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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WFXG: South Carolina gun owners react to gun reciprocity law

<http://www.wfxg.com/story/32149659/south-carolina-gun-owners-react-to-gun-reciprocity-law>

Jake Rakoci

South Carolinian concealed carry gun owners can finally cross the River legally with their weapon. Governor Nikki Haley signed the gun reciprocity bill into law Friday, meaning gun owners can use their South Carolina concealed carry permits legally in Georgia. "It's been a very long time coming, it's a good thing," said Stephanie Scott, owner of the Gun Rack Range in Aiken. It's exciting news for Scott and concealed carry gun owners at the Gun Rack Range. The gun reciprocity law will mean no more loopholes to carry their handguns across the river. "I'm glad they finally got it passed. It's been too long, mulling around, going back and forth, it's a great thing for Georgia residents and South Carolina residents that carry concealed," said Scott.

Journal Star: Editorial, 6/6: Let prisons jam cell phones

http://journalstar.com/news/opinion/editorial/editorial-let-prisons-jam-cell-phones/article_e17b1ea9-5c45-5b76-b8b1-dc12e14e0a95.html

The Journal Star Editorial Board

Prison inmates are using smuggled cell phones behind prison bars to do everything from ordering hits on prison officials to extorting money from the relatives of inmates. That's why Gov. Pete Ricketts and nine other Republican governors have asked the Federal Communications Commission to give them the "flexibility and authority" to use jamming technology and other ways to block inmate cellphones. The FCC should give states the autonomy they seek without delay. The FCC in 2013 identified technology solutions for the problem, but has yet to act on them.

Note: Leading the effort is Gov. Nikki Haley of South Carolina, where an inmate in 2010 used an illegal cell phone to set up a hit on an anti-contraband corrections officer who worked at one of the state's most violent prisons.

Note: In an op-ed published in USA Today, Haley recounted other examples of how illegal cellphones are used by inmates. "For example, one Georgia woman received a text demanding \$250 from inmates in the same prison as her fiancé. When she couldn't gather the money, she was texted an image of him with burns, broken fingers and the word "RAT" carved into his forehead, Haley wrote.

General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Lawmakers say small steps taken this session show goodwill to improve education in rural areas

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160605/160609732/lawmakers-say-small-steps-taken-this-session-show-goodwill-to-improve-education-in-rural-areas>

Maya T. Prabhu

Legislators believe they did enough this year to prove they're on track to provide quality education for children in the state's impoverished school districts. But a lawyer representing those schools believes their effort fell short. The General Assembly will submit an update to the S.C. Supreme Court in July showing what steps they took to improve education in poor and rural areas. The update is in

response to the 2014 court ruling in the two decade-long legal battle filed by the Abbeville School District and other rural districts that found the state had failed to provide students a constitutionally mandated adequate education.

Note: The approved bills, which have been signed by Gov. Nikki Haley, deal with redefining expectations of a high school graduate, and allowing the state Department of Education to help failing school districts. Bills ratified by the General Assembly on Thursday that were awaiting Haley's signature as of Friday afternoon include one creating a survey for education students about teacher recruitment and retention, and another authorizing a study that analyzes education laws already on the books.

Note: "For the third year in a row, we have worked with the Legislature to make significant investments in our schools — reforming the funding formula, passing Read to Succeed, bolstering technology in every school and providing for reading coaches — and even though the court hasn't acknowledged this progress, we will work with the Legislature going forward to continue these annual advances in education," Haley spokeswoman Chaney Adams said in an email.

WACH: Lawmakers speak out on possible removal of Richland County Recreation Commission members

<http://wach.com/news/local/lawmakers-speak-out-on-possible-removal-of-richland-county-recreation-commission-members>

Tara Petitt

The same group of lawmakers that called for an investigation into the Richland County Recreation Commission is now taking things a step further. Members of the Richland County delegation have set a date to discuss suspending members of the commission. "This is the next step," said Representative Beth Bernstein, who is part of the Richland delegation and also assisted in initiating the investigation into the commission. Bernstein and several other Richland delegation members have come forward to say it is time for them to meet once again in order to gain control of an escalating situation at the Richland County Recreation Commission.

SC Political News:

Aiken Standard: South Carolina Treasurer's unclaimed property program coming to Aiken

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160604/AIK0101/160609746>

Staff from the S.C. Treasurer's Unclaimed Property Program will be on site at the Aiken County Treasurer's Office on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to a news release. The purpose is to provide free unclaimed property searches. South Carolina residents are encouraged to stop by the Aiken County Treasurer's Office to see if property is being held in safekeeping for them by the State Treasurer's Office, the release said. "I want every South Carolinian to be aware of our unclaimed property program and our commitment to connecting citizens to the property they rightfully own," State Treasurer Curtis Loftis said in prepared remarks. "The service is free, and it takes just minutes to find out if you or your business has money waiting to be claimed."

SC Agency News:

The State: For juvenile inmates, education inside the fence is key to success on the outside

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/education/article81954347.html#storylink=apmobile>

Sarah Ellis

Life for Carban, Lauren, Shikeem and about 100 other juvenile inmates exists solely inside the high metal fence surrounding the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice compound off Broad River Road in Columbia. And inside those classrooms inside that fence, the choices those students make for success or otherwise can determine the paths they walk one day on the other side. "What we do here will probably determine whether these young men or young ladies end up in prison for the rest of their lives or leave and go back a changed person," said Floyd Lyles, interim principal of DJJ's Birchwood

school on the Broad River campus. "No. 1, I want you to be a better person. And No. 2, I want you to graduate while you're here." DJJ's independent school system is responsible for the education of about 700 students at 15 sites across the state. Anywhere from 80 to 100 middle- and high-school-aged students attend Birchwood at any given time.

Herald-Journal: SCDOT proposes bridge replacements

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160605/articles/160609840>

The South Carolina Department of Transportation will host a public information meeting Tuesday to discuss proposed bridge replacements in Spartanburg County. The meeting will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at Spartanburg Community College in the Commissioner's Dining Room, Dan L. Terhune Student Services Building, 107 Community College Drive, Spartanburg.

SC Elections:

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Horne, Sanford debate

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160606/PC1603/160609596>

Gavin Jackson

With nearly a week until the primaries, 1st District Republican U.S. Rep Mark Sanford will debate primary challenger state Rep. Jenny Horne, R-Summerville, this evening on SCETV. The hour-long debate begins at 7 p.m. on all SCETV stations. It is the first and only debate the two will have ahead of the June 14 primary. Sanford defeated former Charleston County Councilman Curtis Bostic in the April 2013 primary for the seat that came open when Tim Scott was picked by Gov. Nikki Haley to replace Sen. Jim DeMint following his resignation. Sanford defeated Elizabeth Colbert Busch in the special election that May. Sanford was unopposed in 2014.

Associated Press: Sanford, Horne meeting in congressional debate

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=G2Smz5dT

SC State Wire

U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford is facing off against state Rep. Jenny Horne in a debate in their race for the GOP nomination in the Lowcountry's 1st Congressional District. Local media outlets report that the two meet Monday evening in a debate that is being televised on South Carolina Educational Television Network. It's their first joint appearance of the campaign in advance of next week's GOP primary in the district that runs from the Charleston area southwest along the coast to the Georgia state line. The primary is June 14.

Associated Press: Former Carolina Panther ends York County sheriff campaign

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=AN6gLjyv

SC State Wire

A former Carolina Panther, businessman and sheriff's deputy has ended his quest to become York County's top law enforcement officer. The Herald of Rock Hill (<http://bit.ly/24qVj0p>) reports Michael Scurlock Jr. announced in a Facebook post Saturday he had failed to collect enough signatures to get on the November ballot as a petition candidate. Scurlock, a University of Arizona graduate, played in the NFL from 1995-2000. He was a defensive back for the St. Louis Rams for four years before ending his career with the Panthers and was a deputy, public information officer and crime prevention officer at the sheriff's office before resigning two years ago.

Independent Mail: Oconee County Council District 2 races pits incumbent against young challenger

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/oconee-county-council-district-2-races-pits-incumbent-against-young-challenger-348eb9fb-c49b-7115-e0-381918511.html>

Ray Chandler

The Republican primary for the District 2 seat on Oconee County Council pits a two-term incumbent against a young retired businessman. Wayne McCall faces his first serious challenge for the District 2

Republican nomination since being elected to the council in 2008. Jared Kettermann is looking to become one of Oconee County's up-and-coming leaders. District 2 covers central Oconee County. Whoever wins the Republican primary is not expected to face opposition in the November general election.

The State: Many choices await Lexington County voters at GOP ballot

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article81954617.html#storylink=apmobile>

Tim Flach

Retirements and resentment are producing many choices for Lexington County voters to settle at the June 14 primary ballot, all among Republicans. The bumper crop of candidates is fueled by the decision of many veteran officeholders to step down and a backlash against a penny sales tax that remains under consideration as a way to fix crowded, crumbling roads. "Those factors mean it's one of those times where a lot of challenges happen," political consultant R.J. Shealy said.

Morning News: Florence NAACP hosts candidate forum

http://www.scnw.com/news/article_f0467dba-2b96-11e6-873f-132e4c90844a.html

Joshua Lloyd

The Florence chapter of the NAACP hosted a candidate forum Sunday afternoon for candidates in many of the races in the Florence area, including the mayor's seat, two at-large city council seats, City Council District 2, County Council District 4, county treasurer, county sheriff and Senate Districts 30 and 31. The forum was held in the fellowship hall of Trinity Baptist Church in Florence. It was moderated by Maggie Wallace Glover, a professor at Morris College and a former South Carolina senator. The format followed that of a similar forum held last week by the Florence Friends of the Democratic Party, at which candidates were allowed three minutes to introduce themselves and were then given one minute to answer each of three audience-suggested questions.

LGBT Laws:

McClatchy DC: Lessons from a town – D.C. – with transgender bathroom rights for the past 10 years

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article81709387.html>

Anna Douglas

If North Carolina political leaders are forced by federal officials to abandon the controversial HB2 bathroom law, there's a city a few hundred miles north with a model they could use." Washington, D. C., the nation's political epicenter – and the place where the long-term fate of laws like HB2 are likely to be decided in court – has officially allowed transgender people to use public restrooms based on their gender identity since 2006. In effect, D.C.'s law is the opposite of North Carolina's HB2, said Elliot Imse, director of policy and communication in Washington's Office of Human Rights.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: After 11 years, hope for South Carolina's mentally ill inmates

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article81681792.html>

Opinion: Gloria Prevost

After 11 years of litigation, the S.C. Department of Corrections has agreed to make real changes in the treatment of inmates with serious mental illness. A settlement agreement between the agency and the class-action plaintiffs, Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, could end the brutal treatment of an estimated 3,500 inmates with serious mental illness. This is a long-needed agreement that has the potential to end a dark chapter in South Carolina history. Offenders with serious mental illnesses were subjected to abject brutality and neglect, much of which was captured on video that shocked the nation when shown in open court. My organization brought the class-action lawsuit in 2005 after investigating numerous incidents of abuse and neglect. The case was tried for six weeks in 2012. In early 2014, Circuit Judge Michael Baxley issued a landmark ruling finding

grossly unconstitutional treatment of inmates with serious mental illness.

The Herald: SC legislators need guts to take Confederate Flag down from Citadel chapel

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article81934507.html>

Opinion: Andrew Dys

Politicians are weak. Some, close to brainless. Only someone without guts, or a brain, would not want to take down the Confederate flag from the Citadel's chapel in Charleston. That flag of hate and racism, it flies in a church. Take it down. Somehow, a year after a white racist – who wanted to start a race war under the colors of that flag – killed nine black people in another church in the same city, the flag still flies in the chapel at a public college. South Carolina's politicians, the joke of America for so long because the state defiantly flew the Rebel Flag, have a chance to finally put the last celebrated Confederate flag to rest. They have not done so.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Tropical Storm Colin heading toward Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160605/PC16/160609610>

Dave Munday

A tropical storm is expected to bring heavy rain and possible flash flooding to the Charleston area Monday and Tuesday as it travels along the coast. Tropical Storm Colin is expected to pass by Charleston on Tuesday morning. The National Weather Service has issued tropical storm and a flash flood warnings for South Carolina coastal counties, including Charleston, Berkeley and Colleton counties, from Monday afternoon through Tuesday morning. The storm could dump between half an inch to three-quarters of an inch of rain Monday afternoon and a quarter to half an inch Tuesday morning, according to the weather service.

Local News:

Associated Press: Authorities: Florida man killed in midair SC skydiving crash

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=f6E26mEY

SC State Wire

Deputies in South Carolina say a skydiver collided with another skydiver in midair before falling about 14,000 feet to his death. Local media outlets report that the body of 32-year-old Bond Springer of Boca Raton, Florida, was found Sunday near Skydive Carolina, a skydiving business in Chester County. Authorities say Springer and another experienced skydiver were doing advanced wing suit maneuvers during the final day of CarolinaFest, an event featuring specialized jump teams, when they collided in midair. The other skydiver deployed his main parachute and landed with a broken leg. Springer was not able to land safely.

Associated Press: 27 arrested in Spartanburg County prostitution sting

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=jrnOGE8d

SC State Wire

Authorities say 27 people are facing charges as part of an undercover operation to curtail prostitution in Spartanburg County. The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office said in a news release that the arrests were made recently over a two-week period. The suspects range in age from 18 years old to 69 years old. The charges include prostitution, loitering for prostitution, public disorderly conduct, possession of cocaine base and possession with intent to distribute marijuana.

The State: Woman charged after 68 dogs, 5 cats found in 'deplorable conditions'

<http://www.thestate.com/living/pets/article81983597.html#storylink=apmobile>

The Colleton County Sheriff's Office arrested Lynne Lucille Vanhouse, 68, on Friday after charging her with 10 counts of ill treatment of animals. The charges are felonies, according to Lt. Shane

Roberts of the Sheriff's Office. They stem from a Sheriff's Office investigation and stand in addition to the 10 misdemeanors Vanhouse was charged with after a Colleton County Animal and Environmental Control investigation, according to Roberts.

Sun News: 2 a.m. bar closing time back for another round before Horry County Council

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/business/tourism/article81947952.html>

Christian Boschult

The council, which gave the ordinance a favorable vote May 17 during the first of three required readings, is scheduled to have the second vote Tuesday. But council Chairman Mark Lazarus said the ordinance might be tabled or sent back to a county committee. Bar owners who cater to Brewer and other hospitality workers say the ordinance would kill their business - and they plan to be at Tuesday's public hearing to tell that to the council. "We do 40 to 50 percent of our business after 2 a. m.," said Wes Carpenter, the general manager and a bartender at Remedies Sports Pub and Pizzeria off U.S. 17 Bypass.

Associated Press: Property owner groups weigh costs of rebuilding SC dams

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

SC State Wire

Eight months after many parts of central South Carolina were devastated by historic flooding, some Richland County property owners are preparing for a future without the placid lakes that increased their land values and made life pleasant. The State newspaper reports (<http://bit.ly/1Ur9xc8>) Sunday that property owner groups, which own the dams, say they miss the water but that rebuilding would be too expensive. More than 1.5 feet of rain fell on parts of the Columbia area in early October. Ever since, many have been asking how long it would take to rebuild the 48 state-regulated dams that broke across South Carolina.

Herald-Journal: I-85 widening in Cherokee County could begin in 2018

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160605/articles/160609843>

Bob Montgomery

Plans are moving forward for the long-awaited widening of Interstate 85 along a 10-mile stretch in Cherokee County from just west of the Broad River to the North Carolina state line. The interstate will be widened from two lanes to three lanes in each direction from Exit 96 to Exit 106, and four of the interchanges will be enlarged so they can handle more traffic, according to S.C. Department of Transportation project manager Brad Reynolds. Also, a railroad crossing at mile marker 101 might be replaced as part of the \$171 million project.

Herald-Journal: BMW's new body shop to double size of facility

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160605/articles/160609893>

Bob Montgomery

Not only is BMW adding 800 new jobs to its 8,000-employee workforce with a \$1 billion expansion project announced in March 2014, but it will have 1,700 robots doing much of the work when the latest body shop opens. Work is underway on a 1.2 million-square-foot body shop at the 1,150-acre Greer campus that will equal the size of BMW's original production plant that opened in 1994. The current expansion project represents the plants fifth major upgrade and follows a \$900 million expansion in 2012.

Post and Courier: The Citadel plans to open new nursing program next year

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160605/PC16/160609731>

Lauren Sausser

The Citadel plans to launch a new nursing program in January with a \$4 million anonymous gift. The program, already endorsed by the state Commission on Higher Education, is pending approval from the South Carolina Board of Nursing. "We've been working on this for over a year now," said Connie Book, the college's provost and dean. "We're really focused on providing good nurses to the Armed

Forces." Several schools in the Lowcountry, including the Medical University of South Carolina, Trident Technical College and Charleston Southern University, already offer nursing degrees.

Associated Press: Special masks help kids through radiation treatments

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=etDmqG2G

SC State Wire

A nasty headache was the first sign that something might be wrong with Darrell Bolt. And when the 11-year-old began stumbling the next morning, his worried parents, Amanda and Jamey, took him to the doctor. Tests would eventually reveal the terrifying news - an inoperable tumor on his brain. Radiation treatments to shrink the tumor were scheduled immediately. In order to spare unaffected parts of the brain, technicians fashion a white plastic mesh mask for patients to wear during treatment to keep them from moving while beams of radiation are directed at the tumor.

The State: Shaw Air Force couple honors fallen SC soldiers

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/military/article81945777.html#storylink=apmobile>

Glen Luke Flanagan

When Mike and Brandy Hill first came to South Carolina, they settled into life at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter the best way they knew – getting involved in local running groups. Now, as founders of South Carolina Run for the Fallen, the couple has a mission to make sure that South Carolinians who died in military service are remembered. They spent Sunday fundraising at the American Legion Richland Post 6 on Pickens Street. Seventeen vendors attended, with goods ranging from festival food to cosmetics.

National News:

Associated Press: Former governor resumes testimony in speaker's trial

<http://bigstory.ap.org/67ba9f08713649ccb9c2d95602e21eda>

Former Alabama Gov. Bob Riley will resume his testimony in the ethics trial of the state's House speaker. Riley will return to the witness stand Monday morning. Prosecutors began questioning Riley on Friday about emails House Speaker Mike Hubbard sent to him. Hubbard wrote that he wanted to work for Riley's new lobbying firm. Riley said the request was something of a running joke between them and weren't always serious.

Associated Press: After weekend wins, Clinton on cusp of Democratic nomination

<http://bigstory.ap.org/4c9c850385c84b12ad5b85fda49743f9>

Catherin Lucey and Lisa Lerer

Hillary Clinton stands on the cusp of having enough delegates to claim the Democratic presidential nomination, having overwhelmed Bernie Sanders in a pair of weekend elections in the Caribbean. Yet the former secretary of state barely noted her commanding wins Saturday in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Sunday in Puerto Rico, instead remaining focused on Tuesday's contest in California and five other states — and a general election matchup to come against presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump. "We're going to have a very contentious campaign," Clinton said late Sunday night at a rally in the California capital, "because I'm going to point out at every single moment that I can why I believe the Republican nominee should never get near the White House."

Associated Press: GOP to Trump: Lay off Judge Curiel's Mexican heritage

<http://bigstory.ap.org/4013c72dc31547e2aabfc25993602bbe>

Laurie Kellman

Republicans are warning their presumptive presidential nominee to lay off the Latino judge presiding over a lawsuit against Trump University and make good on a promise to unite the fractured GOP. One prominent supporter urged the candidate to start acting like "a potential leader of the United States." "We're all behind him now," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell warned, adding that it's

time for unifying the party, not "settling scores and grudges." "I hope he'll change his direction."

World News:

Associated Press: Aid group says IS shooting civilians fleeing Fallujah battle

<http://bigstory.ap.org/9bbb432f0d474e94ad59f6b006ab5f55>

Sinan Salaheddin

The Islamic State group has been shooting at civilians as they try to flee the fighting between Iraqi government forces and IS militants in the city of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, an international aid organization says. A number of those fleeing civilians have been killed as they tried to cross the Euphrates River, the Norwegian Refugee Council, said in a report late Sunday. The NRC, which works with refugees and internally displaced Iraqis, cited interviews with some of those who fled in its report late Sunday. Iraqi forces, backed by U.S.-led coalition airstrikes, have been fighting to retake the IS-held city of Fallujah since late May but the advance stalled last week because of heavy resistance the militants have put up and because an estimated 50,000 civilians remain trapped inside the city.

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