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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley to endorse opponents of Leatherman and Rankin

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SC State Wire

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is heading to Florence and Myrtle Beach this week to endorse Republican primary challengers to two longtime state senators. The Republican governor will be at Wholly Smokin' barbecue Wednesday to support Florence County GOP Chairman Richard Skipper in his race against Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman. Leatherman was first elected in 1981, and Haley doesn't think he is financially conservative enough. Florence County Treasurer Dean Fowler is also running. On Friday, Haley will be in Myrtle Beach endorsing businessman Scott Pyle at Longbeards Bar N Grill. Pyle is running against Sen. Luke Rankin, who is seeking a seventh term.

Post and Courier: Gov. Nikki Haley to endorse Richard Skipper to replace Sen. Leatherman in the S.C. Senate

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160528/160529285/gov-nikki-haley-to-endorse-richard-skipper-to-replace-sen-leatherman-in-the-sc-senate>

Derrek Asberry

Gov. Nikki Haley is to endorse Richard Skipper for the District 31 seat in the South Carolina Senate – the seat currently held by Sen. Hugh Leatherman, who Haley has outwardly opposed. The endorsement is scheduled during a campaign event at noon on June 1 at Wholly Smokin, 150 South Dargan St. in Florence. In a press release from Skipper's office, Haley states that the former Florence County GOP chairman will provide new leadership that will go toward efforts to fix the states infrastructure "instead of funding legislative pay raises and pet projects."

Morning News: Gov. Haley coming to Florence to formally endorse Skipper

http://m.scnw.com/news/election_2016/article_3072779a-25e8-11e6-b7af-6b9a649e0977.html?mode=jqm

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley will make her endorsement of Richard Skipper official during a Wednesday visit in Florence. Skipper is bidding for the District 31 seat in the S.C. Senate in a Republican primary election challenge to 36-year incumbent Hugh K. Leatherman Sr., the president pro tempore of the Senate. Haley will appear at noon at Wholly Smokin, a downtown restaurant at 150 S. Dargan St. "Florence deserves new leadership that fixes our roads and delivers tax relief, instead of funding legislative pay raises and pet projects, and that's the kind of leadership they'll get with conservative businessman Richard Skipper in the Senate," Haley said in a news release.

WPDE: Gov. Haley to endorse opponents of two long-time area senators

<http://wpde.com/news/local/governor-nikki-haley-to-endorse-sen-hugh-leathermans-opponent>

Tonya Brown

Gov. Nikki Haley is expected to endorse the opponents of two long-time serving senators in our area. Rep. Richard Skipper, a Florence County District 31 candidate, says Gov. Nikki Haley will formally endorse him, according to a news release from his campaign. He is running against Incumbent Sen. Hugh Leatherman in the Republican primary. Leatherman has held the seat for the last 36 years.

WBTW: Haley to endorse challengers of two long-time senators

<http://wbtw.com/2016/05/30/haley-to-endorse-challengers-of-two-long-time-senators/>

Matt Parris

Gov. Nikki Haley will endorse the challenger — not the incumbent — in two area senate campaigns. Haley will formally endorse Republican Richard Skipper, a candidate for the District 31 senate seat in Florence County on Wednesday, according to a statement released by the campaign on Sunday. Skipper faces off against Sen. Hugh Leatherman, who has served for over three decades in Columbia, in the June 14 Republican Primary.

Aiken Standard: Local organization approves of new domestic violence website

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160530/AIK0101/160539959>

Tripp Girardeau

Gov. Nikki Haley announced a new website earlier this month intended to help victims and perpetrators of domestic violence in South Carolina, and a local nonprofit organization approves of its usefulness. At a domestic violence task force meeting in Columbia on May 19, Haley announced www.SafePlaceSC.sc.gov. She explained the website would offer help to people suffering from abuse and allow offenders to get access to information to help themselves. The website is accessible for anyone in South Carolina. Users simply go online, type in their city or county and it will relay information on all of the closest available locations offering help for victims and perpetrators, including hotline/crisis services, housing and hospitals.

Politifact: Nikki Haley: 'More people today are leaving Virginia than moving in'

<http://www.politifact.com/virginia/statements/2016/may/31/nikki-haley/nikki-haley-more-people-today-are-leaving-virginia/>

Warren Fiske

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley came to Richmond recently and torched Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe's management of the state's economy. Haley came to endorse and raise money for fellow Republican Ed Gillespie, who plans to run for governor in 2017. She said Virginia has taken a "nose dive" since McAuliffe, a Democrat, took office in 2014 and is a "non-issue" in the competition among states to recruit new businesses. Haley said, "More people are leaving Virginia today than moving in." She made her statement in a partisan attack on McAuliffe's economic stewardship, saying Virginia no longer is competitive in attracting and keeping businesses. Her claim was based on IRS data on the number of people who moved and filed tax returns from a different state than the one in which they lived the previous year.

General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: The done, the pending and the dead of the Legislature's last week

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160531/160539966/the-done-the-pending-and-the-dead-of-the-legislatures-last-week>

Cynthia Roldan and Gavin Jackson

Hundreds of proposed bills will die at 5 p.m. Thursday when the second half of the two-year Statehouse session comes to a close. After many months of debate in some cases, bills introduced by members of the S.C. General Assembly in 2015 and 2016 will meet their doom if they don't pass by the end this week. That means lawmakers will be forced to hash out what they can in just three days. Bills that have already passed both chambers and are stuck in compromise committees still have a shot when a special session begins June 15, the day after the state's primary elections.

The Herald: 'Alicia's Law' in trouble as S.C. Legislature nears close

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/state/south-carolina/article80813252.html>

Bristow Marchant

With only days left in the session, the S.C. Legislature is on the verge of passing a bill that will target Internet crimes against children, but without the funding to pay for it. Alicia's Law – named for the victim of an online sexual predator and sponsored by state Rep. Tommy Pope, R-York – would create a new funding source for the detection and prosecution of online predators who target children. The bill was unveiled with much fanfare in March at a Statehouse press conference by Pope, S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson, and several law enforcement officers.

LGBT Laws:

Idaho Statesman (Opinion): Transgender people likely victims in bathrooms, not perpetrators

<http://www.idahostatesman.com/living/religion/article80488467.html>

Dan Fink

This brings me to North Carolina's deeply misguided "bathroom law" which eliminates legal protections for LGBT people in the state and mandates that people use the bathroom corresponding to the gender on their birth certificate. It's a classic case of fearing the entirely wrong thing. Bathrooms are, indeed, dangerous places — but this bill makes them even more dangerous, because the real danger is to the same transgendered population that is insidiously presented as the threat rather than the most likely victims.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: Ex-Rep. Bob Inglis rallies GOP to acknowledge climate change, one lawmaker at a time

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160531/160539995/ex-rep-bob-inglis-rallies-gop-to-acknowledge-climate-change-one-lawmaker-at-a-time>

Emma Dumain

Bob Inglis won a John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for going public with his belief in the science of climate change, but it didn't help his career in politics. "It was my biggest heresy," the former GOP congressman said of his admission he believed in global warming. It was a major part of the reason behind why the Upstate incumbent lost his primary to Trey Gowdy in 2010. By all accounts, Inglis is a case study in what happens when an elected official abruptly turns and voices support for an issue that's toxic for most Republicans.

WIS: SC Delegate: Trump's approach "refreshing" for GOP

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32098181/sc-delegate-trumps-approach-refreshing-for-gop>

Charles Molineaux

As the 2016 Presidential race continues, a new delegate to the Republican Convention says South Carolina party members are really rallying around Donald Trump. Lexington County GOP Chairman Craig Caldwell said Republicans are developing a consensus to support Trump even with all the controversy surrounding him. "In politics, you're always going to have somebody pointing things out, pointing to past histories, past flaws," Caldwell said. "Mr. Trump is human. We make mistakes. But, however, he's been able to learn from them, been very successful in business."

Associated Press: US Rep Duncan to make yearly tour thanking first responders

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=DLda7g1s

SC State Wire

U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan is making his yearly tour of fire stations and 911 centers to thank first responders in his district. The Republican will make five stop, starting at 8 a.m. Tuesday at the Laurens County 911 Call Center. Duncan will also visit fire stations in Ware Shoals, Fountain Inn and Liberty and the Pendleton Town Hall to thank fire fighters, police officers, paramedics, 911 operators and other first responders in Anderson County.

Post and Courier: VP Joe Biden back in Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160530/PC16/160539929>

David Slade

Vice President Joe Biden is reportedly spending time in the Lowcountry after a Federal Aviation Administration flight restriction notice indicated he was scheduled to arrive in Charleston late Monday and leave the area Thursday evening. Biden had no public events scheduled in the Charleston area, but has visited the area previously, often staying with friends on Kiawah Island for vacation time.

SC Elections:

Times and Democrat: Two seek probate judge seat

http://thetandd.com/news/local/two-seek-probate-judge-seat/article_2092e6a5-1a8a-528e-b3cf-f30788469f09.html

Calhoun County Probate Judge Kathy Strickland Brown is being challenged in her first election by attorney Gary Porth. The two Democrats are running for the probate judge seat in the June 14 primary. No Republican has filed for the seat. Brown was appointed by Gov. Nikki Haley to replace Frederick W. Robinson in 2015. This is Brown's first election.

The State: Hubbard makes his move to become top prosecutor in Lexington County

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article77809107.html#storylink=apmobile>

Tim Flach

Being in charge of the 11th Circuit is a goal that blossomed during Hubbard's rise through the ranks to become second-in-command to retiring solicitor Donnie Myers. "For Rick, it's a calling," said assistant solicitor Al Eargle, who has known Hubbard for 24 years. "He is in his element – he is a natural in the courtroom." That characterization meshes with the 51-year-old Hubbard's campaign theme – that his experience makes him ready to take charge out of the starting gate.

The State: Wedekind aiming to become new Midlands solicitor

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article80807227.html#storylink=apmobile>

Tim Flach

Avid target shooter Larry Wedekind's new aim is to become chief prosecutor in Lexington County and adjoining areas. The goal took root during his tenure as an assistant solicitor in the 11th Circuit, a legal career that followed time in the military. Being a prosecutor "was a good fit for me, and it's stuck," Wedekind said. He remains a military judge in the South Carolina Army National Guard, having helped establish modern courts in Afghanistan as part of the effort to rebuild a nation torn by terrorism.

Greenville News: Drugs most pressing issue, Greenville sheriff's candidates say

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/05/30/drugs-most-pressing-issue-greenville-sheriffs-candidates-say/85159384/>

Scott Keeler

In one of the final chances to make their voices heard to voters, all five candidates running in the election for Greenville County sheriff spoke at the Younts Center for Performing Arts Monday night. The Republican primary is scheduled for June 14. Incumbent Steve Loftis and challengers Bruce Cannon, Hobart Lewis, Will Lewis and Sam Manley fielded questions from The Greenville News' engagement editor Steve Bruss and WYFF anchor Nigel Robertson. One of the most discussed topics Monday was drugs. As the forum wrapped up with a question about the most pressing crime issue Greenville County is facing, drugs was the answer for three candidates.

The State: 4 satellite offices open to help Richland residents with absentee voting

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article80794632.html#storylink=apmobile>

Sarah Ellis

The Richland County Voter Registration and Elections office is opening four satellite locations, in addition to its permanent office, to assist residents with absentee voting before the June 14 statewide primary. Absentee voting offices will be open Tuesday 5/31 through June 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at these locations...

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: 5 things SC Legislature can do this week to restore public trust

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article80781692.html>

Cindi Ross Scopes

There's a lot the Legislature can't do in the three days remaining in the regular legislative session. One thing it can do is give us a reason to have a little more trust in our government. The best way to do that, of course, is to pass the bills requiring legislators to tell us where they get their income and allowing an independent panel to investigate their compliance with the ethics law. And they need to do that. But three other measures just a

few steps away from the governor's desk would also help, by requiring police and local governments to obey the Freedom of Information Act and requiring towns and cities to actually hold elections rather than coronating council members. Seriously.

Memorial Day News:

Associated Press: Military veteran finds a mission nursing fellow vets at VA

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

Susanne M. Schafer

Nursing assistant Tom Alligood wears camouflage scrubs during his emergency room shifts at the Dorn VA hospital because he says it helps other veteran patients realize they've "walked over the same dirt," the 62-year-old former Army tanker says. And he doesn't just mean the desert sands of Iraq. Alligood means homelessness, job loss and the mental anguish of being a long-time military veteran trying to adjust to the trials of a dog-eat-dog, backstabbing civilian world he says nearly ate him alive. "I need to be around veterans like me. That's where I get my strength, my 'positiveness' from," says the burly former first sergeant who now sports a long, gray braid on his back.

Post and Courier: Remembering those who gave all, on Memorial Day

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160530/PC16/160539944>

David Slade

Memorial Day is not about the big sales that stores are offering, but rather the high price of freedom, attendees were told at American Legion Post 147 on James Island, where about 200 people gathered to honor the nation's fallen soldiers. "It's about remembering those who died so that other people could think about summer picnics and all the other things people do on Memorial Day," said U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford, the former S.C. governor. "It's an incredibly important day, a day to remember sacrifice."

The State: 25 years ago, this University of South Carolina graduate gave his life in Desert Storm

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article80667657.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

More than a half million American servicemen and women took part in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm – together known as the Gulf War or First Gulf War. It was the opening American salvo in the wars that still rage in the Middle East today. The war was a short one, lasting from August 1990 to February 1991. Walters was one of 292 U.S. service members who gave their lives in the conflict. This Memorial Day, Walters' daughter, University of South Carolina Medical School graduate Jessie Bush, was due to give birth in Washington, D.C., to her first child. She plans to name the baby Dixon for her father and Stephen for her stepfather, Stephen McCarthy.

Greenville News: Pinning ceremony gives a salute and a thank you to veterans

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/05/29/pinning-ceremony-gives-salute-and-thank-you-veterans/32625323/>

Angelia Davis

Kenneth Platte, 96, remembers a lot of things about his military service during World War II. He remembers his time as an airplane mechanic and a chaplain. He remembers training homing pigeons as couriers and driving military officers all over France to visit gravesites. One thing that he doesn't recall is ever receiving special recognition for his service after the war ended and his time in the military was complete in 1945. That changed last week when he was presented a personalized certificate of appreciation and a USA pin during a recognition ceremony by Lutheran Hospice Care. "It's the first time I've been honored," Platte said as he sat in his wheelchair inside an activity room at Rolling Green Village Retirement Community. "I appreciate it."

Aiken Standard: Veterans remember fallen comrades at Memorial Day Ceremony

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160530/AIK0101/160539968>

Tripp Girardeau

Veterans, family and friends gathered Monday at Aiken Memorial Park on Richland Avenue for the Memorial

Day ceremony to honor fallen comrades in arms. The Marine Corps League's James L. Hammons Detachment No. 939 organizes the holiday's local ceremony each year. Commandant Larry Frelin, with the Marine Corps League, was one of the speakers for Monday's event and said the ceremony is to commemorate those who never made it back home, to remember their courage and dedication. South Carolina State Rep. Bill Taylor, R-Aiken, also was a speaker during the ceremony Monday. He spoke on the importance of having a day to honor fallen American soldiers in our modern times.

Independent Mail: As connections to military fade, veterans fill the void

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/as-connections-to-military-fade-veterans-fill-the-void--33abfdb7-57e2-2f15-e053-0100007fcd7b-381215011.html>

Abe Hardesty

Each Memorial Day, the call of duty continues for retired U.S. Army Master Sgt. Gene Harris. Harris, who served 25 years in active duty, makes the decoration of military graves part of his routine in and around Memorial Day and three other holidays. The annual tradition is a reflection, he believes, of community patriotism. "It's about patriotism, duty and honor," said Harris, an active member of the local chapter of the U. S. Military Vets MC, one of four groups that decorate the 2,241 graves at the M.J. Cooper Veterans Cemetery four times each year. Once known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day is deeply rooted in South Carolina and in military tradition.

Island Packet: Beaufort Memorial Day celebration reminds us 'freedom is not free'

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/bg-military/article80790172.html>

Caitlin Turner

As a member of the Parris Island Marine Band sounded taps Monday in Beaufort's National Cemetery, veterans, their families and those still serving looked across the gravestones in celebration of the cemetery's 120th Memorial Day Ceremony and remembrance of the lives sacrificed for freedom. "We must never forget the families of the fallen," keynote speaker Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy said to the crowd of hundreds. "Children will still be missing a parent; spouses will still be missing their partner. We need to be there for them."

The Herald: On Memorial Day, Chester honors veterans who 'gave their last breath'

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article80760822.html>

Jennifer Becknell

About 100 people gathered in downtown Chester on Monday to honor United States military veterans who have served, sacrificed and died in more than 100 years of armed conflict. Retired U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Charlton Blanks, a Vietnam veteran, recalled to a crowd at the War Memorial Building in downtown Chester the veterans who have died in decades of action, from the trenches of World War I to recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Blanks cautioned: "I am afraid that too many Americans think that Memorial Day has just become another three-day weekend from work. "We need to remember that the freedoms we enjoy have been bought for and paid for by the blood of those we honor today," he said. "They gave their last breath so that we might have the liberty that has been denied to so many people around the world.

Morning News: St. Anthony Church honors fallen heroes with Memorial Day benefit run

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_6a3f4088-267f-11e6-a1c1-97d17294e7d7.html

Joshua Lloyd

Despite pouring rain, more than 300 runners and walkers of all ages showed up Monday morning to "Run for the Heroes," St. Anthony Catholic Church's seventh annual Memorial Day benefit. All proceeds from the run -- estimated to be in the thousands -- will go to the St. Anthony School and the Pee Dee Chapter of the American Red Cross. The event kicked off with a tribute to America's fallen military heroes and a moment of reflection and remembrance. The Florence Veterans Honor Guard presented the flags during of the pledge of allegiance, as well as the national anthem and "Taps."

Sun News: Myrtle Beach celebrates Memorial Day with veteran march, parade

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article80799277.html>

Christian Boschult

On Memorial Day, the city of Myrtle Beach honored veterans with a march down Ocean Boulevard followed by a remembrance ceremony at the convention center two hours later. For the second year, the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association led the 9 a.m. veterans march. "Not as big a crowd this year as last year, but people enjoyed seeing the veterans march," said city of Myrtle Beach spokesman Mark Kruea. "Last year it was kind of an impromptu event. We had a couple of World War II veterans who objected to not having an activity on Ocean Boulevard on Memorial Day Monday, and the combat veterans motorcycle association picked up that ball and ran with it."

Herald-Journal: Memorial Day ceremony at Duncan Park honors fallen troops

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160529/articles/160529644>

Chris Lavender

For Vietnam War veteran Jim Ryan, the names listed on the wall at Veterans Point Memorial Park in Spartanburg's Duncan Park aren't faceless. Nearly 650 names are listed on the wall, representing the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines from Spartanburg County who died in service to their country since World War I. About 100 people on Sunday honored these sacrifices in recognition of Memorial Day. "These people died for us," said Ryan, of Boiling Springs. "I just came to honor them. I felt it was my duty." During the ceremony, Ed Hall with American Legion Post 28 read the names listed on the wall. Hall said he's working to create bricks with the fallen's service records on them that will be placed on an honor wall at Post 28.

Greenville News: New honor cord for grads choosing military

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2016/05/30/new-honor-cord-grads-choosing-military/85034172/>

Nathaniel Cary

When Wade Hampton High School senior Jordan Garrett walks across the stage to graduate on June 1, a red, white and blue cord will hang around his neck. It will symbolize his choice to join the military post-graduation. The cords are a new program launched statewide this spring to honor high school graduates who are entering the military, attending military colleges or joining ROTC in college. More than 2,000 high school graduates from South Carolina public schools have agreed to join the military upon graduation, according to the state Department of Education.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Tropical Depression Bonnie dissipates after heavy rains

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=pvJl6hH1

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Tropical Depression Bonnie and its heavy rains dissipated over South Carolina on Monday, as a wet Memorial Day holiday weekend comes to an end in the area. The depression fell apart early in the day about 45 miles north of Charleston, according to the National Hurricane Center. The storm was expected to continue as an area of low pressure, moving northeast into North Carolina and sporadically spreading heavy rain, especially during the daylight hours, forecasters said.

Independent Mail: '100 Deadly Days of Summer' begins in S.C. with Memorial Day weekend

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/anderson-coroner-we-hope-to-go-all-summer-without-a-traffic-death-we-wont-33d4acec-d315-5092-e053-01-381319531.html>

Mike Ellis

Parents, teachers and children change routines during the summers, and so do law enforcement officers, said South Carolina Highway Patrol Cpl. Bill Rhyne. With school out, drivers should be mindful of children, he said. Memorial Day begins the '100 Deadly Days of Summer,' what the state patrol calls the most dangerous time on the roads and runs through Labor Day weekend. More people die during the 100 days than at any other 100-day period of the year, officials said.

Local News:

Sun News: Bikefest attendees question new rules, extra security measures

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/bike-rallies/article80800917.html>

Emily Weaver

Some festival goers didn't let the barricades, the traffic loop, the extra police presence or the rainy weather of a tropical storm spoil their time at the 2016 Atlantic Beach Bikefest. Others saw the extra public safety measures – only put in place for that event, colloquially-termed “Black Bike Week” and enacted last year to curb the violence officers saw in 2014 – as a racist unwelcome mat.

Note: Three people died and seven were injured in eight shootings at hotels on Ocean Boulevard during the 2014 Memorial Day weekend, prompting Gov. Nikki Haley to call for an end to Bikefest. Grand Strand officials put several measures in place to try to curb the violence last year, such as a 23-mile traffic loop and pedestrian barricades.

Associated Press: Pickens County jail built for 91 inmates has 200 prisoners

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

SC State Wire

An inmate injured last month in a fight at the Pickens County jail is suing the county saying he wouldn't have been hurt in the jail wasn't so crowded. The jail has about 200 prisoners in a facility designed to hold 91 inmates. Building a new jail with more room would cost around \$25 million, likely requiring a tax increase County Council does not appear ready to pass. "We have reserves, but \$25 million will eat your reserves up overnight," Councilman Neil Smith told The Greenville News (<http://grnol.co/1Z6WmBg>).

Associated Press: Aiken County deputy retiring to become minister

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

SC State Wire

"God has called me to serve the Aiken County community in a new way." Staff Sgt. Jason Feemster retired from duty with the Aiken County Sheriff's Office on May 19 to become the Minister of Children and Youth at the First Baptist Church in Clearwater. "God has opened up this opportunity for me to go into ministry full time and I decided to answer God's call and say goodbye to one part of my life to start something new," Feemster said. "I've always worked a lot with children and families during my time in law enforcement. So, this won't be too big of a change for me. God has just called me to continue on the path working with children."

Sun News: Coastal Carolina won't go back for state approval on stadium project just yet

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/sports/college/big-south/coastal-carolina-university/article80794572.html>

Ryan Young

Coastal Carolina's football stadium expansion project is not on the agenda this time as the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education prepares to meet again Thursday, and university president David DeCenzo said there's simply no reason to go back to Columbia until the school has something significantly different to show the CHE. To that end, though, he added that Coastal Carolina and the Chanticleer Athletic Foundation have made “significant progress” over the last month in raising funds for the Brooks Stadium project.

Note: The website CoastalFans.com, in response, had launched an online petition to Gov. Nikki Haley earlier this month on Change.org, asking her to intervene with the CHE.

Associated Press: Oil leak from Beaufort hospital ends up in nearby river

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=qLKnL4US

SC State Wire

South Carolina environmental officials say heating oil spilled at Beaufort Memorial Hospital appears to have leaked into a nearby river. The Department of Health and Environmental Control told The Beaufort Gazette that (<http://bit.ly/1snlEd>) 290 gallons of oil leaked in the hospital's basement on May 23 from boilers used to heat water. A homeowner on the Beaufort River called officials this weekend after seeing oil in the river. Hospital spokeswoman Courtney McDermott says the oil appears to have gone through a drainpipe into the waterway.

The State: Riverkeeper checks for pollution when state regulators don't

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article80820932.html#storylink=apmobile>

Bacteria levels high enough to make people sick showed up in recent water samples at Rocky Branch, an urban stream that empties into the Congaree River. It was the latest in a series of test results indicating that Rocky Branch is polluting the big river where people swim, fish and wade. But no one would know about the pollution if they depended on the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. DHEC doesn't test the creek near the Congaree. Instead, the job has largely fallen on the Congaree Riverkeeper group, a non-profit environmental organization. The group spends at least \$5,000 a year checking rivers and creeks like Rocky Branch in an attempt to keep the public informed about water quality.

Post and Courier: \$60,000 grant to be used to improve North Charleston housing, health care

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160531/PC16/160539994>

Derrek Asberry

A \$60,000 grant awarded to North Charleston is expected to improve low-income housing, health care and other issues plaguing the city. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Reinvestment Fund, a group that uses economic data to determine the need for change in struggling communities, selected North Charleston as part of their Invest Health initiative. The groups are looking to help 50 mid-size cities, ones that have between 50,000 and 400,000 residents. According to a news release, North Charleston was selected because it's one of many U.S. cities that face "some of the nation's deepest challenges with entrenched poverty, poor health and a lack of investment."

National News:

Associated Press: AP-NORC poll: Americans want nomination system changed

<http://bigstory.ap.org/f5821f2774c14c39ad00c1777f9ec6ea>

Catherine Lucey and Emily Swanson

As the tortured primary season concludes, Americans say in a poll by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research that they have little faith in the Democratic or Republican system for selecting a presidential candidate. They prefer open primaries to those that are closed to all but party members, like primaries instead of caucuses and oppose the party insiders known as superdelegates, who have a substantial say in the Democratic race. "It's kind of like a rigged election," said Nayef Jaber, a 66-year-old Sanders supporter from San Rafael, California. "It's supposed to be one man one vote. This is the way it should be."

World News:

Associated Press: Wal-Mart needs to grow overseas, and China's the big prize

<http://bigstory.ap.org/521d5f64c66a49b8861b354725fb0b8d>

Anne D'Innocenzio and Paul Wiseman

Zhong Guoyan sifted through piles of fish at a Wal-Mart in Shenzhen, one of China's largest cities. She studied the fins, to make sure they were bright red and firm. She peered at the eyeballs — were they bulging? "I like when the products are fresh, and the quality is good," she said. "When I come here, I have a look. If it's good, then I will buy it. If it's only cheap, I won't buy it." In American Wal-Marts, customers are not offered the opportunity to fondle their fish. But America is not China, as the world's biggest retailer has learned. If the Arkansas-based company wanted to win over foreign consumers like Zhong, it would have to shed some of its American ways, and cater to very different customs and conventions that are fast changing.

Associated Press: South Korea says North Korea missile launch likely failed

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A North Korean missile launch likely failed on Tuesday, according to South Korea's military, the latest in a string of high-profile failures that somewhat tempers recent worries that Pyongyang was pushing quickly toward its goal of a nuclear-tipped missile that can reach America's mainland. South Korea's Yonhap news

agency reported that the missile was a powerful mid-range Musudan. If true, that would make it the fourth failed attempt by the North to conduct a successful test launch of the new missile, which could potentially reach far-away U.S. military bases in Asia and the Pacific.

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