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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Oakley confirmed as South Carolina's secretary of transportation

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140523/PC16/140529675/1031/oakley-confirmed-as-south-carolinas-secretary-of-transportation>

The state Senate voted unanimously Thursday to confirm Janet P. Oakley as South Carolina's new secretary of transportation, according to a story at thestate.com. Oakley was nominated in April by Gov. Nikki Haley after former Transportation Secretary Robert St. Onge was charged with drunken driving and resigned, according to The State's story.

S.C. GOP: Nikki Haley for Governor Announces Veterans Coalition

Press Release

Haley for Governor today announced a new coalition of supporters whose service and sacrifice have made South Carolina and our entire nation stronger. "Veterans for Haley" is a group of men and women from across South Carolina who have served our nation and believe the state deserves a governor who understands the issues facing military families and shares the values members of the Armed Forces fight to protect every day.

Island Packet: Seniors who didn't pass exit exam will march in graduation ceremonies

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/05/22/3124528/seniors-who-didnt-pass-exit-exam.html#storylink=cpy>

Sarah Bowman

A crowd of about 50 people broke in to applause Thursday night when the Beaufort County Board of Education announced that students who met all credit requirements will march in graduation ceremonies this spring. The decision includes those who did not pass the state's exit exam.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley's office is working to find a solution, Moss said Thursday night after talking with Haley's chief of staff earlier in the day.

Anderson Independent: E&I Engineering Ltd. to locate U.S. operations in Anderson County

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/may/23/ei-engineering-ltd-locate-us-operations-anderson-c/>

E&I Engineering Ltd., a provider of switchgear and power distribution solutions throughout the United Kingdom and Europe, plans to invest \$17 million to establish its first U.S. operations in Anderson County. The investment is expected to create 250 jobs over the next five years.

Note: "We welcome E&I Engineering as they join the ranks of the hundreds of foreign-based firms that have come to our state and found success here," said Gov. Nikki Haley

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Decrease in guard suicide numbers part of political campaign

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140523/PC1603/140529690/1031/decrease-in-guard-suicide-numbers-part-of-political-campaign>

Schuyler Kropf

South Carolina Adjutant General Robert Livingston is running a TV ad for his re-election in which he promotes a 70 percent decline in National Guard member suicides. But political media watchers say the figure should be viewed with both caution as well as sensitivity, given the state guard's suicide numbers are statistically small when compared to the thousands of S.C. troops who have served in recent times.

Associated Press: McMaster to report raising \$225,400 for Lt. Gov.

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dP88W2IF

Henry McMaster's campaign says he has nearly \$103,000 cash available to spend on his campaign for

lieutenant governor just 18 days before voters head to the polls. Campaign manager Jeff Taillon says McMaster has raised more than \$225,400 since March 31, and 90 percent of those donations came from South Carolinians.

The State: Henry McMaster raises \$225,000 in Lt. Gov. run

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/23/3463593/henry-mcmaster-raises-225000-in.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

Henry McMaster, the former state attorney general running for the GOP nod for lieutenant governor, has raised \$225,000 since announcing his run in late March and had \$102,848 left to spend before the June 10 primary, according to a pre-election campaign report filed Friday.

The State: Mike Campbell receives nod from Pat Boone-tied seniors group

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/23/3463321/mike-campbell-receives-nod-from.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

Mike Campbell, a Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, said he has received an endorsement from the 60 Plus Association, a conservative seniors organization that counts musician Pat Boone as its spokesman. "I'm still singing at concerts, but today I'm singing the praises of Mike Campbell," Boone said in a statement. "Seniors can depend on Mike Campbell."

Legislative Session News:

Associated Press: Potential SC election law fix returned to Senate

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Rf0jUiRc

Seanna Adcox

The House has taken a new approach to passing a bill designed to prevent South Carolina's elections from being thrown into chaos again. The proposal sent Friday to the Senate would both create a statewide model for county election boards, to hopefully remove the threat of chaos, and give the State Election Commission oversight over those 46 boards.

South Carolina News:

Aiken Standard: Graham votes for MOX after House passes bill

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140523/AIK0101/140529709/1004/graham-votes-for-mox-after-house-passes-bill>

Derrek Asberry

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. continued his support of the Savannah River Site's MOX project by voting in support of the National Defense Authorization Act. His vote came Thursday afternoon, just hours after the United States House passed the bill.

Post and Courier: CSX agrees to pay South Carolina DOT to replace bridge following derailment

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140523/PC16/140529701/1177/csx-agrees-to-pay-south-carolina-dot-to-replace-bridge-following-derailment>

Natalie Caula Hauff

CSX Transportation has come to an agreement with the South Carolina Department of Transportation to pay the costs of replacing the Moncks Corner bridge that was knocked out by a train following a derailment last month. Carla Groleau, a spokesperson for CSX, confirmed the agreement had been made but did not return a request for further details Friday.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: SC DOT takes land from centuries-old family farm for new bridge

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20140522/ARTICLES/140529863/1112?Title=SC-DOT-takes-land-from-centuries-old-family-farm>

Lynne P. Shackelford

The state department of transportation has condemned a portion of farmland that's been in James Anderson's family since before the Revolutionary War. The S.C. Department of Transportation has taken 6.6 acres of the 150-plus acres where Anderson's father, Mike Anderson, first started his Anderson Mill Road dairy farm decades ago.

Local News:

Island Packet: Hardeeville sees largest percentage rise in population in SC

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/05/23/3125783/hardeeville-sees-largest-percentage.html?sp=/99/257/266/#storylink=cpy>

Matt McNab

A rising population in Sun City Hilton Head helped Hardeeville post the highest rate of growth among municipalities in South Carolina since 2010, according to U.S. Census Bureau data released this week. Hardeeville's population jumped 45.4 percent from April 2010 to 4,291 residents in July 2013, according to the Census Bureau's most recent estimate.

National News:

Associated Press: RNC files lawsuit to raise unlimited cash

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/rnc-files-lawsuit-raise-unlimited-cash>

Philip Elliott

The Republican National Committee on Friday sued the Federal Election Commission in an effort to raise unlimited cash like super PACs do. The central committee, chairman Reince Priebus and Louisiana Republicans filed a joint lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia asking for permission to set up an independent account that could raise and spend potentially enormous sums of money to help federal candidates.

Associated Press: Obama to announce Julian Castro for housing post

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_OBAMA_CABINET?](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_OBAMA_CABINET?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-05-23-10-49-08)

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Darlene Superville

President Barack Obama is preparing to boost the profile of an up-and-coming young Hispanic Democrat by nominating San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro to become the nation's housing secretary. Obama's current housing chief gets a new title: budget director.

Politico: Karl Rove hits Senator Obama's attendance

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/05/karl-rove-senator-obama-veterans-affairs-107033.html?hp=r2>

Jonathan Topaz

Karl Rove is now attacking Barack Obama's record — as a senator. Appearing Thursday night on Fox News, the Republican strategist said he doesn't know whether Obama "was paying much attention" while he served on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee.

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