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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The Herald: Haley in Rock Hill ahead of contentious Senate primary

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/politics-government/election/local-election/article82923472.html>

Bristow Marchant

South Carolina's governor didn't come to Rock Hill to campaign against the state's sixth longest-serving senator because she doesn't like him. Wes Hayes is "a nice man, a kind man," Gov. Nikki Haley told a gathering of supporters of Hayes' GOP primary opponent, Wes Climer, on Thursday night. But, she added, that's part of the problem. It's why Hayes can count on the support of the "old guard" of the S.C. Legislature in his bid for a seventh term in Columbia, Haley said, because "he's voted the way they asked him to." "He's always voted with Hugh Leatherman (the Senate's powerful president pro tempore), and with the Democrats," she said. "He's always done it because he's nice and kind. But he forgot the only people he needs to be nice and kind to are you."

Post and Courier: How Haley and McMaster have become political rivals

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160609/160609326/how-haley-and-mcmaster-have-become-political-rivals>

Andy Shain

A chief opponent of Gov. Nikki Haley's push to oust three long-serving state senators is one of her top Republican allies who happens to have the office across from hers in the Statehouse. Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster continues to diverge — at least in elections — from Haley, whom he had backed since she first ran for governor in 2010. "It's odd since this lieutenant governor and governor have acted as a team for so many years," Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey, R-Edgefield, said. "It surprises me how they have taken different directions." The split among the top South Carolina GOP leaders started with the 2016 presidential campaign when McMaster supported eventual and presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump, while Haley endorsed Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and then Texas Sen. Ted Cruz. Their political differences now carry over into the state primaries set for Tuesday.

Post and Courier: Does the governor have the power to change the Legislature?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160610/160619977/does-the-governor-have-the-power-to-change-the-legislature&source=RSS>

Brian Hicks

House Speaker Jay Lucas is not really a nasty guy. In fact, most of his colleagues like him in part because he's not a bully. But last week, in the final days of the legislative session, the speaker got his back up and called out the Senate for dallying on a roads bill. But in the middle of his admonishment, Lucas turned uncharacteristically venomous toward Gov. Nikki Haley. "She believes her time is better spent endorsing opponents of sitting General Assembly members," Lucas said. That was an unveiled reference to the "Great Day SC" political advocacy group operated by Haley allies, which is helping her go after lawmakers — mainly Grand Strand Sen. Luke Rankin and the granddaddy of them all,

Sen. Hugh Leatherman of Florence. You've probably seen Gov. Haley on the campaign trail recently. And yes, as Lucas' remarks show, some lawmakers are upset she's campaigning against them. But that, in a word, is tough.

Post and Courier: 'Tucker Hipps' bill becomes law

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160609/160609329/tucker-hipps-bill-becomes-law>

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley signed into law Thursday the "Tucker Hipps Transparency Act," which requires public universities to compile and publish reports of misconduct by fraternities and sororities every semester. The bill is named after the Clemson University student and fraternity pledge found dead in Lake Hartwell after an early morning run with other pledges in 2014. The state's higher education universities estimate the mandate will cost them \$680,000 to implement this year.

Associated Press: Law requires colleges to post fraternity members' violations

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=XVD9IP3i

SC State Wire

A law signed by Gov. Nikki Haley requires colleges to post fraternity and sorority members' conduct violations on their websites to publicize the groups' record before students join. Haley signed the "Tucker Hipps Transparency Act" on Thursday. It is named for the Clemson University student found dead in Lake Hartwell in 2014 after an early-morning run with members of the fraternity he was pledging. Public, four-year colleges must start posting the reports this summer and update them at least 45 days before each fall and spring semester.

WYFF: Gov. Nikki Haley signs Tucker Hipps Transparency Act into law

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/gov-nikki-haley-signs-tucker-hipps-transparency-act-into-law/39982106?src=app>

Carla Field

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has signed the Tucker Hipps Transparency Act into law, Deputy Chief of Staff of Communications and External Affairs Rob Godfrey said in a tweet Wednesday afternoon. Haley signed the bill at about 3 p.m. Hipps was a Clemson University student who was found dead in Lake Hartwell in 2014 after an early morning run with his fraternity pledge class. Under the new law, South Carolina colleges will be required to post conduct violations concerning alcohol, drugs, sexual assaults and hazing.

Associated Press: Haley vetoes \$41M from Legislature's \$7.5B budget

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3IOWXRAD

Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley struck \$41 million worth of spending from the Legislature's \$7.5 billion budget and thanked legislators Thursday for not attempting to borrow money for college construction. "We have some major wins this year. The No. 1 win is, there was no bond bill," she said. Last year, Haley's opposition helped defeat proposals to borrow primarily for projects at universities and technical colleges. She publicly warned legislators in January not to try again. On Thursday, she applauded the more than \$100 million the state budget sends to technical colleges for one-time spending on buildings and equipment and \$30 million added to four-year colleges for recurring expenses.

Post and Courier: Gov. Haley vetoes proposal to move Confederate flag, museum to Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160609/PC1603/160609348>

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley eliminated \$41.1 million in funding in the \$7.5 billion state budget, including \$3.6 million for several Charleston area attractions. She also cut out a budget directive calling for a study

of the potential relocation of the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum to Charleston from Columbia. The budget proviso required the Department of Administration to use its funds to identify available building space in the Charleston area by next January for potential new museum locations. Haley said a feasibility study of the relic room's current home, housed inside a separate area within the South Carolina State Museum, has previously been completed and further study is not needed.

The State: Gov. Haley vetoes study to move military museum, Confederate flag

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article82719167.html>

Cassie Cope

Republican Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed a study of moving the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum from Columbia to Charleston. The museum is the new home of the last Confederate flag to fly on the State House grounds. The proposal to explore moving the Relic Room from the former Columbia textile mill that houses it and the S.C. State Museum **emerged after** even lowered estimates of the cost of displaying the flag at the military museum came in at \$3.6 million. Lawmakers delayed deciding how much to spend to display the flag until at least next year, proposing instead a study on relocating the museum. The flag was furled from the State House grounds **last year** in the aftermath of the racially motivated slaying of nine parishioners at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church.

Note: Haley also vetoed a coyote-bounty program that would have required the state Department of Natural resources to tag 16 coyotes across the state.

Greenville News: Haley vetoes include \$1 million for Children's Museum of the Upstate

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/06/09/haley-vetoes-include-1-million-childrens-museum-upstate/85655034/>

Amanda Coyne

Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed \$41 million from South Carolina's \$7.5 billion budget, including \$1 million intended for the Children's Museum of the Upstate. The budget vetoes also included a Richland County swimming pool, an expansion of Coastal Carolina University's football stadium and funding for a Beaufort County retirement home. The veto of the Children's Museum funding was part of a \$4.74 million package of vetoes for funds earmarked for museums and historical in South Carolina. Charleston's International African American Museum was not included in that group of vetoes and has been allocated \$4 million. Haley said in her veto message that the funds needed for these museums should not come from the state.

WSPA: Gov. Haley Vetoes What She Calls "Pork" from Budget

<http://wspa.com/2016/06/09/gov-haley-vetoes-what-she-calls-pork-from-budget/>

Robert Kittle

Gov. Nikki Haley has vetoed 51 items from next year's South Carolina budget totaling \$41.1 million. She says the cuts are to hidden earmarks, lawmakers' pet projects, and old-fashioned pork. For example, she vetoed \$3 million for "sports development marketing," and \$100,000 for an indoor pool for the Richland County Recreation Commission. She criticized lawmakers for putting in the budget "pass-throughs," money that's put in a state agency's budget only for it to "pass through" and then be spent somewhere else. "A legislator will put money into one of my agencies' budgets and then they will call my director and say, 'I put this money in your budget and this is what I want it to go to,'" the governor told reporters Thursday. "You're compromising my director. You're compromising the process and you're compromising the good that we could have done. It has really started to become a problem."

The State: Pro-Haley, GOP group spending on SC Senate races tops \$600,000

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article82773237>

html

Jamie Self

At least three political groups – including one backing Gov. Nikki Haley's political agenda – are waging a six-figure campaign to topple state Senate Republican leaders in Tuesday's primary. Spending the most — \$500,000 — is a political group, run by Haley's political adviser, that hopes to oust powerful state senators who have clashed with the governor on roads, ethics reform and other issues or fallen out of her favor. Other groups are supporting the Senate incumbents, including the S. C. Senate Republican Caucus, which will spend \$100,000 to back two GOP state senators facing primary opponents.

Aiken Standard: Road resurfacing funds for Aiken in bill signed into law by governor

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160609/AIK0101/160609394>

Christina Cleveland

Aiken County could see an additional \$84 million in road resurfacing projects based on funding from the roads bill that has been signed into law by Gov. Nikki Haley, according to Rep. Bill Taylor, R-Aiken. "This would include resurfacing five miles of I-20 from the Savannah River to Exit 5," Taylor said in a statement sent to the Aiken Standard. "The proposed bridge replacement program would target 22 structurally deficient bridges in Aiken County (and nearly 400 bridges statewide over the next decade)." Haley penned her name to legislation Wednesday, which will allow the state to borrow \$2.2 billion over 10 years for infrastructure and is funded with \$200 million annually in existing fees and vehicle sales taxes, reports The Associated Press.

WPDE: South Carolina Anti-Money Laundering Act sent to Gov. Nikki Haley's desk

<http://wpde.com/news/local-and-state/south-carolina-anti-money-laundering-act-sent-to-gov-nikki-haleys-desk>

A bill to make South Carolina less of a target for money laundering is on Gov. Nikki Haley's desk. The "South Carolina Anti-Money Laundering Act," sponsored by local Rep. Alan Clemmons, passed through the state House at the end of last week and is now being considered by Gov. Haley. She has one week, until June 16, to sign or veto the bill. If she takes no action the bill will become law.

American Bazaar: Nikki Haley supports India's stand against US on hike in H-1B, L-1 visa fees

<http://www.americanbazaaronline.com/2016/06/09/nikki-haley-support-indias-stand-against-us-on-hike-in-h-1b-l-1-visa-fees413440/>

India has been trying hard to pressurize the United States to do away with what they feel is arbitrary hike in H-1B visa and L-1 visa fees and to curb down on protectionism, and that seems to be resonating in the Obama administration and even some top Republicans, as some influential individuals are calling out in support of India's stand. President Obama's former classmate and a close friend Vinai Thummalapally, who was selected to setup SelectUSA in 2011 to attract foreign investments into US, has endorsed India's stand on the visa and labor issues.

Note: Republican Nikki Haley, governor of South Carolina, and a likely contender for a vice presidential ticket, has also come out in support of India. "We have so many Indian students that come here and go to our universities and what kills me is the fact that they are trained, they are talented and then they get sent back. There's a lot of talent in India and that talent when they come here and they get educated here, it's the first talent we want to see be able to join our forces and work for our companies," said Haley, speaking to BusinessLine.

Times and Democrat: Masonite adding 50 jobs; Denmark plant may see more growth in 2017

http://thetandd.com/news/local/masonite-adding-jobs-denmark-plant-may-see-more-growth-in/article_c8676a7b-4c60-5dec-b04b-8ec4bf5c198b.html

Masonite International announced Thursday it's adding 50 new jobs at its Bamberg County door-making facility. "South Carolina continues to build on its reputation as a leader in manufacturing, and Masonite's decision to expand in Denmark is another big win for our state," Gov. Nikki Haley said in a release. Haley is a Bamberg County native. "It's special any time we see a company succeed and grow in one of our rural communities, and we couldn't be more excited to celebrate the 50 new jobs this expansion means for Bamberg County," she said. The company did not announce new capital investment, but development officials say they expect the plant to continue to grow. The company did not receive incentives for bringing the new jobs.

Area Development: BASF Corporation Expands Its Oconee County, South Carolina, Manufacturing Campus

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/6-9-2016/basf-corporation-oconee-county-south-carolina892332.shtml>

F Corporation, a leading supplier of environmental and process catalysts, will invest \$60 million to expand its operations at 554 Engelhard Drive in Oconee County, South Carolina. According to South Carolina Department of Commerce, plans for BASF Seneca include adding new equipment and machinery. Launched in 1987, BASF Seneca is a specialty chemical catalysts manufacturing and precious metals refining facility. The company's refinery process produces solutions that are used to manufacture herbicides, plastics, pharmaceuticals, auto-emission catalysts and fertilizers.

Note: "BASF is another fantastic example of a company that continues to show its commitment to South Carolina and our people. This \$60 million investment is a reason to celebrate, not only for the company and the Seneca community, but for the entire state," Governor Nikki Haley said.

General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Lawmakers return to Columbia next week

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160610/PC1603/160619957>

Gavin Jackson

Lawmakers return to the Statehouse next week to address the governor's \$41 million worth of budget vetoes and to hold several legislative meetings. Many of Gov. Nikki Haley's vetoes dealt with legislators sending money back home for special projects in their districts such as museums. Other vetoes included money for "micromanagement of state agencies" by lawmakers and "hidden earmarks," among others Haley said. The vetoes included more than \$3.6 million for the Charleston area. Last year lawmakers overturned \$4 million worth of vetoes for the Charleston area. House members return 12 p.m. Wednesday, the day after primary elections, to address vetoes and hold Legislative Ethics Committee meetings. Senators return at 3 p.m. on Thursday. Members of the S.C. Education Oversight Committee will meet Monday.

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press: Church shooting suspect's lawyers seek to waive jury trial

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=64khvaVy

SC State Wire

Attorneys for the man accused in the shooting deaths of nine parishioners at a South Carolina church have filed notice that they want to forgo a jury trial and have the judge hearing the death-penalty case decide their client's fate. The court document shows that attorneys for Dylann Roof filed the notice Thursday in U.S. District Court. In the filing, lead defense attorney David Bruck acknowledges that federal prosecutors have said they will not consent to waive the jury. The 22-year-old Roof faces

federal charges including hate crimes in connection to the shootings, which took place June 17 during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston. The trial is scheduled to begin on Nov. 7.

Post and Courier: Roof seeks to waive right to jury trial, put fate in judge's hands

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160609/PC16/160609333>

Andrew Knapp

Dylann Roof wants to waive his right to a jury trial and put his fate into a federal judge's hands. His defense attorneys on Thursday filed a notice in U.S. District Court indicating his intent to make the move. The death penalty case is set to be tried Nov. 7. But prosecutors also have the same right, and it's unlikely that they would agree to forgo a jury trial. In capital cases, 12 jurors are chosen in a question-and-answer process that can last weeks. If they unanimously decide that a defendant is guilty, the jurors also determine whether he should be executed. A judge must adopt any death verdict.

The State: Accused Charleston killer Roof gambles, wants death trial by lone judge

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article82857192.html#storylink=apmobile>

John Monk

Accused Charleston church hate crimes killer Dylann Roof has notified U.S. District Court Judge Richard Gergel that he does not want to be tried by a jury in his upcoming death penalty case. In a filing Thursday in federal court, Roof's lawyers said they do not want a jury to decide either phase of his upcoming trial. Prosecutors announced May 24 they will seek death. If Gergel grants Roof's request, that would mean Gergel would hear the entire case by himself. He would first preside over the guilt or innocence phase. If Roof were found guilty, Gergel would hear additional evidence then make the lone decision to sentence Roof to death or grant him a sentence of life without parole. Also in Thursday's filing, Roof lawyer David Bruck notified Gergel that the U.S. Attorney's office, which is prosecuting the case, intends to fight Roof's request to waive a trial by jury.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: Former Summerville mayor sued over job titles, salary

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160609/PC16/160609338>

Brenda Rindge

Ten residents and two nonprofits filed a lawsuit June 3 in Dorchester County claiming that the town, council, Collins and former councilman Terry Jenkins acted illegally when Collins was allowed to assume both roles and given a raise from \$15,000 to \$45,000 annually. The residents are represented by lawyers Mike Rose and Andy Gowder, who also filed two complaints in May: one against the town on behalf of the Weatherstone Property Owners Association over the Bear Island extension through their neighborhood; another on behalf of Weatherstone and others against the town, Dorchester County Council and Dorchester 2 school board over the funding of the school resource officers.

Island Packet: Embezzlement investigation in solicitor's office unresolved 3 years later

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/politics-government/election/article82877477.html>

Caitlin Turner

Three years after an employee of the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office was suspected of theft and fired for it, no charges have been filed and there has been no public accounting of the missing money. After repeated inquiries by The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette, Solicitor Duffie Stone

admitted Monday to being part of the reason for the delay. At issue is Stone's discovery in 2013 of inconsistency in a worker's bookkeeping. Stone said he fired the worker then immediately called the State Law Enforcement Division to investigate.

The State: 'He'd have loved it:' Fred Sheheen eulogized as family man, public servant

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article82813337.html#storylink=apmobile>

Avery G. Wilks

Fred Sheheen prized his family, his faith and his role as an education advocate in South Carolina. But he also loved music, and never was afraid to sing and dance "with complete abandon," his son, Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Kershaw, recalled Thursday. Hundreds packed into Camden's Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Thursday for a funeral Mass for the former head of the state Commission on Higher Education, killed Monday in a car crash in Kershaw County. Among those attending were former S.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Jean Toal, Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, Sen. Joel Lourie and state Reps. James Smith and Beth Bernstein. Still more stood outside, unable to find room in one of the church's three wings.

SC Elections:

Morning News: More state leaders choose sides in Senate District 31 race

http://www.scnw.com/news/article_d11547d4-2ea5-11e6-9f22-732277036b42.html

Joshua Lloyd

The list of state leaders throwing support behind candidates in the Senate District 31 race continues to grow. Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, House Speaker Jay Lucas and State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman were in Florence on Thursday evening to endorse South Carolina Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. – the 36-year incumbent in that district and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. One of Leatherman's primary opponents, former Florence County GOP Chairman Richard Skipper, gained the endorsement of State Treasurer Curtis Loftis on Thursday. That support follows Gov. Nikki Haley's endorsement of Skipper earlier this month.

The State: Government watchdog group backs Lott in first of its kind election endorsement

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article82878182.html#storylink=apmobile>

Clif Leblanc

Citizens for Better Government, created in response to the county's 2012 election fiasco, has thrown its support to Sheriff Leon Lott in next week's Democratic primary, organization leader Michael Letts tells The State newspaper. It is the first time the Republican-leaning citizens' watchdog organization has endorsed a political candidate in a Richland County race, Letts said. The group has 3,800 active members in the county, he said. "We do not typically endorse (candidates)," the organization's chairman said. "We typically only endorse policy issues."

Independent Mail: Sheriff's race comes down to experience vs. change

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/sheriffs-race-comes-down-to-experience-vs-change-34dee81b-ed8a-2e25-e053-0100007f703a-382438261.html>

Kirk Brown

Voters will have a stark choice between experience and change in Tuesday's Republican primary for Anderson County sheriff. Anderson County Sheriff John Skipper, 64, is being challenged by Chad McBride, 38, and Jeremy Pickens, 28, in his bid for a third term. The winner of the GOP primary is not expected to face any opposition in the November general election. With a law enforcement career

spanning 44 years, Skipper has more than twice as much experience as McBride and Pickens combined. "My two opponents don't have experience in many areas," Skipper said in an interview Thursday.

Coastal Observer: Senate District 34: Campaigns race \$320K, with nearly half in loans

<http://www.coastalobserver.com/articles/2016/060916/2.html>

Charles Swenson

Four candidates seeking to fill a vacant seat in the state Senate have raised over \$320,000 for the Republican primary election next week. Almost half of that comes from loans, according to filings with the state Ethics Commission. Stephen Goldfinch has a commanding lead in fundraising. The two-term House member from Murrells Inlet reported raising \$228,980 as of the end of May. That included a \$100,000 loan. "We wanted to make sure we had plenty of liquidity in the last week or two, in case we had to go on TV," Goldfinch said. He borrowed the money from Conway National Bank. Note: Boyd, who recently received the backing of Gov. Nikki Haley, has raised \$33,163 in individual contributions. He had \$1,000 donations from the director of a tech firm in Myrtle Beach, the owner of Ocean Lakes Family Campground, a real estate company in Surfside Beach and a pair of attorneys from Myrtle Beach. Earlier, he received \$1,000 from the Club for Growth political action committee.

Independent Mail: VIDEO: Few candidates show up at GOP forum

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/few-candidates-show-up-at-gop-forum-34dacb06-0460-6794-e053-0100007f96bb-382440421.html>

Nikie Mayo

The Anderson County Republican Party invited 11 GOP candidates to a forum Thursday night, but only five showed up. The first to speak was Eddie Moore, the former Anderson County Council member who is trying again for his District 3 seat. Also in attendance were Jay West, candidate for District 7 in the state House of Representatives and state Senate District 4 hopeful Rockey Burgess. Jonathon Hill, the incumbent in state House District 8 and one of his challengers, Albert Howard, also attended. The forum was held at the Concord Community Church in Anderson. Without any competitors around, Moore spoke for 34 minutes, hitting some highlights of his more than five years on council. He defended the council's decision to sue former county administrator Joey Preston and said he would not support a countywide vehicle fee if re-elected. He went after the multimillion-dollar Green Pond Landing, describing it as "a competitor of private business" and saying that it was too costly "while we have roads that are falling apart."

Opinion/Editorial:

Aiken Standard: Editorial: SRS has infrastructure for short-term plutonium storage

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160610/AIK0201/160619996>

A direct, positive correlation can be found between the intensity of people's reactions to issues of concern and their proximity to home. And the not-in-my-back yard mentality is alive and well in Aiken County when it comes to many of the nuclear materials conversations recently focused on the newly assimilated plutonium from Japan. South Carolina political leaders have grabbed hold of strong sentiments from Gov. Nikki Haley's office – our state is not a nuclear dumping ground. Senators and Representatives alike used the catch phrase concurrently with the S.C. governor after news of the plutonium's arrival broke Monday.

Post and Courier: Kimpson for Senate District 42

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160610/PC1002/160619965>

Editorial

Two and a half years ago, Marlon Kimpson was elected by a landslide to fill the Senate seat for District 42, which was left empty when Robert Ford resigned. But Mr. Kimpson hasn't acted like a freshman senator. His impressive performance merits voters' support in Tuesday's Democratic primary. And because no Republican is seeking this seat in November, the primary victor is virtually assured of winning the seat in the general election. Sen. Kimpson demonstrated quickly that he is a strong voice on issues that deal with affordable housing, gun reform and protection for workers. He has supported incentives for businesses to hire people who have been released from prison to encourage their rehabilitation.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press : SC Army National Guard unit deploys for 1 year to Kuwait

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7QTEI8EG

SC State Wire

The South Carolina National Guard is bidding farewell to 25 soldiers heading to a year's deployment in Kuwait. The ceremony is set for 10 a.m. Friday at the Army Aviation Support Facility at the McEntire Joint National Guard Base. The event is not open to the public. The soldiers maintain AH-64 Apache attack helicopters and will join members of the 777th Aviation Support Battalion. Earlier this month, 60 soldiers with the 111st General Support Aviation Battalion departed for Kuwait with 10 UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters for a year in Kuwait.

Local News:

The Herald: York County Muslims concerned by SC man's probationary sentence

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/crime/article82837272.html>

Andrew Dys

Area Muslims from Holy Islamville in rural York County remain concerned about safety after a man who lied to the FBI about a possible plot to commit terrorism on a sister compound in New York received probation Thursday. Last summer, York County Sheriff Bruce Bryant vowed to protect Muslims from Islamville, saying that no threats or violence against any group in York County would be tolerated. William Tore Tint, 42, from Travelers Rest near received three years' probation for lying about the plot that was stopped before anyone was hurt. Tint lied to federal agents when questioned, said Max Cauthen, the assistant U.S. Attorney in Greenville who prosecuted Tint. About 200 people live at Islamville in York County – several attended the sentencing of Tint on Thursday because of the connection to York County residents.

Island Packet: NCIS probes dead Marine recruit's mental health history

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/bg-military/article82571772.html>

Wade Livingston

Two days after two of the top Parris Island recruit trainers were dismissed, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service met with the family of Raheel Siddiqui, according to the family's attorney. Nabih Ayad, a Detroit-based lawyer who began working with the family after their son died in March at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, said two NCIS agents met with Siddiqui's mother and father and with one of Siddiqui's former employers Wednesday in Detroit. The agents talked to the family and the former employer — a manager at Home Depot — about Siddiqui's medical history, Ayad said, including whether he had ever sought medical treatment for depression or expressed suicidal thoughts.

Sun News: Police say they knew for some time missing teen Drexel was dead

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article82865097.html>

Emily Weaver

Police say they have known for some time that Brittanee Drexel, who went missing from Myrtle Beach in 2009, was no longer alive, but they waited until Tuesday to inform her family. David Thomas, special agent in charge with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, revealed during a press conference Wednesday that the seven-year-old missing person's case was now a murder investigation. "We've known for a period of time," said Lt. Joey Crosby of the Myrtle Beach Police Department. He declined to say just how long officers knew Drexel was dead.

Post and Courier: Elizabeth Moffly on Charleston drug bust: 'There's more to this story'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160609/PC16/160609323>

Melissa Boughton

There's one thing that motivates young drug dealers like Elizabeth Moffly's son, she said — easy money. But that quick cash, she added, could cost more than just jail time for the nine people arrested during a six-month narcotics probe. Charleston police announced Wednesday the investigation is somehow connected to Patrick Moffly's death. All of the suspects are young — most in their early 20s — and now face felony drug charges and years in prison. "They need to realize that money cannot buy your back your life," said Moffly, a former Charleston County School Board member and a candidate for county auditor.

Associated Press: Being prepared: Symposium on Zika being held in Charleston

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

SC State Wire

A symposium scheduled for the Medical University of South Carolina is designed to discuss what is known about the Zika virus, what is not known and how people might prepare. The Charleston school announced that Zika from "Z" to "A" is being held on Friday in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Health experts will participate in the symposium. At the end of the morning event, speakers are taking part in a discussion and are answering questions from both reporters and the public.

Associated Press: Record try: Summerville tries again to brew largest iced tea

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SC State Wire

People in Summerville were a little teed off when the record they set last year for brewing the world's largest container of iced tea was broken a few months later. So, they're trying to set another record on Friday, which is also National Tea Day. Last year, a 10-foot mason jar was filled with more than 1,400 gallons of sweet tea in Summerville. But that record was eclipsed in October when 2,200 gallons was brewed during a festival in nearby North Charleston.

National News:

Associated Press: Democrats searching for unity as Clinton locks up nomination

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Nearing the end of a lengthy primary fight, Democrats are coalescing around Hillary Clinton's

presidential bid and looking to reunite the party through a carefully orchestrated plan aimed at nudging rival Bernie Sanders to make his exit. President Barack Obama's endorsement of his former secretary of state on Thursday headlined a day of unity for Democrats as the party prepares for Republican Donald Trump. Amid the message of harmony, Sanders crisscrossed the nation's capital and received praise in meetings with Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Senate Democratic leaders. On Thursday night, Sanders' District of Columbia rally outside RFK Stadium didn't mention Clinton and didn't repeat his calls to persuade superdelegates to support him or his plans for a contested convention in Philadelphia. The Vermont senator barely mentioned Tuesday's primary election in the city, the last on the Democratic calendar.

Associated Press: Unlikely path for foes hoping to dump Trump at convention

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Alan Farm

It's exceedingly improbable, but not completely farfetched: Dismayed Republicans could still dump Donald Trump and find a different presidential nominee at their national convention next month. Once viewed as a political joke, the blunt-spoken billionaire has stormed to the cusp of becoming the GOP nominee. He has more than enough delegates to be formally anointed at the party's gathering in Cleveland. But Trump's recent disparagement of a judge, claiming he was incapable of impartially hearing a Trump lawsuit because he is Mexican-American, has triggered talk of replacing Trump. Republicans were already divided over his past comments about Hispanics, women and others, and some leaders like House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., are backing Trump but labeling his remark "racist."

Associated Press: Officials: White House OKs expanded Afghanistan airstrikes

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After months of debate, the White House has approved plans to expand the military's authority to conduct airstrikes against the Taliban when necessary, as the violence in Afghanistan escalates, senior U.S. and defense officials said Thursday. Several officials said the decision was made in recent days to expand the authority of U.S. commanders to strike the Taliban and better support and assist the Afghan forces when needed in critical operations, using the U.S. troops already in the country. There is a broad desire across the Obama administration to give the military greater ability to help the Afghans fight and win the war. The 9,800 U.S. troops still in Afghanistan, however, would still not be involved in direct combat.

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