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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WJCL: Governor Nikki Haley visits Jasper County to discuss port project progress

<http://www.wjcl.com/news/local-local-news/governor-nikki-haley-visits-jasper-county-to-discuss-port-project-progress/189291326/story>

Tori Simkovic

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley met with lawmakers and engineers in Jasper County on Monday to discuss the future of the port project. "South Carolina is growing at record speeds, Georgia is growing at record speeds, and we've got one thing in common," Governor Haley said. She's talking about the Jasper County port, a collaboration between the two states to accommodate growing regional demand. "Today we had everybody from both states come together. Everybody came together, along with the delegation, to say where do we go from here," Governor Haley said. Governor Haley said she expects both legislatures to begin putting money aside for the project. Planners said the next step is regulation and permitting. "By fall, we look forward to getting some consultants on board so we can conduct further studies," Governor Haley said.

Business Savannah: Jasper Ocean Terminal plans on fast track

<http://businessinsavannah.com/bis/2016-05-02/jasper-ocean-terminal-plans-fast-track>

Mary Carr Mayle

After a series of fits and starts, plans for the long-awaited Jasper Ocean Terminal are finally on track, with an ambitious timeline that predicts the first ships could begin calling on the new deep-water container terminal in less than 10 years. The \$4.5 billion terminal, which will be jointly owned and operated by the port authorities of Georgia and South Carolina, is expected to provide needed capacity for the two established ports in Savannah and Charleston and help provide a strong Southeast gateway for container shipping.

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, who was briefed Monday on the progress of the new terminal, thinks it may be needed even sooner. She said she talks frequently with Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal and both states plan a similar approach in paying for the Jasper Terminal, for which federal money may also be available.

Note: "I want the Corps of Engineers to have full confidence in the fact that this is not one state moving faster than the other but that this is two states moving in parallel," on the terminal, she said. "Nothing's difficult if you make it a priority," she said. "We always in South Carolina have tried to be in front of things.

Note: "We showed the Corps we had the resources, we had the plan and we had everything set up so the Corps saw we were ready," for the Charleston deepening, she said. "Now we need to get in front of Jasper."

ABC Columbia: WATCH: After flood, "giving" takes on new meaning this "Midlands Gives"

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/2016/05/03/watch-after-flood-giving-takes-on-new-meaning-this-midlands-gives/>

Grace Joyal

In its third year, "Midlands Gives" has become a welcomed event every spring, but after our state faced historic flooding last fall, the idea of giving has taken on new meaning. This year's 24 hour fundraising campaign has grown to include 383 non-profits, and one of the additions is the One SC Fund, created by Governor Nikki Haley after the flood. With a donation of just \$20, the drywall can be replaced in a room in a flood victim's house. Since its inception, the fund has dished out \$1.68 million in grants to non-profits getting flood victims back on their feet.

The State: Midlands Gives gears up for 24-hour fundraising blitz Tuesday in Columbia

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article75024837.html#storylink=apmobile>

Ready, set – give. More than 380 nonprofits will participate in Tuesday's third annual Midlands Gives. This year, activities are planned throughout the day at the "headquarters," Spirit Communications Park, to help drive the fundraising. The event is a 24-hour online giving challenge to benefit nonprofit organizations around the Midlands. High-energy power hours, prize giveaways and milestone celebrations will punctuate the day at the park on Bull Street in downtown Columbia.

WACH: SC farmers leaning on lawmakers to get Farm Aid bill approved

<http://wach.com/news/local/sc-farmers-leaning-on-lawmakers-to-get-farm-aid-bill-approved>

Shelli Adamczyk

Governor Nikki Haley is threatening to veto a measure that would give farmers millions of dollars to recover from last October's flooding. South Carolina farmers suffered more than \$375 million in losses. Last week Senators approved a bill 33-3 providing \$40 million in relief. The measure would provide up to \$100,000 in grant money to farmers who lost up to 40 percent of their crops.

Note: However, Governor Haley said while she feels bad for farmers, she also feels for small businesses who are still suffering and farmers shouldn't be treated any differently.

Note: Even with the threat of the governor's veto, lawmakers can still block Haley's proposed veto with an override.

General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Senators resume budget debate

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160503/PC1603/160509809>

Maya T. Prabhu

The South Carolina Senate on Tuesday is expected to resume debating the state's proposed \$7.5 billion budget. Lawmakers began debating the appropriations bill — which determines how the budget is spent — last Thursday and are gearing up to hash out the details of the state's finances. Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, has said he wanted to get the budget to the floor early for debate and approved.

Note: During the 2015 Legislative session, the Senate failed to pass the state budget before the end of the regular session on June 4. They had to call a special session to finish the budget to avoid a government shutdown when money ran out at the end of the fiscal year in June. Session ends June 2 this year.

LGBT Laws:

Aiken Standard: Aiken County student says death of so-called 'transgender bathroom bill' leaves room for education

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160503/AIK0101/160509897>

Maayan Schechter

A student at Aiken Technical College, Kory said he probably started to feel more male than female around the fifth grade. That's when he started to cut his hair short and started wearing more "guy" clothes, he said. From there, Kory came out to his friends first, calling it a "great experience." With the death of what has been called the "transgender bathroom bill," Kory, like others, are calling its aftermath an educational opportunity.

SC Agency News:

WLTX: Former DJJ Attorney Files Lawsuit Against the Agency

<http://www.wltx.com/news/local/former-djj-attorney-files-lawsuit-against-the-agency/165445184>

Mary Sturgill

Several weeks ago the Legislative Oversight Committee met and we all learned about the riot and other incidents that happened at the Department of Juvenile Justice. Now The former attorney for the DJJ has filed a lawsuit against the agency he once defended and was an associate director of. Larry Vanderbilt's Attorney tells News 19, "We always believe that sunshine is the best disinfectant in the world and Larry Vanderbilt

believed that coming forth with fair and accurate information and disclosures, and public information was the best way to handle a problem." Cromer says he believes the desire to spread the light on issues at DJJ is one of the reasons his client was fired on March 21, 2016. He says, "Apparently there is a mentality if we can push it under the rug, we can have out time to deal with it, and we don't have the tell people these things."

WIS: Fate of Richland Co. DSS building leads to debate among state, county leaders

<http://www.wistv.com/story/31870290/fate-of-richland-co-dss-building-leads-to-debate-among-state-county-leaders>

Billie Jena Shaw

Strong words between political leaders were exchanged over the status of upgrading Richland County's Department of Social Services building. During a meeting Monday, a county official and a state senator got into a heated debate over delays and gridlock about moving forward. This has been a hot-button issue for nearly two years. The latest development was a seven-page document from the county, which breaks down how much it will cost to purchase a new building or renovate the current facility. While state lawmakers are pushing to get started on the project, county leaders say the money just isn't there.

WIS: West Columbia leaders making improvements to water system following report

<http://www.wistv.com/story/31869695/west-columbia-leaders-making-improvements-to-water-system-following-report>

Chad Mills

Just two weeks after the Department of Health and Environmental Control said West Columbia's water treatment system was "unsatisfactory," city leaders now say they are working to make things better. In late March, DHEC determined the city's water plant on Lake Murray might not have enough chlorine to treat drinking water if it had to operate at maximum capacity due to some faulty machines. At that point, only one of the four machines was operational. However, officials say they're working on two backup plans to make sure the city's water continues to be safe for consumption. On Tuesday, city leaders will vote on whether they should lease a couple new machines.

WACH: Flats, cracks and dings: Get the state to pay your repair bill

<http://wach.com/news/local/flats-cracks-and-dings-get-the-state-to-pay-your-repair-bill>

Tara Petitt

Less than one third of pavements on the South Carolina Interstate system are in good condition, according to Department of Transportation Secretary Christy Hall. She says less than twenty percent of major highways are in good condition. Currently, the agency operates on about 1.5 billion dollars each year, but Hall says the need is at least twice that amount. "The majority of our roadways are in very poor condition and need to be addressed.. We're just not able to keep up with the needs."

Note: A new measure passed by the South Carolina Senate would give a 2 billion dollar spending plan for roads.

Note: Another measure passed by the Senate is to funnel 400 million dollars a year out of the general fund to roads and bridges. Hall says they would spend that money by leveraging it through a combination of State Infrastructure Bank funds as well as combine it with some of the DOT's Federal funds that the agency is already receiving. By doing so, Hall says they can leverage those dollars close to four billion dollars in money for roads and bridges.

SC Political News:

Independent Mail: Law forbids relocation of Guantanamo detainees, Duncan says

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/law-forbids-relocation-of-guantanamo-detainees-duncan-says--31ddaeea-90ed-68f4-e053-0100007f2c55-377922501.html>

Abe Hardesty

Legal issues and election-year politics were the hot topics on Monday when U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan visited Anderson and spoke to constituents at the May meeting of the First Monday Club of Anderson. The third-term District 3 Republican praised South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley's efforts to block the transfer of Guantánamo

Bay prisoners to the state and reiterated his position on that plan. He also raised questions about a possible legal twist in the upcoming presidential election. Duncan said he supported Haley in a battle with the Obama administration, which plans to close the security facility at Cuba's Guantánamo Bay by relocating its war detainees to the Charleston area.

Post and Courier: USC ex-coach Holtz touts Trump in a tweet as Indiana gets ready to vote

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160502/PC1603/160509818>

Schuyler Kropf

Former University of South Carolina football coach Lou Holtz is endorsing Donald Trump for president, appearing in a video while wearing a Notre Dame pullover on the eve of the Indiana primary. In a tweet released Monday, Holtz is seen sitting and speaking to a camera as he delivers a message meant to draw Republican support to the presidential front-runner. "Greetings, I'm Lou Holtz and I wholeheartedly endorse Donald Trump as the next president of the United States. There's nothing but winners in Indiana," Holtz said.

Sun News: Democrats form an oasis at Galivants Ferry Stump

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/politics-government/article75275227.html>

Audrey Hudson

It's a rare occurrence in these parts for Democrats to outnumber Republicans, but it's the standard for the historical Galivants Ferry Stump now in its 140th year, where those of like political minds can spend the evening with kindred spirits. Hundreds of political devotees gathered Monday by the Holliday farm near the bank of the Little Pee Dee River to meet dozens of politicians face-to-face. From the local school board candidate to the U.S. Senate hopeful, all expressed their determination to kick Republicans out of office.

SC Elections:

Greenville News: Nanney, Elliott at odds over votes, work attendance during candidate forum

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/05/02/nanney-elliott-odds-over-votes-work-attendance-during-candidate-forum/83826844/>

Rudolph Bell

State Rep. Wendy Nanney of Taylors on Monday night denied a challenger's claim that she hasn't been "showing up for work." Greenville lawyer Jason Elliott, who's challenging Nanney to represent House District 22, brought up the issue during a candidate forum at the Kroc Center. Elliott said Nanney had missed more than 30 percent of votes during her current two-year term, through March 30, and more than 50 percent of votes this year through March 30. Nanney denied it, but Elliott persisted, urging members of the audience to go to the General Assembly's web site to check his claim.

Independent Mail: 14th Circuit Solicitor candidates spar in Bluffton

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article75219132.html>

Lucas High

Is incumbent 14th Circuit Solicitor Duffie Stone too entrenched in the political system to be an effective prosecutor? Is it a conflict of interest for his challenger, Angela McCall-Tanner, to be married to Beaufort County's top cop? These were among the questions hotly debated Monday evening before an audience of about 40 potential voters at a candidate forum in Bluffton. McCall-Tanner, wife of Beaufort County Sheriff P.J. Tanner and former 14th Circuit prosecutor and county magistrate judge, challenged her ex-boss's efficacy and commitment to the job.

Opinion/Editorial:

Post and Courier: No more delays on ethics reform

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160503/PC1002/160509825>

Editorial

The S.C. House of Representatives can end the legislative wrangling over ethics reform this week by approving Senate bills that provide for independent investigation of ethics complaints against legislators and for a

measure of income disclosure. The bills don't offer everything that advocates of heightened ethics oversight hoped for, but they are an improvement over what South Carolina now has. There are compelling reasons to strengthen the ethics rules for legislators. Now that the Senate has finally acted on reform measures, the House should move to complete its work on the ethics bills this week.

Post and Courier: Lawmakers' rhetoric increases burdens on LGBT youth

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160503/PC1002/160509840>

Editorial: Melissa Moore

These bills are about discrimination, not safety. While it looks like the anti-transgender bathroom bill will not move forward in the General Assembly this year, we need to talk about addressing the very real issues that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender young people are facing. LGBT youth represent about 7 percent of the total population of young people, but they make up 40 percent of the youth who experience homelessness each year. The Lowcountry Homeless Coalition is working with local governments and citizens to find permanent housing solutions for people living on the streets, but not enough is being done to specifically address the needs of LGBT youth.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: US Bobsled team looking for athletes; 9 combines scheduled

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

SC State Wire

USA Bobsled & Skeleton is looking for athletes and will be conducting combine events across the country. Assistant coach Mike Dionne says summer recruiting will focus on luring elite athletes who believe "they have what it takes to represent their country at the highest level, and have dreams of competing for Olympic medals." Nine events are on the combine schedule, starting with Park City, Utah on June 10. Also on the list are: Lake Placid, New York; Bradenton, Florida; Columbia, South Carolina; Gaithersburg, Maryland; Geneva, Ohio; Colorado Springs, Colorado; San Francisco; and the final one August 1 in Houston.

The State: Steve Spurrier not eager for Williams-Brice return

<http://www.thestate.com/sports/college/university-of-south-carolina/usc-football/josh-kendall-blog/article75219417.html>

Josh Kendall

Steve Spurrier still isn't sure he's ready to be honored at Williams-Brice Stadium this upcoming season, but he'll be at Florida Field at least once in the fall for a ceremony. Spurrier will be recognized in Gainesville, Fla., during the Gators season opener against UMass, he told The State on Monday. This season will be the 50th anniversary of Spurrier winning the Heisman Trophy as the Florida quarterback. He'll also celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary this fall.

Local News:

Sun News: One dead after shooting near Coastal Carolina University

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article75169442.html>

Emily Weaver and Claire Byun

One man is dead and three men are in custody following a shooting Monday at an off-campus housing complex near Coastal Carolina University. Cameron James Culp, 20, was killed Monday afternoon at The Cove apartment complex, home to a number of CCU students, according to Horry County Deputy Coroner Michelle McSpadden. Culp was from Detroit, M.I. and died of injuries sustained in the shooting, she said.

Associated Press: Deputy shoots man who was waving gun in South Carolina

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

SC State Wire

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is investigating after a deputy shot a man authorities say was waving a gun in Greenville County. Greenville County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Jennings Autrey tells news outlets

deputies responded to a report of a suspect waving a gun Monday night near a Wal-Mart in Taylors. The responding deputy made contact with the suspect and requested backup.

Independent Mail: Coroner: Death of man in police custody in Anderson caused by 'excited delirium'
<http://www.independentmail.com/news/coroner-death-of-man-in-police-custody-in-anderson-caused-by-excited-delirium-31ddaaea-90ee-68f4-e05--377860491.html>

Abe Hardesty

The weekend death of Anderson resident Benston Calvin Clinkscales was caused by "excited delirium," Anderson County Deputy Coroner Don McCown said. McCown's preliminary report filed Monday shows that "complications related to illicit drug use and alcohol" were factors in Clinkscales' death. Clinkscales, 26, died early Sunday morning at the AnMed Health Medical Center emergency department, while in police custody. According to the National Institutes of Health, "excited delirium" is characterized by agitation, aggression, acute distress and sudden death. It is typically associated with the use of drugs that alter dopamine processing and hyperthermia.

Herald-Journal: Wright addresses recent comments during NAACP forum

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160502/articles/160509925>

Allison M. Roberts

Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright addressed a packed NAACP forum Monday night and answered questions regarding recent comments he made about the organization and the Ku Klux Klan. The Spartanburg branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People hosted the candidate forum and invited all candidates who are running for office this year. Wright said he had been asked whether he thought the NAACP was a racist group, and he said no but some of the groups that have spawned from the Ferguson and Baltimore riots don't abide by the same principles as the NAACP, and those were the groups he was referring to. "It was never my intention to lump the NAACP and the KKK together," Wright said. "One organization was ugly, and the other was started to help."

Post and Courier: Charleston County teachers brace for painful cuts as community pushes back

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160502/PC16/160509847>

Paul Bowers

The Charleston County School Board is asking many of its teachers to do more with less this fall as it cuts the budget to the bone to avoid a financial shortfall, and some are frightened that they won't be able to do right by their students. In a meeting where board members remarked that they were slashing "almost to the marrow" to make ends meet, teachers and parents lined up to tell the board about the human cost of their decisions. Several called on the board to avoid making further cuts by raising taxes, an option the school district has not exercised since 2011.

The Herald: Over 600 apply for Rock Hill school choice programs

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/education/article75184067.html>

Jennifer Becknell

More than 600 students applied to Rock Hill school choice programs by Friday's deadline – about twice as many as have applied in the past – school leaders said Monday. Acceptance notices are expected to be issued later this month, under a timeline established by the Rock Hill school district. "As this point, we are looking at numbers, and we also have to look at available seats," said Rich Melzer, executive director of choice schools. "We will set up the lottery for those schools where we have more applications than we do spaces."

WLTX: Midlands Gives to Help Flood Victims

<http://www.wltx.com/news/local/flood-recovery/midlands-gives-to-help-flood-victims/165162079>

Janae Frazier

Nonprofits across our area are gearing up for the third annual Midlands Gives event on Tuesday including many organizations working to help flood victims. It's a 24-hour online giving event to raise money for more than 375 nonprofit organizations. Cooperative Ministry is one of the nonprofits participating. The organization has been able to help several flood victims during the flood but it's currently are having a hard

time filling their food pantry.

Post and Courier: Growing Charleston airport wants more taxis

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160502/PC05/160509874>

Warren L. Wise

More passengers hailing cabs at Charleston International could soon lead to more taxis operating at the state's busiest airport. Airport CEO Paul Campbell said the number of permitted cabs could grow by nearly 20 percent under a plan being considered to boost service. "Our number of passengers is growing, and we need more taxis here at night," he said. The airport now allows 55 licensed taxis to operate at the airport. Campbell suggested adding 10 more.

The State: Columbia wine and spirits distributor plans expansion

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article75234632.html#storylink=apmobile>

Avery G. Wilks

An already massive wine and liquor distributor based in Columbia is getting bigger. Southern Wine & Spirits of South Carolina on Monday received a city panel's permission to build a 63,000-square-foot addition to its distribution warehouse off Atlas Road near I-77. The distribution center will grow to roughly 302,000 square feet with the expansion, according to documents presented to Columbia's Planning Commission. City planning staff said they believe it to be the largest wine and liquor distribution center in Columbia.

Aiken Standard: Inaugural Aiken Charity Horse Shows set for Horse Park

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160503/AIK0101/160509912>

Dede Biles

The Aiken Horse Park was a busy place Monday morning. Soon there will be even more activity because the inaugural Aiken Charity Horse Shows are about to begin. Aiken Charity I will be held Wednesday through Sunday, and Aiken Charity II is set for May 11 to 15. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Child Advocacy Center of Aiken County, Aiken Equine Rescue and Danny and Ron's Rescue, which is based in Camden and Wellington, Florida. "Our goal coming into these horse shows is that we will bring in the type of people that we would like to see buy some of the farms and other properties that are for sale here and end up enjoying Aiken as much as we do," Bostwick said.

National News:

Associated Press: Ted Cruz desperately seeks to stop Donald Trump in Indiana

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:211716a292a245498827f5fa7fac070b>

Julie Pace and Scott Bauer

Republican Ted Cruz faces a high-stakes test for his slumping presidential campaign in Tuesday's Indiana primary, one of the last opportunities for the Texas senator to halt Donald Trump's stunning march toward the GOP nomination. Cruz has spent the past week camped out in Indiana, securing the support of the state's governor and announcing retired technology executive Carly Fiorina as his running mate. Yet his aides were pessimistic heading into Tuesday's voting and were prepared for Cruz to fall short, though the senator vowed to stay in the race, regardless of the results. "I am in for the distance, as long as we have a viable path to victory," Cruz told reporters on Monday during a campaign stop.

The State: In Indiana, it's do or die for Cruz, #NeverTrump

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article75184547.html#storylink=apmobile>

Tuesday in Indiana is do-or-die time for the GOP's #NeverTrump movement and its would-be leader, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas. And, according to polls, it is not looking good for the anti-Trump forces. Meanwhile, former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will move another step toward the Democratic nomination. Trump leads by about 10 percentage points over Cruz in Indiana, according to an average of polls by Real Clear Politics. Ominously, for the anti-Trump forces, that lead has been increasing — the most recent poll had the New York billionaire up by 17 percentage points. Clinton's lead is narrower over U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont —

ranging from as much as 13 percentage points to, more recently, as little as 4 points.

World News:

Associated Press: Details of N. Korea party congress secret, but goals clear

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:b0c294704ec543388e8b260ef0d30046>

Eric Talmadge

North Korea, the world's last great master of Cold War-era spectacle, is likely to deliver a big one when its ruling party holds its first congress in 36 years later this week. What exactly is in store during the congress, which opens Friday and will be presided over by leader Kim Jong Un, remains a well-kept secret. But North Korea's advances toward becoming a truly credible nuclear power are sure to be touted along with claims of economic advances in the face of the toughest global sanctions it has been hit with in decades. Also not in doubt: Pyongyang wants the event to grab headlines around the world.

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