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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Freight elevator maker expanding to South Carolina

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140507/PC05/140509530/1010/freight-elevator-maker-expanding-to-south-carolina>

John McDermott

A Spanish-owned manufacturer of freight elevators and conveyors is investing \$1.5 million to open a sales office in Fairfield County. Gov. Nikki Haley's office said it will be Hidral USA Inc.'s first facility in North America. The company plans to create 25 jobs over five years and eventually manufacture goods in Ridgeway.

Post and Courier: Daniel Island votes to abandon annexation effort

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140507/PC16/140509520/1177/daniel-island-votes-to-abandon-annexation-effort>

Brenda Rindge

Residents of the 4,000-acre island, which is in the city of Charleston and Berkeley County, started studying the issue last summer after the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association and the Daniel Island Property Owners Association met with lawyers last summer to determine if there was interest among voters in switching counties.

Note: After 10 percent of the island's voters signed a petition, Gov. Nikki Haley appointed a commission that includes Michael White and John Tiencken, both of Daniel Island, Shirley Hinson of Goose Creek and John West of Moncks Corner.

Associated Press: House Judiciary OKs ethics reform proposal

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=AcrT2LFD

A proposal that would transform how ethics cases are initially handled in South Carolina advanced Tuesday with approval from the House Judiciary Committee.

Note: On Tuesday, Haley spokesman Doug Mayer said the House proposal "does nothing to fix the actual problem - legislators investigating legislators."

Legislative Session News:

Post and Courier: Bill to combat sexually transmitted HPV virus moves forward in S.C. Senate

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140507/PC1603/140509499/1177/bill-to-combat-sexually-transmitted-hpv-virus-moves-forward-in-sc-senate>

Jeremy Borden

A second push in the past two years to create a program that would provide an option for parents to vaccinate their middle school children against a common sexually transmitted infection cleared a hurdle in the S.C. Senate on Wednesday.

Associated Press: SC Senate rejects putting 4K on surplus list

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=FYEHlo98

Seanna Adcox

The South Carolina Senate has rejected an effort to make aid to local government a higher budget priority than expanding 4-year-old kindergarten. The 29-13 vote on Wednesday killed a proposal by Judiciary Chairman Larry Martin of Pickens. He wanted to restore \$16 million to local government by taking it off a surplus funding list and putting money proposed for expanding full-day 4K on it.

The State: Narrow medical marijuana approval possible in S.C.

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/07/3432386/narrow-medical-marijuana-approval.html?sp=/99/205/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Joey Holleman

While a broad medical marijuana bill withered and died in the state legislature this session, bills allowing a more specific use of a medical marijuana extract to treat forms of epilepsy have a chance for passage. A Senate Medical Affairs subcommittee on Wednesday moved forward with a bill, H.4803, that would allow the use of cannabidiol oil, or CBD, in clinical trials.

The State: Statewide texting ban picks up steam in SC Legislature

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/07/3432322/statewide-texting-ban-picks-up.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

A statewide texting ban gained momentum in the House Wednesday. The House already passed a statewide texting ban in April, sending it to the Senate for consideration. But on Wednesday, a House education panel took up a Senate bill that would ban texting while driving for beginning or restricted drivers only, or all drivers traveling through school zones when caution lights are flashing.

Associated Press: Miss SC urges statewide texting-while-driving ban

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=mf6EHm1l

Andrew Coffman Smith

Miss South Carolina Brooke Mosteller has thrown her tiara into the political ring. Following in the footsteps of her uncle, Sen. Chip Campsen of the Isle of Palms, Mosteller joined scores of pageant contestants at the Statehouse on Wednesday to urge lawmakers to ban texting-while-driving.

Post and Courier: Sample ballots available online from State Election Commission for the first time

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140507/PC1610/140509478/1177/sample-ballots-available-online-from-state-election-commission-for-the-first-time>

Robert Behre

Voters wanting to know exactly what races they will be voting on have had a tough time in the past, but those days may be over. The State Election Commission has come up with a way for voters to see a sample of the exact ballot they will see on Election Day.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The State: O'My: Prez hopeful Martin O'Malley helping another SC candidate

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/07/3432935/omy-prez-hopeful-martin-omalley.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

The Martin O'Malley tour of S.C. politics will continue next week when the Democratic Maryland governor attends a Washington, D.C., fundraiser for State Rep. Bakari Sellers' run for lieutenant governor.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: German-based aircraft inspector sets up for Boeing in North Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140507/PC05/140509505/1177/german-based-aircraft-inspector-sets-up-for-boeing-in-north-charleston>

Warren L. Wise

A German-based aircraft inspector said Wednesday it has set up operations for Boeing aircraft in North Charleston. Lufthansa Technik AG of Hamburg, Germany, brings its third U.S. location to the Lowcountry. It already serves Boeing production plants in Everett and Renton, Wash., the hub of the Chicago-based aerospace company's aircraft-building operations.

Local News:

Sun News: Horry County: Resolution disapproving of annexation was not needed

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/05/07/4213333/horry-county-resolution-disapproving.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Jason M. Rodriguez

Horry County Council's vote Tuesday to deny a request for a special election on whether Myrtle Beach

should part of the south end of the city from the county is null and void. The council voted, at first, to allow the annexation vote to take place.

Sun News: Horry County officer remembered at statewide ceremony for fallen officers

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/05/07/4213145/horry-county-officer-remembered.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Tonya Root

An Horry County officer whose last shift included protecting property at the site of the devastating Windsor Green wildfire in Carolina Forest was among those honored Wednesday during a statewide memorial for officers who died in 2013 in the line of duty.

Rock Hill Herald: BMX track closer to finish line in Rock Hill

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/05/06/5938511/bmx-track-closer-to-finish-line.html?sp=/100/104/109/#storylink=cpy>

Anna Douglas

Tuesday's installation of starting gates on the amateur ramp of Rock Hill's BMX Supercross track moves the city closer to the finish line on its newest sports tourism facility. Rock Hill will host its first event in October when USA BMX brings its 2014 Gold Cup Finals East to the new track at the Outdoor Center at Riverwalk, located off Cherry Road near Interstate 77.

National News:

Associated Press: GOP Wants More Control Over Picking 2016 Nominee

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/republicans-meet-limit-debates-set-2016-plans-23619097>

Philip Elliott

The Republican National Committee wants to take more control over how the party picks a White House nominee. The RNC was to meet Wednesday in Memphis, Tennessee, to choose members who will effectively set the calendar for 2016's long list of potential presidential contenders.

Associated Press: House panel works on bill to rebuff Pentagon cuts

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_DEFENSE_BUDGET?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-05-07-10-48-11

Donna Cassata

House Republicans are sparing Cold War-era aircraft, military bases and ships from Pentagon cuts as even tea partiers abandon their drive to slash federal spending in an election year. The House Armed Services Committee plunged into a marathon session on Wednesday to craft a \$601 billion defense bill that would authorize spending on planes, personnel, weapons and ships in the budget year that begins Oct. 1.

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