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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Washington Times: S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley signs 20-week abortion ban bill into law

<http://m.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/may/25/sc-gov-haley-signs-20-week-abortion-ban-bill-law/>

Bradford Richardson

South Carolina became the 17th state to ban abortions after the 20-week mark Wednesday when Gov. Nikki Haley, a Republican, signed the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act into law. The legislation passed the South Carolina Senate last week and allows abortions after the five-month mark only in the event of a terminal "anomaly" diagnosis of the fetus. Pro-life groups were quick to praise Ms. Haley for signing the legislation. Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser called the legislation the "latest victory amid a flurry of state-level pro-life activity being led by women lawmakers." Ms. Dannenfelser also lobbied Congress to enact a similar measure.

New York Magazine: South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley Signed a Bill That Bans Abortion at 20 Weeks

<http://nymag.com/thecut/2016/05/sc-gov-signed-a-20-week-abortion-ban.html>

Hilary Weaver

And here we are again in "this week in restrictive repro. rights laws." Welcome back. I'm your host – an incredibly concerned citizen watching women's health care slide down a dangerous path designed by legislators. This week features Governor Nikki Haley of South Carolina, who just signed a 20-week abortion ban in her state, reports CBS News. The bill passed Tuesday, May 17 and states that a doctor who performs an abortion past 20 weeks will face felony charges and be fined up to \$10,000. The action in South Carolina was closely followed by Oklahoma's totally garbage bill that criminalized all abortion in the state. There are only two exceptions to this bill. Rape and incest? Nope. Not there. The only reasons a South Carolina-based doctor could abort a fetus after 20 weeks is if the mother's life is in danger or if the fetus is determined to be unable to survive outside the womb.

CNN: S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley signs law banning abortion at 20 weeks

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/05/25/politics/sc-abortion-bill/>

Emanuella Grinberg

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley signed a bill into law on Wednesday that makes it illegal for a woman to obtain an abortion after her pregnancy reaches 20 weeks, press secretary Chaney Adams said. The law takes effect immediately. Abortions may be performed after 20 weeks only if the mother's life is in jeopardy, Adams said. The bill does not provide exceptions for rape or incest. The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act says there is "substantial medical evidence" that fetuses can feel pain by 20 weeks.

Inquisitr: South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley Signs Abortion Ban — 20 Weeks After Conception, With Exceptions

<http://www.inquisitr.com/3133942/south-carolina-governor-nikki-haley-signs-abortion-ban-20-weeks-after-conception-with-exceptions/>

Greg Hoadley

South Carolina governor Nikki Haley signed a bill that outlaws most abortions 20 weeks after conception, CBS News is reporting. The law signed by Haley "took effect Wednesday with the Republican governor's signature," CBS News stated. "The only exceptions are if the mother's life is in jeopardy or a doctor determines the fetus can't survive outside the womb." The bill is called the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (PCUCPA).

CBS News noted that abortion became legal in all 50 states with the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. Roe stated that states may issue restrictions upon it based upon the unborn baby's "viability." However, the Court never defined what "viability" means.

Aiken Standard: Gov. Haley to speak at POST Challenge graduation at Aiken Technical College

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160525/AIK0101/160529631>

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley will be the guest speaker at the inaugural graduation for the POST Challenge program Friday at Aiken Technical College. The ceremony will be at 2 p.m. in the Gregg-Graniteville Student Activities Center gymnasium. The POST Challenge program is a collaborative between the S.C. Army National Guard, ATC, Clemson University's Youth Learning Institute Camp Long facility, the Aiken County Public School District and the Lower Savannah Council of Governments' Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Washington Post: Donald Trump is waiting for phone calls from Romney, Bush and others

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2016/05/25/donald-trump-is-waiting-for-phone-calls-from-romney-bush-and-others/>

Jenna Johnson

As a number of prominent Republicans continue to refrain from endorsing or publicly supporting their party's likely nominee, Donald Trump is pressuring them to get on board — or get run over. Trump has made clear that he is likely to be the sort of nominee who is not afraid to slam members of his own party, even as they head into a general election. After New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez declined to attend his Tuesday night rally in her state, Trump accused her of not doing her job and allowing the state's economy to suffer. At a rally in Southern California on Wednesday afternoon, Trump provided a list of grudges that he continues to hold against fellow Republicans.

Note: And there's South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, who devoted a televised rebuttal to countering Trump's messaging and then endorsed one of his rivals before he won the state "in a landslide." Trump wants Republicans like these to do what Sen. Lindsey Graham (S.C.) did: Pick up the phone and call him.

Washington Post: Donald Trump keeps attacking fellow Republicans

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/the-primary-is-over-but-donald-trump-keeps-attacking-fellow-republicans/2016/05/25/f1ab3c4e-2291-11e6-aa84-42391ba52c91_story.html

Jose A. DelReal and Jenna Johnson

A fresh string of attacks by Donald Trump this week on rivals in the GOP establishment — including one delivered against a prominent Latina governor in her home state — raised new doubts about his ability or desire to unite the party's badly fractured leadership. Now the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, Trump had been expected by many political strategists and party leaders to extend olive branches to his foes and vanquished opponents, many of whom could be crucial allies in the general election against the Democratic nominee, most likely Hillary Clinton.

Note: Next, at a campaign event Wednesday in Anaheim, Calif., Trump rattled off a string of attacks that played like a greatest-hits collection from the raucous GOP primary contest. He knocked South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley's decision to endorse Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), mocked former Florida governor Jeb Bush for his energy level and blasted 2012 -Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney as a "choker." None of the three have endorsed him.

General Assembly News:

The State: Remembering SC Sen. Clementa Pinckney: 'A man that is ... truly being missed'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article79836742.html>

Avery G. Wilks and Cassie Cope

Clementa Pinckney's trademark smile returned to the state Senate chamber Wednesday, his portrait unveiled as his family and colleagues reflected on the slain senator's legacy. "Being the humble person that he was, he would say: 'No, not me. I'm not worthy to be hung with such greatness,'" Pinckney's widow, Jennifer, said shortly after the portrait was unveiled. Jennifer Pinckney recalled snapshots of her husband's life — his trial sermon, his many graduations and the birth of his two daughters. "This is just a small, small snippet of the

great, gentle giant of a man that always wore a smile, spoke with authority," she said.

Post and Courier: 'He's still with us' Painting of late Sen. Clementa Pinckney unveiled at S.C. Statehouse

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160525/PC1603/160529548>

Gavin Jackson

The late Sen. Clementa Pinckney was killed along with eight other parishioners at his Emanuel AME Church nearly a year ago. But his spirit and likeness returned to the state Senate on Wednesday when his portrait was unveiled. When daughters Eliana and Malana released a purple drape, a smiling Pinckney depicted in front of Mother Emanuel's stained-glass window backdrop was revealed in front of hundreds of family members, dignitaries and colleagues who gave a thundering standing ovation in the crammed chamber. His widow, Jennifer Pinckney, took to the speaker's well, where her husband's voice had boomed several times during his 14 years in the Senate, to honor her husband.

Greenville News: Senate unveils portrait of slain senator

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/05/25/senate-unveils-portrait-slain-senator/84899068/>

Tim Smith

Hundreds gathered in the Senate chamber Wednesday to watch the young daughters of the late Sen. Clementa Pinckney unveil his official Senate portrait, almost a year since a white gunman's murders of the senator and eight parishioners sparked a wave of reconciliation and unity that brought down the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds. Jennifer Pinckney, the senator's widow, thanked a hushed group of dignitaries, lawmakers, friends and family, and told her husband that his portrait deserved to be hung with other figures of history in the chamber.

Aiken Standard: Aiken legislators remember the life of Clementa Pinckney at portrait unveiling

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160525/AIK0101/160529635>

Christina Cleveland and Maayan Schechter

Sen. Clementa Pinckney was remembered for his smile, deep voice and passion for public service Wednesday by members of the Aiken County Legislative Delegation, who joined other legislators to honor his memory at a portrait unveiling at the Statehouse. On Wednesday, Pinckney's daughters, Eliana and Malana, revealed their father's portrait, garnering a standing ovation. "If Clementa was here," his wife, Jennifer, said, briefly pausing, "If Clementa was here, being the humble person he was, he would say, 'No. I'm not worthy.'" But, she said, she would tell him he was worthy. Standing alongside her daughters, Jennifer Pinckney said her husband "would always speak to you no matter who you are, what you did and where you came from."

WIS: Late Sen. Pinckney's widow: "It's a sad but proud day for his family"

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32067640/late-sen-pinckneys-widow-its-a-sad-but-proud-day-for-his-family>

Jack Kuenzie

A new portrait of the late South Carolina Senator Clementa Pinckney is now part of the state Senate chamber. The portrait was unveiled late Wednesday afternoon as lawmakers paid tribute to their former colleague--- one of the nine victims gunned down in last June's massacre at Mother Emanuel church in Charleston. A moving ceremony and an overflow crowd were in the Senate for Wednesday afternoon's event. The portrait unveiling followed a prayer gathering a couple of hours earlier organized by members of the Legislative Black Caucus.

WIS: Church leaders, legislators pray for way forward for SC

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32068133/church-leader-legislators-pray-for-way-forward-for-sc>

Charles Molineaux

South Carolina lawmakers and clergy members, and some who are both lawmakers and clergy, issued a faith-based call for support and guidance in public prayers on the steps of the State House. Prayer Under the Dome, organized by the state's Legislative Black Caucus, was billed as "a day of remembrance, a day of celebration." It marks losses such as the murders of nine worshipers, including Senator Clementa Pinckney, in the Charleston church shootings, but also successes such as the removal of the Confederate battle flag from the State House grounds or the selection of Donald Beatty as the state's new chief Supreme Court Justice.

WLTX: Senator Kay Patterson Receives the Inaugural Clementa C. Pinckney Award

<http://www.wltx.com/news/local/senator-kay-patterson-receives-the-inaugural-clementa-c-pinckney-award/215346836>

Mary Sturgill

The Legislative Black Caucus held their annual corporate roundtable banquet Wednesday night. At the dinner, the inaugural "Clementa C. Pinckney" award was presented to former Senator Kay Patterson. The award was in honor for his many years of public service. Representative John King explains why Patterson was the obvious choice. He tells News 19, "He in Clementa Pinckney resembled so much in their philosophies and what they believed in and just helping the common man." Patterson says, "I'm proud to get it and proud to be associated with Clementa a nice clean quiet guy and I'm here; I am loud and roudy and raising hell all the time."

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Senate rejects House independent investigations bill amendment

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160526/PC1603/160529520>

Maya T. Prabhu

The South Carolina Senate on Wednesday rejected a House amendment to a bill that would create an independent panel to investigate when lawmakers are accused of wrongdoing. The House last week amended the bill to give the proposed eight-member Statehouse ethics commission the ability to move an investigation forward instead of referring it to the House and Senate ethics committees. The bill approved by the Senate last month gave those legislative committees the authority to take an investigation public. Since the Senate did not agree with the changes, the Legislature will have to create a compromise committee where lawmakers from both chambers hash out details of the legislation. And time is running short, with only four days left in the session.

The State: No fix for rural SC schools this year, senators say

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article79959257.html>

Jamie Self

More than a year after the state's highest court ordered lawmakers to improve the state's poor schools, S.C. lawmakers will delay until at least next year deciding whether to help those schools pay to rebuild or replace aging buildings. A \$200 million-a-year state borrowing plan for those schools – first pushed by Gov. Nikki Haley in January – will die when the legislative session ends in June, state senators said Wednesday. The bill is expected to be re-introduced next year, the start of a new two-year legislative session. But it could face new legislators, elected in November, and have to compete against what could be new legislative priorities.

WIS: Purple Heart vet to SC senator: "What's your problem?"

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32068241/purple-heart-vet-to-sc-senator-whats-your-problem>

Chad Mills

Time is running out at the State House this legislative session and thousands of military retirees are hoping lawmakers will approve a tax break that'll affect their wallets. In a nutshell, the bill would provide deductions of \$17,500 for veterans under age 65 and at least 20 years of service, and \$30,000 deductions for vets over 65. The retired vets under 65 would have to get a job paying as much as the deduction. It also includes protection for surviving spouses. John Testruth of Lexington County said, "I saw a t-shirt the other day. It came up, and it said, 'I've bled for this country for your freedom.' A lot of people don't understand that." But Testruth says he understands it.

Dylann Roof Case:

Post and Courier: Federal hearing in Dylann Roof case moved up a day

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160525/PC16/160529554>

Andrew Knapp

A hearing next month in the federal case against Dylann Roof, the alleged killer of nine worshippers at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church, has been rescheduled. The bar meeting will take place at 10 a.m. June 7 in

front of Judge Richard Gergel in downtown U.S. District Court, a filing on Wednesday stated. It had been set for the next day. Opposing attorneys and the judge are likely to discuss when Roof's death penalty trial will take place. With Attorney General Loretta Lynch's decision Tuesday to seek Roof's execution if he's convicted, Gergel could now set that date.

Post and Courier: Who will go first? You or Roof?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160526/PC16/160529565>

Frank Wooten

Dylann Roof is 22 years old. If convicted of mass murder, sentenced to death and executed, how old will that creep be when he dies? And even if Roof is executed after being found guilty of the race-hate-based slaughter last June 17 at Mother Emanuel AME Church on Calhoun Street, how many of us now-62-year-olds will outlive him?

Post and Courier (Opinion): Right penalty for vile crime

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160526/PC1002/160529531>

Editorial

The American public's support of capital punishment has sharply declined over the last quarter century. Reflecting that trend, Nebraska became the 19th state — and the fourth in the last seven years — to abolish it. But the death penalty is still on the books in South Carolina — and in the federal criminal justice system. And while the debate over capital punishment in general continues, there should be no debate on this specific point about what happened last June 17 at the Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston.

Savannah River Site News:

Aiken Standard: Nuclear transportation proposal draws fire from SRS Citizens Advisory Board and international activists

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160525/AIK0101/160529627>

Thomas Gardiner

A potential shipment of spent nuclear fuel to the Savannah River Site has created rippling reactions in both the U.S. and the current host of the nuclear waste, Germany. A draft environmental assessment was published by the U.S. Department of Energy on Jan. 25 in the Federal Register, opening the proposed shipment to public comment. The draft announced intentions to examine potential environmental impacts from a proposed action to receive, store, process and disposition spent nuclear fuel from the Federal Republic of Germany at the Savannah River Site.

LGBT Laws:

WMBF: Myrtle Beach church leader taking transgender bathroom issue into his own hands

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/32067233/myrtle-beach-church-leader-taking-transgender-bathroom-issue-into-his-own-hands>

Kaitlin Stansell

Amid a national debate over the use of bathrooms by transgender students in schools across the country, one Myrtle Beach church leader is taking the issue into his own hands. His idea was sparked by a directive from the White House a few weeks ago insisting that schools allow transgender students be able to use whatever bathroom they want. Pastor Frank Policastro, with Real Life Church, said he wanted to offer families another option. "I wouldn't say we're taking advantage of the situation. We're providing an outlet. We're providing relief of the situation. The situation has been forced upon us, and we're simply providing relief," Policastro said.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina lawmakers react to Clinton email report

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160525/160529552/south-carolina-lawmakers-react-to-clinton-email->

report

Emma Dumain and Schuyler Kropf

The finding that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and her staff ignored U.S. Department of State alerts that her private email setup was running afoul of federal directives drew a sharp rebuke from South Carolina members of Congress. "So much for the idea that she did nothing wrong when it came to her private email server," Republican U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham said. "From Benghazi to this latest episode, her excuses and assurances do not withstand scrutiny." U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., said an important point to be absorbed is the State Department's own inspector general — a President Barack Obama appointee — took Clinton's emails as seriously as Republicans have been.

The State: Targeted for death, fish-eating birds gain reprieve from federal court

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article79953087.html>

Sammy Fretwell

The double-crested cormorant — a type of bird hated by many South Carolina fishermen — gained an ally Wednesday that could protect the species from federally sanctioned hunting efforts in the Palmetto State. A U.S. court in Washington suspended two federal orders that have allowed South Carolina and other states to authorize the mass killing of cormorants. The big birds are blamed for devouring so many fish that some say they are making it difficult for anglers at lakes Marion and Moultrie southeast of Columbia. In 2014 and 2015, South Carolina hunters killed 25,000 cormorants suspected of gobbling fish.

Post and Courier: Congress considers putting port maintenance funds toward their intended use

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160525/PC05/160529556>

David Wren

After years of siphoning money from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund to pay for unrelated projects, Congress appears ready to use the tax revenue for what it was intended — maintaining U.S. harbors like the Port of Georgetown. A bill introduced this week to the full House of Representatives would give the Army Corps of Engineers all of the money generated by a tax shippers pay to maintain the ports and waterways they use. To date, as much as half of that money each year has been spent on other budget needs or kept in the bank to offset federal spending elsewhere.

Greenville News: Don Beatty elected next SC chief justice

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/05/25/don-beatty-elected-next-sc-chief-justice/84914180/>

Tim Smith

Lawmakers today elected Don Beatty of Spartanburg as the next chief justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court and the second African-American to hold that office since Reconstruction. Also re-elected Wednesday was Associate Justice John Few of Greenville, who was unopposed. Lawmakers, however, offered some drama to Wednesday's judicial elections when a debate erupted over what to do about allegations of pledge violations involving the race for the chief judge of the State Court of Appeals. Lawmakers eventually rejected calls to delay the race and Judge James E. Lockemy of Dillon County was chosen after Judge Paula Thomas, another judge on the Court of Appeals, withdrew.

The State: Our rights set in stone: Richland honors America's foundation

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article79884407.html>

Sarah Ellis

You won't have to travel to Washington, D.C., to glimpse our nation's founding documents — well, replicas of them, anyway. On Thursday, Richland County unveils and dedicates its new Charters of Freedom monument displaying etched bronze copies of the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights set in granite cases. It's a project devoted to providing access to and education about American government, said Vance Patterson, founder of the nonprofit Foundation Forward Inc., which has installed Charters of Freedom monuments in five other communities in North Carolina, Illinois and Indiana.

SC Elections:

Independent Mail: Anderson sheriff's candidates clash over gangs

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/anderson-sheriffs-candidates-clash-over-gangs-33a0fc72-1fd6-0bc5-e053-0100007f7b28-380741171.html>

Kirk Brown

Anderson County Sheriff John Skipper and his two Republican challengers clashed Tuesday night over the severity of problems posed by gangs. "Every county in the United States of America has a gang of some sort," said Skipper in response to a question at a candidate forum. "The gangs in Anderson County are not like the gangs in California or New York where they have their territories." Skipper, who is seeking a third term, added that he has worked with the city of Anderson's Police Department to create a gang unit.

Opinion/Editorial:

The Herald: Don't set quotas for police officers

<http://www.heraldonline.com/opinion/editorials/article79852887.html>

Editorial

The two Republican candidates for York County sheriff recently discussed the issue of traffic violation "quotas" with The Herald, with one saying they are wrong and the other saying they don't exist. But if the S.C. Senate follows the example of the House, the question could be moot. Under a proposed bill, law enforcement officers could not be required to write a certain number of tickets. The bill, which the House passed last month 99-0, was approved unanimously by the Senate Judiciary Committee and reached the Senate floor Tuesday.

Local News:

Sun News: Former Horry County police chief addresses investigations, lawsuits

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article79900612.html>

Audrey Hudson

Former Horry County Police Chief Sandra Rhodes asked state law enforcement officials to investigate four of her officers in the past year, including former Detective Allen Large, for potential wrongdoing when they worked for the police agency. Rhodes revealed those additional investigations by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) to The Sun News on Wednesday during a wide-ranging interview in which she briefly addressed pending lawsuits against the agency and the reason for her recent retirement. "I want to speak up for the Horry County Police Department, they seem to be misrepresented right now because of the actions of a few officers, and I think it's not fair to the officers there right now working hard, to be painted with one brush based on the actions of a few officers," Rhodes said.

Greenville News: SLED case file reveals new details in pursuit that ended in death of firefighter

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/05/25/sled-case-file-reveals-new-details-pursuit-killed-firefighter/84913470/>

Anna Lee

The man charged in a high-speed pursuit on U.S. 25 that ended with the death of a firefighter last September told investigators that he was high on heroin at the time and that the "whole thing was like a blur." John William Kennedy also told agents with the State Law Enforcement Division that he didn't remember hitting a deputy with a truck in a convenience store parking lot before speeding away, according to documents released Wednesday. The Greenville News obtained the case file through a public records request. The file details the steps SLED took to investigate the Sept. 17 incident, who they interviewed and the records they examined.

The State: 36 indicted on federal drug charges in Sumter

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article79966147.html#storylink=apmobile>

Rachael Myers Lowe

Local and state authorities on Wednesday arrested 20 people in Sumter named in a federal indictment

charging conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine and crack cocaine in the Midlands, US Attorney Bill Nettles said in a news release. "The arrests today mark the next step in the Columbia Violent Gang Task Force's efforts to combat violent crime linked to drug trafficking in Sumter and the Columbia areas of South Carolina," Nettles stated.

Aiken Standard: Aiken County looking into evaluation program for EMS workers

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160525/AIK0101/160529633>

Christina Cleveland

Aiken County is looking to implement a pilot program to test its EMS workers and ensure they are fit for duty, which County officials said would benefit employees, residents and could also save the County thousands. The pilot program would be for County employees and would include EMS, paramedics and the Hazmat team. Through the program, nearly 80 EMS workers would receive functional capacity evaluations, meaning they would be tested on their strength, ability, cardiovascular fitness and endurance for performing the work they're required to do on the job, Aiken County Human Resource Director Gayle Wolman said during a committee meeting ahead of this month's County Council meeting.

Associated Press: Greenville parents want metal detectors in schools

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7w8dUXOc

SC State Wire

Hundreds of people have signed an online petition calling for metal detectors in Greenville County schools. The move comes after an accidental shooting at Southside High School earlier this month. Multiple media outlets reported that parents and community leaders met with the school board Tuesday about how guns get into schools.

The Herald: Rock Hill educator accused of sexual misconduct had 2 reprimands for 'inappropriate' student contact

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/education/article79941227.html>

Jennifer Becknell

A Northwestern High School administrator accused of criminal sexual misconduct with students received two reprimands from Rock Hill principals for inappropriate contact with students, district personnel records show. Kenneth Andrew Williams, 31, faces 12 charges of sexual misconduct with two Northwestern students, filed by Rock Hill police in two arrests in late April and early May. He remained in the York County Detention Center Thursday on \$1.2 million bond. Williams' Rock Hill school district personnel records, obtained by The Herald through an S.C. Freedom of Information Act request, show Williams received written reprimands regarding inappropriate contact with students in June 2013 and again in May 2015.

Post and Courier: NAACP challenges evaluations of three charter school teachers

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160525/PC16/160529549>

Deanna Pan

Leaders of the Charleston NAACP said three teachers at the Charleston Charter School for Math and Science who were not asked to return next school year were "improperly and arbitrarily" evaluated. "This narrow concern now at the Charter for Math and Science is an example of a larger concern with charter schools and privatization of public schools," NAACP President Dot Scott said Wednesday at a news conference in front of the school. "Had the teachers involved been on the faculty of a traditional public school, they would have been evaluated in a more standard and objective way."

Independent Mail: Elimination from National Spelling Bee doesn't dim spirit of Belton student

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/belton-student-passes-first-hurdle-at-national-spelling-bee-33ada0eb-8c12-550d-e053-0100007ff5f1-380830031.html>

Kirk Brown

Misspelling a word Wednesday afternoon and being knocked out of the competition at the 2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee did not dampen the spirit of Belton Elementary School fifth-grader Neil Maes. "Polychromatic" proved to be Neil's downfall in the third round. The word means having various or changing

colors. Still, the 11 year old left the stage "happy and smiling," said Neil's mother, Christy. "We are still just thrilled to death," she said.

Greenville News: Tri-County Tech to move ahead with \$42.6M construction project

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/05/25/tri-county-tech-move-ahead-426-million-construction-project-without-pickens-countys-help-year/84915912/>

Ron Barnett

The relationship between Pickens County Council and Tri-County Technical College is about as solid as Wilson Hall, a building on the college's main campus that officials said Wednesday is slowly sinking. Tech President Ronnie Booth presented his budget request to Pickens County officials Wednesday, but only half of the six members of County Council showed up. That could be because the council already has voted not to ante up its share of a \$42.6 million construction project, after delivering a letter of support last October.

Morning News: Manheim Darlington unveils new facility

http://www.scnow.com/news/business/article_abfd6a88-22e0-11e6-8d0e-df0deb610ecb.html

Joe Perry

Manheim Darlington on Wednesday showed off its 48,000-square-foot retail solutions facility that represents a \$1.5 million investment and brings 75 new jobs.

"Welcome to Manheim Darlington's 73rd anniversary," general manager Danny Brawn told the crowd of elected officials and business people. "We've come a long way since 1943 when we sold our first horse and buggy in the lane." All joking aside, the auto auction company wouldn't have been so successful over the course of the last 73 years without strong community support, he said, from folks in Darlington, Hartsville and Florence.

Sun News: County council chairman asks Myrtle Beach to rethink parking plan

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article79910372.html>

Emily Weaver

Two weeks after the Myrtle Beach City Council passed a plan that will strip the last free beachfront parking spaces from the city's shoreline, council members have been inundated with complaints and suggestions – mostly from county residents. But council members appear reluctant to backpedal on the plan they finally approved May 10 after months of research, multiple meetings with residents and hours of debate.

Sun News: Decision to make Myrtle Beach bars close by 2 a.m. delayed

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/business/article79860897.html>

Emily Weaver

Myrtle Beach leaders plan to meet with bar owners before moving forward on a plan to require bars and nightclubs to shut down at 2 a.m. City Council delayed voting on the proposal Tuesday after about a dozen bar and nightclub owners packed the first-floor conference room inside City Hall concerned about the proposed law. Nightclub owners have said the early closing requirement would cost them a lot of business among local restaurant personnel, who can't hit the club scene until after their businesses close. Some bars stay open until 6 a.m. to accommodate that crowd.

National News:

Associated Press: State Department email report complicates Clinton's message

<http://bigstory.ap.org/38c53c49d2ac4b1c9d31f3507ffc7f1f>

Lisa Lerer

Hillary Clinton is telling voters not to trust Donald Trump. But a new government report about her usage of a private email server as secretary of state is complicating that message. The sharp rebuke from the State Department's inspector general, which found Clinton did not seek legal approval for her homebrew email server, guarantees that the issue will remain alive and well for the likely Democratic presidential nominee for a second summer. The new report comes at a particularly challenging time for the Clinton campaign, as she faces a two-front war against presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump and primary rival Bernie Sanders.

Associated Press: Obama: World leaders rightfully 'rattled' by Trump

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President Barack Obama said Thursday that foreign leaders are "rattled" by Donald Trump and have good reason to feel that way, as he accused the presumptive Republican presidential nominee of ignorance about world affairs. Weighing in on the Democratic race to replace him, Obama also downplayed concerns that the protracted fight between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders is hurting his party's chances, brushing off their escalating attacks as the inevitable "grumpiness" of a primary campaign.

Associated Press: AP: Intruders breach US airport fences about every 10 days

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Justin Pritchard and Martha Mendoza

Under pressure to prevent people from sneaking onto runways and planes at major U.S. airports, authorities are cracking down — not on the intruders who slip through perimeter gates or jump over fences, but on the release of information about the breaches. A year after an Associated Press investigation first revealed persistent problems with airports' outer defenses, breaches remain as frequent as ever — occurring about once every 10 days — despite some investments to fortify the nation's airfields. As Americans focus on the wait in ever-longer security screening lines inside terminals, new documents show dozens more incidents happening outside perimeters than airports have disclosed.

World News:

Associated Press: Japan urges G-7 to avert another economic crisis

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Elaine Kurtenbach and Mari Yamaguchi

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is urging fellow leaders of the Group of Seven advanced economies to avert another global crisis by acting to rescue the faltering global recovery. Abe and his counterparts got down to business Thursday after strolling through the grounds of Ise (Ee-say) Shrine, a tranquil, densely forested landmark that is considered the holiest site in Japan's indigenous Shinto religion, and then joining a group of children in a tree planting ceremony. After the first few sessions of summit meetings, U.S. President Barack Obama backed Abe's call.

Associated Press: Nuclear-free aspirations of Obama, Abe conflict with reality

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Foster Klug

There is the soaring rhetoric. And then there's the messy reality. When U.S. President Barack Obama and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe make a historic visit to Hiroshima on Friday — the first time a sitting U.S. president has visited the site of the first atomic bomb attack — their words advocating nuclear disarmament will clash with real-world security necessities. Far from backing up the vision of a world without nuclear bombs that Obama laid out in a 2009 speech that helped secure a Nobel Peace Prize, his near-finished presidency has seen a multibillion-dollar modernization of the U.S. nuclear force.

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