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Governor Nikki Haley News:

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.

Atlanta Blackstar: What It Means for Black Youth as South Carolina Plans to Raise the Age of Juvenile Offenders from 17 to 18

<http://atlantablackstar.com/2016/05/29/what-it-means-for-black-youth-as-south-carolina-plans-to-raise-the-age-of-juvenile-offenders-from-17-to-18/>

Tanasia Kenney

South Carolina will join the ranks of other states who keep teenagers in the juvenile justice system until age 18. According to Think Progress, the South Carolina state legislature voted unanimously Tuesday to raise the age at which minors can be tried as adults from 17 to 18. The "Raise the Age" bill shot through the state Senate on a vote of 37-0, after the House voted 102-0 earlier this month, the Juvenile Justice Information Exchange reports. The legislation will now land on the desk of Republican Gov. Nikki Haley for her approval. If signed, the legislation will take effect in 2019, the news site reports.

Times of India: Getting more queries from Indian companies: South Carolina Department of Commerce
<http://m.timesofindia.com/business/india-business/Getting-more-queries-from-Indian-companies-South-Carolina-Department-of-Commerce/articleshow/52492339.cms>

Richa Pinto

India is considered to be an upcoming market as a part of Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) and we have been getting a lot more queries from Indian based companies- officials from the Department of Commerce in the south eastern US state of South Carolina have said. Speaking to a few journalists W. Ford Graham- director of international strategy and trade from the Department of Commerce, South Carolina- said, "India is considered to be an upcoming market and we are doing everything to encourage Indian companies to operate in South Carolina. We are well aware that we aren't the first state companies think about while making FDI. But we have realized that once they find out about us they are interested in knowing the investment opportunities."

Note: One of South Carolina's trade mission was lead by Nikki Haley, the first Indian-American woman to become the governor of South Carolina. Haley currently is serving her second term as a governor after being re elected in the year 2014. Currently the state has one commerce office in New Delhi, the first one to be started in the year 2014.

General Assembly News:

Aiken Standard: Amendments face gun reciprocity bill, legislative move gives light to FOIA bill

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160529/AIK0101/160529377>

Christina Cleveland

A bill that would allow concealed weapons permit holders to carry between South Carolina and Georgia could be in jeopardy due to a proposed amendment that would allow South Carolina to have reciprocity with all states, according to State Rep. Bill Hixon. Sen. Lee Bright, R-Roebuck, is pushing the amendment that is also being supported by the National Rifle Association, said Hixon, R-North Augusta. "We do not have the votes in the Senate to pass that," Hixon said. "We have the votes to pass my bill clean." Hixon's constituents frequently cross the Georgia and South Carolina border, a reason why he has been championing the bill, H. 3799, which would grant reciprocity between the two states. He said lawmakers in support of the original bill are attempting to get the NRA to back down from the amendment in hopes to pass it in its current form.

The Herald: Bill awaiting vote in S.C. Legislature could affect Pennies for Progress

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/politics-government/article80711267.html>

Bristow Marchant

York County is on course to vote on a new round of Pennies for Progress road projects next year. A commission is collecting information from county residents and drawing up proposals for a list to submit to voters in November 2017. But depending on how state legislators in Columbia vote this week, the Pennies vote may be delayed. In 2014, the Legislature changed the state law regulating county-level tax referendums to require local governments to hold the vote "at the time of the general election." Previously, counties could schedule a vote on the referendum at any time; the last Pennies for Progress vote in York County was on Aug. 2, 2011.

SC Agency News:

Associated Press: DSS finds fraud in 3 percent of food aid claims from floods

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

SC State Wire

South Carolina's social service agencies say an audit shows about 3 percent of the 178,000 people who applied for help buying groceries after October's massive floods lied on their applications. The Department of Social Services told The Post and Courier of Charleston (<http://bit.ly/1TO2W1g>) that it chose at random about 9,000 claims to investigate further and found fraud in about 300 food aid cases DSS says the average amount of the fraud was \$434. The agency will allow people to pay the benefits they wrongly received back without penalty. The agency can also collect from tax returns and file criminal charges for people who don't repay.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: Why South Carolina congressmen vote to restrict a city that is not theirs

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160529/160539968/why-south-carolina-congressmen-vote-to-restrict-a-city-that-is-not-theirs>

Emma Dumain

Last week in the House of Representatives, South Carolina lawmakers didn't resolve a cross-chamber dispute over funds to combat Zika. They didn't consider legislation to ease Puerto Rico out of bankruptcy. They didn't shore up the votes to pass a bill for federal energy and water programs. But they did advance a measure to roll back certain privileges of the District of Columbia's city government. All six Republicans in the seven-member House delegation voted with their GOP colleagues to block Washington, D.C., from enacting its annual budget without Congress's approval.

SC Elections:

The State: Horne faces 'uphill battle' in race with Sanford

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article80728812.html#storylink=apmobile>

Avery G. Wilks

Outgunned more than 50-to-1 in fundraising, state Rep. Jenny Horne knows she has to make every dollar count in her bid to unseat U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford in the June 14 GOP primary. "I'm not running a Cadillac campaign," said Horne, who had only \$15,500 in cash on hand in March, according to her most recent Federal Election Commission filing. "I'm running a Chevrolet campaign." But Lowcountry Republican leaders and others say a lack of money is only one of several obstacles the Dorchester Republican faces in running against Sanford, who has a campaign war chest of more than \$905,000.

Associated Press: Darlington sheriff fires 2 deputies for campaigning for him

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=z9xCBoUP

SC State Wire

Darlington County Sheriff Wayne Byrd says he fired two deputies for conducting campaign business for him while in uniform and using a county vehicle. Byrd said the deputies went to a store during their lunch break and bought items for one of his events. One officer was in uniform and they were in a county vehicle. Byrd says he has told his deputies they can't do any campaign business while on duty or using government-owned equipment. The sheriff fired six deputies for campaigning for his opponent in 2012 and says he has to be fair.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: Hope again for SC farmers

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article80392982.html>

Opinion: Harry L. Ott Jr.

Even though the General Assembly overrode Gov. Nikki Haley's veto of the Palmetto Farm Aid bill with near-unanimous support, for many of our farmers — and for me personally — it was an emotional, bittersweet victory. I say bittersweet because before we achieved the victory, we had to endure a devastating flood, an unwilling governor and a chorus of misinformed talking points and insults about our farmers. We were told we made bad business decisions. We were accused of seeking bailouts and handouts. And we were told there would be no disaster aid for agriculture. The emotional toll this rhetoric took on our farming community was

as heartbreaking as the flood itself.

Aiken Standard: EDITORIAL: Memorial Day is when we remember the fallen

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160527/AIK0201/160529501>

The line of American flags stretches from one end of town to the other, standing in silent sentinel over these quiet downtown streets, leisurely caressing the breeze meandering through town. There is an unusual quiet seeping through and around the downtown businesses like an early morning fog. The hush is broken only by the lonesome one-note song of an approaching train. Conversation is subdued so as not to disturb. As if to confirm where you are, one look into the early morning horizon serves as a reminder – the red of the sunrise, the white of the hovering clouds and the blue background of the sky behind them. This is America. This is your hometown.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Altered state: Border redraw moves 19 homes in the Carolinas

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Rvg3vy4m

Jeffrey Collins and Gary D. Robertson

Dee Martin may wake up on Jan. 1 and find herself in a whole different state. South Carolina and North Carolina have redrawn the border between the two states with GPS technology that allows them to confirm the boundary lines established under an English king in the 18th century down to the centimeter. But that means the lines drawn decades ago through less exact surveying measures are several hundred feet off. So Martin, who has a South Carolina address and phone number, really lives in North Carolina.

Associated Press: Tropical Depression Bonnie brings heavy rain to Carolinas

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

SC State Wire

Tropical Depression Bonnie is expected to bring more heavy rainfall to the Carolinas as it moves along the coastline, making for a wet Memorial Day holiday. The depression's maximum sustained winds early Monday are near 30 mph with little change in strength forecast. The National Hurricane Center says the system's center made landfall just east of Charleston, South Carolina, on the Isle of Palms around 8:30 a.m. Sunday. By the afternoon, forecasters said it had stalled just northwest of Charleston, with heavy rains wrapping around north and west of the storm's center.

WLTX: Flood Survivors Move Back Into Home 8 Months After Tragedy

<http://www.wltx.com/news/local/october-flood-victims-move-back-into-home-eight-months-after-tragedy/221009646>

Loren Thomas

It has been nearly eight months since the October 4th Flood. However, families who suffered severe damage to their homes are still picking up the pieces. Some of them are moving back in and didn't let the weekend's heavy rainfall stop them. "It's hard to believe that we're back in," says Debbie Burriss. "It's hard to believe that it even happened." Back in October of last year Burriss' home looked completely different. Dozens of volunteers spent hours lending a helping hand to remove flood damaged floors and walls. Now, 239 days later she's moving back in although it doesn't feel the same.

Local 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.

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.

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."

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.

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.

Post and Courier: Porgy' cast members pay tribute to Emanuel AME Church victims

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160529/PC16/160529255>

Lindsey O'Laughlin

Three members of the cast of Spoleto Festival USA's "Porgy and Bess" joined the large congregation at Emanuel AME Church on Sunday morning for a Memorial Day weekend service that included a special musical tribute to the nine victims of last year's shooting. Baritone Lester Lynch, who plays Porgy, sang "My Tribute" during the service. Indra Thomas, who portrays Serena, and Lisa Daltirus, who plays Maria, also performed. The congregation received them warmly, cheering long and loud, especially after Lynch's performance.

McClatchy DC: Clementa Pinckney's legacy: How to be both pastor, public servant

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/national/article80312652.html>

Vera Bergengruen

To honor the memory of South Carolina state Sen. Clementa Pinckney, his alma mater is going beyond just establishing a scholarship. Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington is establishing a whole new track of study for students to follow in the footsteps of the pastor, slain along with eight others by a white supremacist while leading a Bible study last June at historic Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina. The new track will be titled doctorate of ministry in public engagement. When he was slain, Pinckney was finishing his dissertation about the double vocation of pastor and public servant in the African-American community. He was awarded his degree posthumously at a commencement ceremony earlier this month.

Island Packet: Massive hospital oil leak worse than first thought

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article80694822.html>

Stephen Fastenau

The massive oil leak at Beaufort Memorial Hospital last week could be worse than first thought. A nearby homeowner saw oil in the Beaufort River behind the hospital and alerted hospital officials Sunday morning, hospital spokeswoman Courtney McDermott said. The hospital contacted the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Coast Guard and the EPA. A DHEC-certified contractor was hired to assess and contain the area. The oil is thought to have been from the May 23 incident, when hundreds of gallons of heating fuel oil leaked into the hospital's boiler room.

Sun News: Shooting on Ocean Boulevard sends one to hospital

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article80651402.html>

Claire Byun

Police responded to a shooting early Sunday morning at the Holiday Sands North Hotel on Ocean Boulevard in Myrtle Beach. Officers were called to a report of shots fired around 1:30 a.m. and could be seen swarming the Wayfarer Hotel, which is across the street. Witnesses in the area said they heard three to five shots fired. One person with unknown injuries was transported to the hospital, but police had no more information at the time.

Sun News: Another suspect wanted in Sunday shooting in Myrtle Beach

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article80667367.html>

Christian Boschult

One suspect is in custody and police are looking for another one after a shooting at the Holiday Sands North early Sunday. Police say Shaylan Charvoris Isaac, 21, allegedly fired the shots that sent one victim to the hospital, then Isaac fled the scene. Isaac is wanted for attempted murder and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, Myrtle Beach Police said on its Facebook page. Police describe Isaac as 6 foot 4 inches tall, about 170 pounds, black hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a brown-black-white shirt and brown pants. Another suspect is in custody, but officials haven't released the suspect's name.

National News:

Associated Press: Floods in Texas, Kansas leave at least 6 dead, 2 missing

<http://bigstory.ap.org/7bc93ea1539b48afac0ad13f40b457f1>

Michael Graczyk

Authorities in central Texas have found two more bodies along flooded streams, bringing the death toll from flooding in the state to six. It was unclear Sunday whether a body found in Travis County near Austin is one of

the two people still missing in Texas. An 11-year-old boy was still missing in central Kansas, too. The latest flooding victim identified by authorities was a woman who died when the car she was riding in was swept from the street by the flooded Cypress Creek about 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Kendall County sheriff's Cpl. Reid Daly said.

Associated Press: Though largely unknown, Trump finds fans in China

<http://bigstory.ap.org/c03c7621e206424481a4697d4251e8c3>

Christopher Bodeen

China features prominently in the rhetoric of presumed Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, who accuses the country of stealing American jobs and cheating at global trade. In China itself, though, he's only now emerging as a public figure, despite notoriety elsewhere for his voluble utterances, high-profile businesses and reality TV show. And although Chinese officials and state media have denounced Trump's threats of economic retaliation, many Chinese observers see a silver lining in his focus on economic issues to the near-total exclusion of human rights and political freedoms. That appears to make him an attractive alternative to his likely rival, Democrat Hillary Clinton, who is regarded as far more critical of China's communist system.

World News:

Associated Press: More than 700 feared dead in recent Mediterranean crossings

<http://bigstory.ap.org/b267906f51484482ab4490d68cc1e9cf>

Sarah El Deeb

Survivor accounts have pushed to more than 700 the number of migrants feared dead in Mediterranean Sea shipwrecks over three days in the past week, even as rescue ships saved thousands of others in daring operations. The shipwrecks appear to account for the largest loss of life reported in the Mediterranean since April 2015, when a single ship sank with an estimated 800 people trapped inside. Humanitarian organizations say that many migrant boats sink without a trace, with the dead never found, and their fates only recounted by family members who report their failure to arrive in Europe.

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