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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WSOC: Gov. Haley attends healthcare company's ribbon-cutting in Fort Mill

<http://www.wsoc.tv/news/local/gov-haley-attends-healthcare-companys-ribbon-cutting-in-fort-mill/208865566>

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley helped celebrate the opening of a new corporate headquarters in Fort Mill Monday morning. She attended the ribbon-cutting for Lash Group at the healthcare company's new facility just off Interstate 77. The company employs more than 3,500 associates nationwide, and 1,200 of them will be moving to Fort Mill as the company grows. The company expects to double its workforce in the area over the next decade. Lash Group was one of several companies to leave Charlotte in the past few years. Last year, North Carolina raised the amount of money available to recruit and keep companies in the state. Companies like Volvo and Mercedes-Benz passed on building plants in the state in favor of states with better incentives.

The Herald: Lash Group dedicates new Fort Mill headquarters to employ 2,400

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article71182967.html>

Jennifer Becknell

Gov. Nikki Haley lauded Fort Mill and York County for "rolling out the red carpet" to business Monday during a ribbon cutting for Lash Group's new headquarters. Haley and other local dignitaries attended an opening ceremony for the five-story, 250,000-square-foot Kingsley Park building, where company leaders said they plan to double the 1,200-person work force by 2020. The patient support services company, which employs about 3,500 nationwide, was founded in 1993 around a kitchen table in Charlotte by Peyton Howell and several others.

'Bathroom Bill' News:

Greenville News: McCraw urges senators to vote down Bright's bathroom bill

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/04/11/mccraw-urges-senators-vote-down-brights-bathroom-bill/82900142/>

Amanda Coyne

State Senate candidate David McCraw denounced electoral opponent Sen. Lee Bright's bill that would restrict bathroom access for transgender people as a manufactured issue that would negatively impact South Carolina if enacted. McCraw, one of three Republicans facing Bright in the June primary for Senate District 12, called on state senators to vote against the bill, which will be heard in the Senate General Committee on Wednesday. The Greenville and South Carolina chambers of commerce have come out against the bill, and Gov. Nikki Haley has called it unnecessary. Democratic senators have criticized the bill on the Senate floor, but three Republican senators -- Sen. Kevin Bryant, Sen. Mike Fair and Sen. Larry Martin -- have signed on as co-sponsors to the bill. Bryant is the chairman of the General Committee. McCraw said the bill was "propaganda," filed to "pander to a group of people whose support [Bright] desperately needs in his stalled campaign for re-

election."

Greenville News: Bryant says transgender bill to advance regardless

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/04/11/bryant-says-transgender-bill-advance-regardless/82895220/>

Tim Smith

A controversial bill by Sen. Lee Bright that mimics a North Carolina law addressing transgender use of public bathrooms will advance past Wednesday's subcommittee hearing regardless of what the two senators hearing the bill say about it. Sen. Kevin Bryant, an Anderson Republican and chairman of the Senate General Committee, told The Greenville News that the purpose of Wednesday's hearing is to take public testimony on the bill but he plans to place the bill on the agenda of his committee's next meeting even if the subcommittee fails to approve it. Bryant also is a co-sponsor of the bill. His comments came as two Senate Democrats attacked the legislation as "embarrassing" and a Greenville Republican and co-sponsor of the bill said he does not think it will pass the Senate this year if Democrats on the committee file an objection to the bill.

Associated Press: The Latest: Dueling rallies held over North Carolina law

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:c5e64f3504e5460bb5697e3cf81e8448>

About 500 people have gathered on the grounds of the old Capitol building in Raleigh to show their support for a North Carolina law that limits protections for the LGBT community. At the midday rally Monday, speakers led the crowd in chants offering thanks to Gov. Pat McCrory and the state's Republican legislative leaders. Mark Creech of the Christian Action League decried what he said was a smear campaign to distort what he believes is a commonsense law to protect privacy in bathrooms. Across the street about 100 people gathered in a counter protest, holding signs such as "Bigotry is Bad for Business." As the law's supporters spoke, they chanted: "They are up there preaching hate! They do not represent our state!"

Charlotte Observer: NC's new LGBT law finds support from many in rural communities

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/article71140652.html>

The debate over the law pits North Carolina's liberal-leaning cities against many of its more socially conservative rural communities. The legislature's action was prompted by a Charlotte nondiscrimination ordinance that would have allowed transgender people to use the bathroom of the gender with which they identify. When the ordinance was overturned in a special session last month, all 11 Democrats who voted for House Bill 2 came from rural districts. And a recent Time Warner Cable News North Carolina poll found that two-thirds of people identifying themselves as evangelical Christians supported overturning the Charlotte ordinance. Clinton, a city of 8,700 people an hour's drive south of Raleigh, sits at the center of Sampson County. In 2012, when 61 percent of North Carolina voters supported adding a ban on same-sex marriage to the state's constitution, 82 percent of Sampson voters supported the measure.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: 1st District sees big GOP delegate field

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160411/PC1603/160419880>

Robert Behre

Twenty-eight Republicans from the Lowcountry's 1st Congressional District are vying to become one of three delegates to the party's national convention in Cleveland this summer. The large field reflects the added importance South Carolina's delegates may play at the national convention, particularly if

no presidential hopeful has the 1,237 votes needed to win on the first ballot. On Saturday, 1st District Republicans will convene at 10 a.m. Saturday in Orange Grove Elementary Charter School to elect three delegates and three alternates. First District GOP Chair Jim Davis said no new candidates may be added to the ballot beyond those who had filed by Monday's deadline, "(but) delegates may remove their names from the ballot prior to voting at the convention." Later Monday, two of the original 30 candidates — Ray Nash and Maraide Sullivan — withdrew. Each of the state's seven congressional districts will elect three national delegates this month, and three senior GOP party leaders serve automatically. The final 26 delegates will be chosen at the state convention in Columbia next month. Those who don't win Saturday may try again at the state convention.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: State takeover of 2 schools is only 2nd attempt

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=cu2L71Bd

Seanna Adcox

The state Department of Education's takeover of two long-failing schools in tiny Timmonsville represents only the second time in 18 years the agency has used its authority under South Carolina's accountability law. Authorities say they welcome state intervention at rural Florence District 4's elementary and middle schools but caution it won't bring a quick turnaround. Last month, the State Board of Education voted unanimously to approve Superintendent Molly Spearman's request to declare a state of emergency at the schools. The declaration allows the state to remove principals and assume control. It's a tactic Spearman's predecessors have avoided since state control of Allendale County schools ended in 2007 with little improvement in student scores. Spearman says that, unlike in Allendale, she has the support of Florence 4's school board members.

Post and Courier: S.C. gas prices dip for second week in a row

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160411/PC05/160419884>

Warren L. Wise

For the second week in a row, gasoline prices across South Carolina slipped again. The price fell 2.8 cents a gallon during the past week to an average of \$1.81, according to gas price service GasBuddy. Motor club AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report puts the price about a penny higher. That's still about 27 cents lower than this time last year. The price nationally also decreased slightly by 1.2 cents per gallon to an average of \$2.04, according to both gas price services. That's down about 35 cents a gallon compared to the same time last year.

The State: Seven killed on S.C. roadways over the weekend

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article71143087.html>

South Carolina Department of Public Safety officials said there were seven road deaths reported over the weekend. Officials said all seven occurred on U.S. routes, S.C. roads and secondary roads. In three of the deaths, officials said a seat belt was used, while two others did not use a seat belt. Two of those killed were motorcyclists not wearing helmets. As of Monday, 236 people have died on state highways, compared to 256 highway deaths during the same time period in 2015. Of the 165 motor-vehicle occupants who have died in 2016, 79 were not wearing seat belts. Thirty-two pedestrians have been killed compared to 34 during the same time period in 2015. Twenty-five motorcyclists have been killed compared to 23 in 2015. Eight bicyclists have died in 2016 compared to seven this time in 2015.

Local News:

WACH: SLED responds to Perry Correctional to assist Department of Corrections

<http://wach.com/news/local/sled-responds-to-perry-correctional-to-assists-department-of-corrections>

Matthew Stevens

SLED has been called to Perry Correctional Monday afternoon. Agent Thom Berry said his agency is assisting the Department of Corrections for a situation at the facility. Perry Correctional is a level 3 facility that houses serious and violent offenders. We are awaiting to hear back from the Department of Corrections to learn more details.

Associated Press: White officer gets probation in black driver's shooting

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=S8GFEiC5

SC State Wire

A white South Carolina police officer who was charged with a felony for shooting and killing a black driver at the end of a police chase has taken a plea deal and been sentenced to probation. Multiple media outlets report North Augusta Police officer Justin Craven pleaded guilty to misconduct in office Monday. He was sentenced to three years of probation and 80 hours of community service. Prosecutors originally wanted to charge Craven with voluntary manslaughter in the killing of 68-year-old Ernest Satterwhite, who had just pulled into his driveway after a 15-minute police chase in February 2014. But a grand jury refused. Craven was later charged with a different felony before taking the plea deal. The shooting was captured on video. State police say they will release the footage soon.

Post and Courier: Former South Carolina police officer pleads guilty in fatal shooting of black man

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160411/PC16/160419852>

Andrew Knapp

A former North Augusta police officer has pleaded guilty to misconduct in office after fatally shooting a 68-year-old black man two years ago, the Aiken Standard newspaper reported. Justin Craven, who is white, entered the plea to the misdemeanor charge during a court hearing Monday afternoon at which a dashcam video was played. The Post and Courier and others in the news media had filed public-records requests for the footage but had been denied a chance to view it as the State Law Enforcement Division investigated the death. On Monday, a judge sentenced Craven to three years of probation and 80 hours of community service, the newspaper reported. In announcing the penalty, the judge said the shooting wasn't like other officer-involved killings that have garnered notoriety in recent years, alluding to the death of Walter Scott last year in North Charleston.

Aiken Standard : Former North Augusta police officer pleads guilty to charge related to 2014 fatal officer-involved shooting

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160411/AIK0101/160419934>

Maayan Schechter

Former North Augusta police officer Justin Craven pleaded guilty Monday to a charge connected to the 2014 fatal officer-involved shooting of Ernest Satterwhite Sr. Craven pleaded guilty to official misconduct in office – a misdemeanor. That charge carries a penalty of one year in prison with a possible fine of up to \$1,000. Craven was sentenced to three years probation and 80 hours of public community service. Craven was also facing a felony charge of discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle, brought by the S.C. State Law Enforcement Division, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$1,000, or both, according to SLED.

Aiken Standard: Black leaders to hold town hall meeting on law enforcement concerns

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160411/AIK0101/160419982>

Maayan Schechter

Black community members will meet today to discuss law enforcement concerns and issues in the Aiken community at roughly the same time that Aiken City Council members will gather to hold their regularly scheduled meeting.

The 6 p.m. town hall will be open to the public at the Smith-Hazel Recreation Center, 400 Kershaw St. A news release states the town hall meeting is sponsored by the Concerned Ministers Fellowship of Aiken, the NAACP of Aiken County, Black Lives Matter and the African American Leadership Council so as to "inform our community about what we have learned, what we have heard and to develop together a path forward."

Associated Press: No new bowls for 3 years as NCAA approves moratorium

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1mtUeEwg

Ralph D. Russo

The NCAA is prohibiting the creation of new bowl games for the next three years after three teams with 5-7 records were needed to fill the record number of bowls last season. The NCAA's football oversight committee last week recommended a three-year moratorium on sanctioning new postseason games and it was approved by the Division I Council. The oversight committee started a task force to study the Bowl Subdivision postseason after there was not enough six-win, bowl-eligible teams last season to fill the 40 games. Three cities - Austin, Texas; Charleston, South Carolina; and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina - were in the process of trying to gain approval for new bowl games. ESPN.com was first to report the moratorium.

Post and Courier: NCAA ban likely means no Medal of Honor Bowl in 2016

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160411/PC20/160419886>

Jeff Hartsell

The NCAA has approved a three-year moratorium on new college football bowl games. The decision, which would prevent any new bowl games until 2019, likely means no Medal of Honor Bowl in Charleston in 2016, bowl chairman Tom McQueeney said. "If I had to guess, I'd say there might not be a 2016 game in Charleston," McQueeney said. "But I would not say definitely not. There may be some daylight for us to have a game." McQueeney received a phone call from the NCAA on Monday confirming the decision by the NCAA's Division I Council. The ruling comes after a 2015 bowl season in which there were not enough bowl-eligible teams to fill berths in a record 41 bowl games. Three teams with losing records participated in bowl games last year. McQueeney said it's possible, if not likely, that the shut-down of another bowl game could open the door for a game in Charleston before 2019. Returning to an all-star game format is also possible, he said.

Associated Press: Mayor suggests temporary vehicle ban on oceanfront street

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9FsjtAb

SC State Wire

Myrtle Beach Mayor John Rhodes suggests it might be a good idea to close the city's busy Oceanfront Boulevard to vehicles on some evenings. The Sun News of Myrtle Beach reports (<http://bit.ly/22ojzzo>) that Rhodes is suggesting the city close two blocks along the oceanfront on certain nights, perhaps just once a week, to see how merchants respond to the idea. Rhodes says closing the boulevard to vehicles could generate more pedestrian traffic and more business for merchants. He says when people are in a vehicle, there are only two things they spend money on - gasoline and fast food. He suggests if people get out of their cars they are more likely to spend money. Myrtle Beach is the heart of South Carolina's \$19 billion tourism industry.

Sun News: Conway considers incentives program to spur business growth

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/business/article71126527.html>

Charles D. Perry

Conway leaders hope to encourage businesses to move into some of the city's underdeveloped corridors by eliminating an infrastructure fee. That charge — known as the capital recovery fee — can amount to tens of thousands of dollars in some cases. The move would impact areas that have for years struggled with economic development, including the U.S. 701 South, U.S. 378 and U.S. 701 North corridors. It would also cover downtown. "We have had several complaints from businesses that were looking at opening up downtown," said Adam Emrick, the city's planning director. "Specifically, [those business owners] decided not to or really hesitated because of those fees."

National News:

Associated Press: Jury selection begins in hot SUV death case in Georgia

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:8e55add926684ced8ce0b68130cc9133>

Kate Brumback

The judge overseeing the trial of a Georgia man accused of intentionally leaving his son in a hot SUV to die heard on Monday from about a dozen potential jurors who said they had scheduling conflicts. Two were excused. Justin Ross Harris, 35, faces charges including murder in the June 18, 2014, death of his 22-month-old son, Cooper. Police have said the boy died after spending about seven hours in the SUV on a day when the temperature in the Atlanta area reached at least into the high 80s. Prosecutors have painted Harris as a man unhappy and unfaithful in his marriage who sought an escape and intentionally left the boy to die. Defense attorneys have called the boy's death a tragic mistake that Harris will have to deal with for the rest of his life. Harris is a native of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and moved to Georgia in 2012 to work for Home Depot.

Associated Press: Kentucky attorney general sues governor over education cuts

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:1d23913713174cc7b8f5c147ace29145>

Adam Beam and Bruce Schreiner

Kentucky's Democratic attorney general sued his state's Republican governor on Monday, saying he overstepped his authority when he ordered budget cuts for state colleges and universities without legislative approval. Republican Gov. Matt Bevin has proposed \$650 million in state spending cuts over the next two years as part of a plan to begin paying down the state's public pension debt, estimated at more than \$30 billion. Part of that plan included budget reductions of 4.5 percent, or \$41 million, for the state's colleges and universities in the last three months of the fiscal year. State lawmakers rejected that plan. They have still not approved a two-year state spending plan, but neither the House nor the Senate included current-year cuts for colleges and universities in its budget proposal. But Bevin cut their budgets anyway, and Attorney General Andy Beshear gave Bevin seven days to rescind his order. Bevin ignored him.

Associated Press: Candidates with the muscle could alter GOP convention rules

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:09f1eeb42ea54747b8d26b53a4340869>

Alan Farm

With the Republican nominating convention less than 100 days away, the GOP's presidential candidate isn't the only thing still up for grabs. Also in play: The rules by which the nominee will be chosen. Yet there's one certainty about the party's July gathering in Cleveland: A candidate, an alliance of candidates or party leaders backed by enough delegates will be able to change the

procedures any way they want. Front-runner Donald Trump has 743 of the 1,237 delegates needed to leave the GOP convention as nominee. His closest competitor, Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, is fewer than 200 delegates behind. Yet many top Republicans view both as certain losers who could cost them congressional seats. A look at the rules governing the convention and how they could be altered to impact the nomination...

Associated Press: Ivanka and Eric Trump won't be voting for their father in NY

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:0db27d571ed64e278313c6eca993cddf>

Jill Colvin

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's children may be among their father's most loyal cheerleaders. But only one of his three oldest children will be able to vote for him in next Tuesday's Republican primary in New York. New York City voter registration records show that neither Ivanka Trump nor her brother Eric Trump registered with the Republican Party in time to cast their ballots for their father under the state's arcane voting rules. "They had a long time register and they were, you know, unaware of the rules, and they didn't, they didn't register in time, so they feel very, very guilty," Trump said in a phone interview with 'Fox and Friends' on Monday morning. "But it's fine. I mean I understand that. I think they have to register a year in advance and they didn't. So Eric and Ivanka I guess won't be voting," he said.

World News:

Associated Press: Paris-Brussels attacks network a 'supercell' of extremism

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:6109b589b6c04cddb1e28e17e2509f14>

Lori Hinnant

The number of people linked to the Islamic State network that attacked Paris and Brussels reaches easily into the dozens, with a series of new arrests over the weekend that confirmed the cell's toxic reach and ability to move around unnoticed in Europe's criminal underworld. Ten men are known to be directly involved in the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris; others with key logistical roles then — including the bomber, a logistics handler, and a hideout scout — went on to plot the attack March 22 in Brussels. But unlike Paris, at least two people who survived the attack have been taken into custody alive, including Mohamed Abrini, the Molenbeek native who walked away from the Brussels international airport after his explosives failed to detonate. But investigators fear it may not be enough to stave off another attack. Abdelhamid Abaaoud, another Molenbeek native whose charisma made him a natural draw to many in the Brussels neighborhood after he joined IS extremists in Syria, said before his death that he returned to Europe among a group of 90 fighters from Europe and the Mideast, according to testimony from a woman who tipped police to his location.

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