anti-terrorism agency, obtained by The Associated Press, saying images of the July 14 attack should be destroyed. An official with the national police said the request was motivated by concern that the images could leak and be used for jihadi propaganda. The official was not authorized to be publicly named. A lawyer for the city submitted a protest letter Friday saying Nice officials would not comply for legal, administrative and technical reasons. But the lawyer also notes that the images are scheduled to be automatically deleted anyway on Sunday, according to Nice City Hall practice of deleting CCTV images after 10 days. Investigators will keep copies of the images.

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