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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Gov. Haley announces new domestic violence resource website

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SC State Wire

There's a new website intended to help both victims and perpetrators of domestic violence in South Carolina get resources needed to curb the crime. At a summit on Friday, Gov. Nikki Haley announced www.SafePlaceSC.sc.gov would help people suffering from abuse and offenders get information to help themselves. Haley's office says the site has a 24-hour crisis hotline and safety checklists. There's also a directory of resources that is searchable so people can find information in specific areas of the state.

Post and Courier: State unveils website for those impacted by domestic violence

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160520/PC1603/160529942>

Maya T. Prabhu

South Carolinians whose lives are impacted by domestic violence now have a centralized place to access information and resources for help. When a task force began to tackle the issue of partner abuse more than a year ago, many members were frustrated there was no one place to seek resources and information. On Friday, Gov. Nikki Haley unveiled <http://safeplacesc.sc.gov> during a statewide summit with the task force created to work to reduce the number of deaths from domestic violence.

Note: "Overall we didn't even have a state resource to go to for domestic violence," Haley said. "So, this is an amazing website. ... It tells someone who is being abused what they can do. It tells someone who thinks they know someone's being abused how to go about approaching them about it. It tells someone who is an offender what they can do to get help."

WSPA: SC's first-ever domestic violence summit focuses on new strategies

<http://wspa.com/2016/05/20/scs-first-ever-domestic-violence-summit-focuses-on-new-strategies/>

Robert Kittle

South Carolina, number one in the nation for the rate of women killed by men, held its first-ever Domestic Violence Summit Friday to discuss new strategies to address the problem. It was hosted by Gov. Nikki Haley's Domestic Violence Task Force at the USC School of Law in Columbia. Prosecutors, victims' advocates, service providers, and law enforcement talked about the state's new efforts, including the creation of new Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committees. Gov. Nikki Haley told the summit participants, "This is so important, because this fatality review committee is going to bring everybody together and on every one of those cases look back and say, 'What could we have done?' And you at that point don't beat yourself up over it; you say we're going to make this change so it never happens again."

WLTX: New Website Gives Resources for Domestic Violence Survivors

<http://www.wltx.com/mb/news/local/new-website-gives-resources-for-domestic-violence-survivors/207268472>

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley announced a new website Friday that will give resources to domestic violence survivors. Haley unveiled SafePlaceSC.Sc.gov during a Statewide Domestic Violence Summit. "When you go to this website, not only does it ask you what town and zip code you live in, it also gives you all of the resources available to you within your community," Governor Haley said. "But it goes a step further - it tells someone who is being abused what they can do to get help, it tells someone who thinks they know someone

who's being abused how to go about approaching the situation, and it tells someone who is an offender what they can do to get the help they need."

ABC Columbia: Haley Announces New Website and County Challenge for Domestic Violence

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/2016/05/20/haley-announces-new-website-and-county-challenge-for-domestic-violence/>

Governor Nikki Haley began the Statewide Domestic Violence Summit today by announcing a new website aimed at providing information and resources to domestic violence survivors, loved ones, and offenders as well as to professional groups in the workplace. The Summit ended with the governor announcing Safe Place County Certifications as a challenge to counties to lead local efforts against domestic violence.

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WACH: Gov. Haley hosts statewide domestic violence summit

<http://wach.com/news/local/gov-haley-hosts-statewide-domestic-violence-summit>

Thomas Lanahan

In January of 2015, Governor Nikki Haley announced the formation of a state wide domestic violence task force. South Carolina has long topped lists of worst states for domestic violence. The task force, consisting of 40 agencies, associations and groups from law enforcement to survivors and private care providers, has worked for the past year and a half to curb our domestic violence problem. Today, representatives from task force subcommittees gathered to share their findings and talk about solutions. Governor Haley tells us that 50 initiatives have been presented by the task force, 30 of which have already been implemented.

General Assembly News:

Independent Mail: Pollution, pipeline bills await South Carolina House votes

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/pollution-pipeline-bills-await-sc-house-votes-334c3d8f-7799-0cb9-e053-0100007f0e23-380311031.html?d=mobile>

Michael Eads

A bill to prevent some pipeline operators from using eminent domain to gain access to private land has been sent to the full South Carolina House of Representatives for consideration. The House Judiciary Committee approved S.B. 868 on Thursday, and the proposal is now up for consideration by the entire House. The bill would keep Kinder Morgan and other pipeline operators who aren't regulated by the state from using local courts to impose eminent domain on private landowners to run their pipelines through those properties. No floor vote had been scheduled for S.B. 868 as of Friday afternoon.

Independent Mail: Bill named for Tucker Hipps stalls in South Carolina Senate

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/bill-named-for-tucker-hipps-stalls-in-sc-senate-334cd8fe-aafa-5e74-e053-0100007f01b4-380318871.html>

Kirk Brown

The mother of Tucker Hipps is urging South Carolina senators to take action on a bill bearing her dead son's name. The Tucker Hipps Transparency Act would require the state's public colleges and universities to maintain online databases listing student conduct code violations involving fraternities and sororities. Tucker Hipps was a 19-year-old sophomore at Clemson University when he died Sept. 22, 2014, after falling from a bridge over Lake Hartwell during an early morning run with other Sigma Phi Epsilon pledges.

Associated Press: Advisers' forecast gives legislators no surplus for budget

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

Seanna Adcox

State economic forecasters foresee no extra money coming into South Carolina's primary coffers, giving

legislators less to haggle over as the chambers negotiate a final spending plan. The Board of Economic Advisors made no changes Thursday to its general fund revenue forecast for this fiscal year or next. Collections are running both above and below estimates, depending on the tax, but "it looks like we'll end up close to the estimate," said Frank Rainwater, director of the state's Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.

LGBT Laws:

Greenville News: Berkeley school bathroom bill raises statewide worries

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/05/20/berkeley-school-bathroom-bill-raises-statewide-worries/84644848/>

Tim Smith

The controversy over who should use what type of public bathroom is back in the South Carolina Senate and the outcome has state officials worried. A week after federal officials directed public schools nationwide to allow students to use bathrooms and facilities that correspond with their gender identity, a Senate bill is pending for a final vote that would require Berkeley County students to use bathrooms, locker rooms and showers of their biological sex for the next school year.

SC Political News:

Associated Press: Former Chief Justice Finney found after brief disappearance

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ze6zgo9

SC State Wire

Deputies say 85-year-old former South Carolina Chief Justice Ernest Finney was found safe after being missing for a little over an hour. Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said in a news release that Finney drove off from his home northeast of Columbia around 4:30 p.m. Friday. The sheriff's office sent out the notice Finney was missing less than an hour later. Deputies say Finney was found about 45 miles away in Lee County and appeared to be OK, but paramedics were checking him out.

The State: Urgent search launched for former SC Supreme Court Chief Justice Ernest Finney, who suffers from dementia

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article78925517.html>

Rachael Myers Lowe

Former S.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Ernest A. Finney Jr., who suffers from dementia, went missing Friday afternoon for about 90 minutes from his Richland County home, but was located safely two counties away, Sheriff Leon Lott said Friday evening. Finney was found just outside Bishopville, about 45 miles east of his northeast Columbia home, where he had apparently driven himself, Lott said. The 85-year-old former chief justice was in apparent good physical condition but was checked by medics as a precautionary measure, Lott said.

The State: SC senator cautions Associate Justice Beatty on keeping any 'combative nature' in check

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article78920767.html#storylink=apmobile>

John Monk

A top state senator has cautioned Associate Justice Donald Beatty, who is slated to be elected S.C. Supreme Court chief justice Wednesday, that he needs keep any "combative nature" he might have in check because he will be a "role model for his fellow judges in this state." "Justice Beatty needs to understand that he is not just a person and the office to which he aspires is not just a job," wrote state Sen. Larry Martin, R-Pickens.

Post and Courier: Former S.C. Chief Justice Finney found in Lee County after being reported missing

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160520/PC16/160529870>

Thad Moore

Former South Carolina Chief Justice Ernest A. Finney Jr. was found Friday afternoon after he was reported missing from his Columbia home, Richland County officials say. Finney, 85, was found in "good condition" in Lee County less than two hours after he went missing Friday afternoon, the Richland County Sheriff's

Department said in a news release. Officials were concerned about Finney, saying he suffers a “very serious medical condition” that could have put him at “extreme risk.” Lt. Curtis Wilson, a spokesman for the department, would not elaborate, citing federal privacy laws.

SC Elections:

The State: Ethics watchdog: Ex-councilman should pay for special election to fill seat

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article78935547.html#storylink=apmobile>

Sarah Ellis

Richland County taxpayers are picking up the tab – as much as \$62,000 – for a special election to fill Kelvin Washington’s former County Council seat after Washington pleaded guilty to not filing state income tax returns for three years and the governor declared the seat vacant. But an ethics watchdog believes that cost shouldn’t be borne by the public.

Morning News: Dozens of state and local seats go unopposed in 2016 elections in Pee Dee

http://www.scnw.com/news/election_2016/article_3459aa74-1f06-11e6-ab88-17ac21f7985e.html

Joshua Lloyd

Candidates in at least 30 local and state government seats will sail through the June primary elections without opposition – making them shoo-in victors for their seats in the November general election. Some say this is a sign that Pee Dee constituents are happy with their representation, while others argue this as favoritism for establishment candidates and a stall in true democracy for voters. An example of this challenger shortage is best seen in races for South Carolina House districts in the Pee Dee. Of the ten House seats up for election this year, only two have opposition -- all others will lead to one-name ballots in November.

The Herald: Ken Price looks to unseat S.C. Sen. Harvey Peeler in District 14 race

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/community/lake-wylie-pilot/article78939407.html>

John Marks

Harvey Peeler and Charles “Ken” Price have a fair bit in common, including a desire to represent S.C. Sen. Dist. 14. Peeler, 67, of Gaffney is a U.S. Army veteran and Shriner. He has represented Dist. 14 since 1981, and served as the Senate Majority Leader for 11 years. In a surprise announcement earlier this spring, the dairy farmer announced he was stepping down to focus on the rare primary challenge for the seat he’s held for 36 years and wanted to share leadership responsibilities in the Senate. Price, 52, of Boiling Springs is a long-time advocate for veterans and knows Shriner efforts well, having had more than a dozen Shriners Hospital operations as he battles cerebral palsy.

Opinion/Editorial:

Post and Courier: Veto bill; consult doctors

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160521/160529835/veto-bill-consult-doctors>

Editorial

You don’t have to be pro-choice to have concerns about an abortion bill awaiting Gov. Nikki Haley’s signature. You just have to be pro-science. The General Assembly on Tuesday passed a bill that would ban abortions in South Carolina after 19 weeks of pregnancy. And they passed it without seeking input from physicians. Indeed, it appears the legislation simply mirrors legislation passed in more than a dozen other states. Dr. Scott Sullivan, a maternal-fetal specialist and state chairman for the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, says such a law would make it difficult, or sometimes impossible, to care for his patients.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina’s teacher shortage is about to get worse, study says

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160520/PC16/160529915>

Paul Bowers

Leaders of South Carolina’s rural public schools have leaned on programs, such as Teach For America, for

years to supply teachers — particularly in math, science and technical fields. A new state-funded study predicts that the state's chronic teacher shortage is about to get even worse over the next 10 years. In addition to ongoing shortages in STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and math), teacher demand also will outstrip teacher supply in fields including social studies, special education, Spanish, guidance, literacy and gifted-and-talented education, according to the new study from the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement.

Post and Courier: South Carolina likely to be especially affected by new federal rules on overtime pay
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160521/PC05/160529845>

Thad Moore

Come December, Quince Cody plans to keep a closer eye on how long his employees are working, making sure they don't crack 40 hours a week. And when things get busy at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Charleston — when workers would usually pull long hours — the organization plans to rely more heavily on volunteers, said Cody, its president and CEO. Changes like those will be repeated across the country in December when new standards boosting the number of people eligible to earn overtime pay go into effect. They're likely to be especially pronounced in South Carolina, where an especially high percentage of workers are thought to be covered by the updated rules.

Associated Press: Opponents of offshore seismic testing holding hands on shore
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ewpWpHaa
SC State Wire

Advocacy groups opposed to the use of seismic testing to explore for oil and gas offshore are holding events along the South Carolina coast to air their concerns. The groups including Oceana, Don't Drill Lowcountry, and the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy are holding the seventh annual Hands Across the Sand event on Saturday.

Associated Press: Gullah-Geechee Corridor Commission meets in South Carolina
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=hqS0xww0
SC State Wire

The four-state commission working to preserve the culture of slave descendants on the sea islands along the nation's southeast coast is meeting in South Carolina. The Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission meets Saturday in Charleston. It's the first meeting being led by new chairman Anthony Dixon who is an assistant professor at Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Local News:

Associated Press: Names of deputy, suspect released in South Carolina shooting
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=TJlp7G5r
SC State Wire

Authorities have released the names of two South Carolina deputies and a man involved in a police shooting earlier this month. The Saluda County Sheriff's Office said Friday that Lt. Russ Padgett and Deputy Dale Hallman, along with three Lexington County deputies were trying to serve an arrest warrant on Samuel Huguenin Jr. on May 13.

The State: Suspect identified in shooting near Benedict College Thursday night
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article78988052.html#storylink=apmobile>
Rachael Myers Lowe

Columbia Police are looking for 24-year-old Derrick Deyon Lott in connection with the drive-by shooting near Benedict College Thursday afternoon. Lott is considered armed and dangerous, said police chief Skip Holbrook in a release Friday night. Lott is awaiting trial on a domestic violence charge from 2015.

Post and Courier: In latest filing, attorneys for Michael Slager ask for range of evidence
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160520/PC16/160529913>

Andrew Knapp

Attorneys for former North Charleston police officer Michael Slager have asked for more evidence from authorities to help prepare his defense against a murder charge in Walter Scott's shooting death. The filing on Wednesday was Slager's 12th motion for discovery, the process through which opposing attorneys must share certain information.

The State: Snellgrove named Cayce police chief

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article78925362.html>

Tim Flach

Cayce officials selected their new police chief from the ranks of city law enforcement officers. Lt. Byron Snellgrove, a veteran of more than 25 years in law enforcement, was promoted to public safety director Friday. Snellgrove's leadership skills make him "the best choice" for the role, City Manager Rebecca Vance said.

Post and Courier: For College of Charleston student, wearing hijab boosts courage, confidence

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160521/PC12/160529950>

Deanna Pan

When Marah Jadalla wears a hijab, she feels like Iron Man: Strong, confident and protected. "The hijab," she said, "is my armor." A 19-year-old marketing and studio arts major at the College of Charleston, she started wearing the hijab — a scarf covering her head and neck — two years ago as an act of devotion to God and her Islamic faith. The hijab is perhaps the most visible and misunderstood marker of Muslim identity, making American "Hijabis" involuntary ambassadors for their religion and potential targets for discrimination in this era of anti-Muslim hysteria.

Post and Courier: Emanuel AME shooting victim Ethel Lance's family launches foundation

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160520/PC16/160529914>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

The family of Ethel Lance, who was killed in the Emanuel AME Church shooting last summer, has launched an education-focused foundation and awarded its first scholarship on Thursday. Her family created The Ethel Lance Content of Our Character Foundation to support the education needs of students on Wadmalaw Island, where Lance had roots. "The foundation was founded on the premise of to rise above the hate and do something positive," said Audrey Mack, whose father was Lance's brother.

Greenville News: Lockheed Martin's future in Greenville looking brighter

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2016/05/18/lockheed-martins-future-greenville-looking-brighter/84414434/>

Rudolph Bell

The future of Lockheed Martin Corp.'s operation in Greenville County brightened considerably when it was selected for the possibility of assembling an Air Force jet, the company's top local executive said Wednesday. Lockheed Martin announced earlier this year that it would conduct final assembly of the supersonic T-50A at its Greenville complex if it wins a \$12 billion contract to supply the Air Force with 350 jets for use in training fighter pilots.

Times and Democrat: Region's jobless rate declines

http://thetandd.com/news/local/region-s-jobless-rate-declines/article_1bd5a394-33ca-503b-9af3-5f2e18c66a70.html

Bamberg County saw the largest unemployment rate decrease in the state for the month of April, but the county still has the third-highest rate among South Carolina's 46 counties. The county's unemployment rate decreased from 9.7 percent in March to 8.7 percent in April, according to S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce numbers released on Friday. With the fifth-highest jobless rate, Orangeburg County's numbers declined from 8.9 percent in March to 8.3 percent in April.

The State: Richland County sues revenue department over penny tax dispute

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article78932912.html#storylink=apmobile>

Sarah Ellis

The ongoing Richland County penny tax dispute could go to court within weeks, as the county filed a lawsuit Friday afternoon against the state Department of Revenue. The county is seeking an expedited judgment declaring that DOR is operating outside its legal authority by withholding penny tax funds from the county and telling the county how its revenues raised for roads, trails and buses should be spent, according to Ned Nicholson, an attorney with the McNair Law Firm who helped file the suit on the county's behalf.

Greenville News: Residents seek action against Housing Authority

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/05/20/apartment-residents-seek-action-against-housing-authority/84624884/>

Anna Lee

Cauvetress Martin says she has no guarantees that she'll have a home once construction starts at Brookhaven and Westview apartments. Residents of the two communities are being relocated as part of multi-million dollar project that will completely renovate 134 public housing units at Brookhaven Apartments and Westview Homes, according to the Greenville Housing Authority. But at a news conference Friday, Martin and her neighbors said they're being forced to move with no idea of where they're going and fear that they'll be displaced or made homeless in the process.

Morning News: Pay raise the main focus at state employee meeting in Florence

http://m.scnow.com/news/local/article_f5a9e790-1f04-11e6-a116-c30d144e8d15.html?mode=jqm

Joshua Lloyd

South Carolina transportation workers, social service employees and thousands of other daily state function laborers paid by the state are hoping to see a 4 percent pay raise next fiscal year. This sentiment set the tone for the annual meeting of the Florence County chapter of the South Carolina State Employees Association on Friday afternoon on the campus of Florence Darlington Technical College. The South Carolina Senate has proposed a 4 percent pay raise for state employees, while the House budget plan proposes 2 percent.

National News:

Associated Press: Secret Service shoots man with gun outside White House

<http://bigstory.ap.org/90740e4d99b54f18a649a33ff22c91b4>

Ben Nuckols

A U.S. Secret Service officer shot a man with a gun who approached a checkpoint outside the White House and refused to drop his weapon, the Secret Service said. The White House was briefly placed on a security alert after the Friday afternoon shooting, which happened within view of sightseers as sidewalks were crowded with families, school groups and government workers.

Associated Press: Oklahoma governor vetoes bill criminalizing abortion

<http://bigstory.ap.org/74dd1b309fb1492b9d79a3f58cd37206>

Sean Murphy

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin vetoed legislation that would have effectively outlawed abortion in the state by making it a felony for doctors to perform the procedure, saying the measure vague and would not withstand a legal challenge. Fallin, a Republican who opposes abortion, vetoed the measure Friday, just a day after the Legislature passed it. The bill, which abortion-rights group Center for Reproductive Rights said was the first of its kind in the U.S., also would restrict any physician who performs an abortion from obtaining or renewing a license to practice medicine in Oklahoma.

Associated Press: George P. Bush: A Bush can survive in Trump political world

<http://bigstory.ap.org/dd77b5d1e16547b89ca5f727a23119f7>

Will Weissert

George P. Bush was talking about his future political plans — and how Donald Trump wouldn't reshape them — when two women approached, giddy with excitement. What remains to be seen, though, is if a third

George Bush can survive in a political world turned upside down by Trump — where Republican primary voters overwhelmingly have embraced the ultimate outsider who promises to smash the political establishment the Bushes embodied for decades. "Regardless of what comes at me, I'll be prepared," Bush said of the possibility his last name has shifted from GOP royalty to a liability.

Associated Press: Trump's campaign investment tops \$43 million

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e6beafed363b493ebd95c2565880c590>

Chad Day and Julie Bykowicz

Donald Trump poured more than \$7.5 million of his own money into his presidential campaign in April, bringing his total personal investment to more than \$43 million since he declared his candidacy, new campaign finance reports filed late Friday show. The billionaire businessman, who swatted away 16 Republican rivals and relied heavily on wall-to-wall media coverage of his outsized personality and often inflammatory remarks, reported spending about \$56 million during the primary, which lasted until his final two rivals, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Ohio Gov. John Kasich, dropped out of the race at the beginning of May.

Associated Press: Sanders campaign down to less than \$6 million in cash

<http://bigstory.ap.org/d2b6e826f5604b53a7a55ea52aa3dd27>

Julie Bykowicz and Chad Day

Bernie Sanders' campaign had less than \$6 million at the start of May, a critical cash shortage as he makes an admittedly tough final play to wrest the Democratic presidential nomination from Hillary Clinton. Sanders' rival had five times as much money, according to new Federal Election Commission filings, beginning the month with \$30 million in the bank.

World News:

Associated Press: Investigators: smoke detected on Egypt jet just before crash

<http://bigstory.ap.org/19a2a5e506c747ba98392174b4b53909>

Hamza Hendawi and Raphael Satter

Smoke was detected in multiple places on EgyptAir flight 804 moments before it plummeted into the Mediterranean, but the cause of the crash that killed all 66 on board remains unclear, the French air accident investigation agency said on Saturday. Agency spokesman Sebastien Barthe told The Associated Press in Paris that the plane's automatic detection system sent messages indicating smoke a few minutes before the plane disappeared from radar while flying over the east Mediterranean early on Thursday morning.

Associated Press: The Latest: First photos emerge of EgyptAir plane debris

<http://bigstory.ap.org/96a97fe9e71b4bf89d18353e9755da1b>

The first photographs have emerged of debris of EgyptAir flight 804, which crashed into the Mediterranean on its way to Cairo from Paris, killing all 66 people on board. The Egyptian military posted the photos Saturday on its spokesman's Facebook page. They appear to show the heavily-damaged remains of plane seats, life jackets — one of which is seemingly undamaged — and a scrap of cloth that looks to be part of a baby's blanket or sleeping bag. The Egyptian military announced Friday that it had found debris in the eastern Mediterranean, around 180 miles (290 kilometers) north of Alexandria.

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