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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Aiken Standard: Haley tells cadets they 'are capable of great things' during Post ChalleNGe graduation at ATC
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160527/AIK0101/160529499>

Thomas Gardiner

Gov. Nikki Haley was in Graniteville on Friday to speak to cadets at the inaugural graduation of the Post ChalleNGe program at Aiken Technical College. The letters N and G are emphasized in the program's title recognizing its connection to the South Carolina National Guard. Cadets were admitted to ATC after completion of the Youth ChalleNGe Academy, an education program for at-risk youth. Through the program, cadets can earn a GED and learn discipline in a military-type environment that prohibits alcohol, tobacco and illicit drug use.

Note: Haley told cadets that the many organizations involved, including the U.S. Department of Labor, Department of Defense and the Aiken County Commission for Higher Education, made an investment in their lives. "We invested in you because we see something in you. You are capable of great things," Haley said. "You've set the bar, and that bar is pretty high," she said.

Indian Express: Scary...need to know someone in govt to do business in India: US Governor Nikki Haley
<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/scary-need-to-know-someone-in-govt-to-do-business-in-india-us-governor-nikki-haley-2822839/>

Avinash Nair

At a time when the Centre is looking to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), the US Republican party's rising star and Governor of South Carolina, Nikki Haley, said on Friday that a "powerful" official system and a need for foreign companies to "know someone" in the government was making US companies "nervous" about investing in India. Speaking to journalists at her office in Columbia, Haley said: "Firms who want to do business in India very much realize that in India you have to know people to get things done. That is scary for them. That is scary for the fact that the government is much more powerful than it is here (in the US). Here, we are servants. In India, governments are very strong and you have to know someone in the government to be able to be successful in business and that makes American companies nervous."

The Hindu: India is an untapped economy: Nikki Haley

<http://m.thehindu.com/business/Economy/india-is-an-untapped-economy-nikki-haley/article8656525.ece>

Peerzada Abrar

Governor Nikki Haley is betting big on India as she is aggressively wooing companies and talent from the South Asian nation to set up businesses in the United States of America. "India is an untapped economy. We welcome as many companies that want to come here. We were pleasantly surprised so many wanted to come to America," said Ms. Haley, the first female governor of South Carolina and currently the youngest governor in the United States. "Our idea of success is not put the shovel on the ground or cut the first ribbon. Our idea of success is when a company expands," said Ms. Haley, whose team is making several visits to India to scout for Indian companies. Ms. Haley, who was touted as a potential Republican vice-presidential nominee, said she was looking forward to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the United States in June when he would address a joint sitting of the U.S Congress. She said Mr. Modi had the responsibility to sell India and create business relationship with other countries.

Washington Post: While the culture wars rage, Trump largely stays out of the fight

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/while-the-culture-wars-rage-trump-largely-stays-out-of-the-fight/2016/05/27/6e89a62a-238b-11e6-9e7f-57890b612299_story.html

Katie Zezima

Once a declared abortion rights proponent, Trump the presidential candidate has adopted the standard GOP position of wanting to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized the procedure across the nation. But he has struggled with the details: After saying women who undergo abortions should be punished if it is outlawed, he backed off his remarks hours later and said women who have abortions are victims. Trump has also equivocated on transgender rights. He told NBC's "Today" show last month that North Carolina should not have passed a law requiring transgender people to base their use of public restrooms on the gender on their birth certificates. He has said since then that such decisions should be left to the states and has declined to take a side.

Note: Those two issues are the main fronts in the current battles over social issues. In South Carolina, Gov. Nikki Haley (R) — who has declined to endorse Trump — signed a law this week banning most abortions after 20 weeks, making hers the 13th state with that prohibition.

Republic Buzz: Franklin Graham PRAISES Nikki Haley for abortion ban

<http://republicbuzz.com/franklin-graham-praises-nikki-haley-for-abortion-ban>

I applaud SC Governor Nikki Haley for signing legislation outlawing abortions after 20 weeks in their state. That is good news! It is a step in the right direction and will save lives. We need to pray that ground will continue to be gained and that *Roe v. Wade* will eventually be overturned in this country. Senator Chip Campsen who voted for the bill said, "I believe that an unborn child is human life and therefore I am compelled to be opposed to abortion." He is absolutely right—abortion is "taking a human life." Let Gov. Haley and all of the bold legislators who support this law know that you appreciate their stand in the comments below. All lives matter—born or not yet born.

General Assembly News:

The State: SC to forgive \$12 million in loans to SC State

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article80444637.html#storylink=apmobile>

Cassie Cope

S.C. State University will not have to pay back \$12 million in loans from the state that the school used to pay its overdue bills, state budget writers agreed Friday. The move helps clear the way for the state's only public historically black university to save its accreditation, which has been on probation for two years. S.C. State's accreditors — the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools — will decide next month whether to remove the school from probation.

Herald-Journal: Upstate law enforcement agencies call bill banning quotas unnecessary

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160527/articles/160529674>

Daniel J. Gross

Upstate law enforcement leaders say a bill that would bar agencies from setting ticket quotas for officers is unnecessary because they don't have quotas. An S.C. Senate bill banning the imposition of quotas was unanimously passed in the House last month. Local law enforcement officials say most agencies don't have such requirements, despite a public perception to the contrary. Officials with the S.C. Highway Patrol, as well as sheriffs in Cherokee, Spartanburg and Union counties, say they do not have ticket quotas. Police in the city of Spartanburg, Duncan and Wellford also say they've never imposed quotas on officers.

WIS: Lawmakers look to extend the dropout age by one year

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32084778/lawmakers-look-to-extend-the-dropout-age-by-one-year>

Billie Jean Shaw

State lawmakers are working to combat the issue of the high school dropouts. Lawmakers have introduced a bill that will require students to stay in school until the age of 18. Right now, it is legal for students to drop out at 17. Lawmakers say the one year difference will motivate students to graduate. Stacy Jones, a mother of a

student who dropped out of school, hopes the bill passes. "It's a lot of kids I know from hands on can't wait until they turn 17 just to drop out," Jones said. Don't drop out just because you turn 17. Find somebody that wants to help you. You can be successful and get your education."

WIS: Recreation Commission director busted on drug charges

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32087526/recreation-commission-director-busted-on-drug-charges>

Jack Kuenzie

The Richland County Sheriff's Department has arrested a top manager of the Richland County Recreation Commission on charges including weapon possession and multiple counts of drug trafficking and possession. 38-year-old James Anthony Brown was taken into custody Friday in Richland County, and is being held at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center. Brown is the son of Commission Executive Director James Brown III. The younger Brown is listed as the agency's Director of Recreation. He is one of several members of Executive Director Brown's family holding management positions at the Commission.

Savannah River Site/MOX News:

Aiken Standard: SRNL technology plays role in nuclear nonproliferation

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160527/AIK0101/160529498>

Thomas Gardiner

Technology plays a vital role in political decisions around the world, and developments connected to the Savannah River Site are certainly no exception. The U.S. House of Representatives passed its version of the National Defense Authorization Act, or NDAA, last week, including an amendment that could include the use of technology developed by Savannah River National Laboratory. Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., cosponsored an amendment that would require the sitting president to notify Congress when any Iranian activity involving ballistic missiles is uncovered or detected. The amendment comes less than a year after President Barack Obama's administration struck a deal with Iran, lifting economic sanctions in exchange for transparent and limiting nuclear activity by the Iranians.

SC Agency News:

The State: Young DJJ adult "Steven H." must stay at Richland County adult jail

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article80452242.html#storylink=apmobile>

John Monk

A circuit court judge ruled late Friday that the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice could keep an 18-year-old inmate, identified only as "Steven H.," at the Richland County jail for adult offenders. In his ruling, which came after four hours of testimony and lawyers' arguments, Judge Clifton Newman ruled that no one had shown that "irreparable harm" had been done to Stephen H. by his staying on at Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center. The ruling was a blow to the Richland County Public Defender's office, which had sought to convince Newman to grant a legal order called an injunction against DJJ that would stop that state agency from transferring a youthful offender at DJJ to an adult detention center.

Post and Courier: 18-year-old being held at Richland adult detention center denied transfer back to DJJ

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160527/PC1603/160529348>

Maya T. Prabhu

An 18-year-old being held at the Richland County adult detention center who's accused of several offenses, including setting fires in his Department of Juvenile Justice solitary confinement cell, was denied a request to return to DJJ. Circuit Court Judge Clifton Newman on Friday denied a preliminary injunction that would have allowed the man referred to only as Steven H. to return to DJJ's Broad River Road Complex facility. The judge said the case did not rise to the level of implementing a "drastic remedy" to the inmate's housing. "There is certainly an extreme risk posed to the staff, the institution and the public at large — including other juveniles — if the conduct is not corrected," Newman said.

SC Elections:

The State: Who will fill Kelvin Washington's council seat? 5 Democrats try

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article80409032.html>

Sarah Ellis

Five Lower Richland residents hope to temporarily fill the Richland County Council District 10 seat left vacant by Kelvin Washington. In a special primary election Tuesday, voters will choose among five Democrats to finish the last few months of the former councilman's term. They include Washington's mother-in-law, who held the seat before him. Washington was removed from office in March by Gov. Nikki Haley for failing to file his income tax returns for three years. No Republicans filed.

Herald-Journal: White outpaces Corbin in campaign contributions

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160527/articles/160529673>

Chris Lavender

Spartanburg attorney John B White Jr. is continuing to outpace state Sen. Tom Corbin in campaign contributions this election cycle. White is challenging Corbin, R-Travelers Rest, for the S.C. Senate District 5 seat, which includes parts of Spartanburg and Greenville counties. The Republican primary will be held June 14. White's contributions for this election cycle total \$176,416, according to the S.C. Ethics Commission. His campaign has spent \$72,711, according to his most recent campaign report. White said he hasn't accepted money from special interests or political action committees

Aiken Standard: Black, Bjorn in primary race for U.S. House District 2 seat

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160527/AIK0101/160529491>

Christina Cleveland

Democrats Phil Black and Arik Bjorn are in the June 14 primary race for the U.S. House of Representatives District 2 seat. Ahead of the primary, Bjorn has publicly challenged Black filing as a Democrat. Black has run three times as a Republican against incumbent U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C. On Thursday evening, the S.C. Democratic Party endorsed Bjorn.

Opinion/Editorial:

Greenville News: Editorial: State needs to fix sex offender registry

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2016/05/25/editorial-state-needs-fix-sex-offender-registry/84839576/>

Editorial

There is a reason sex offender registries exist, and that reason – the safety of children and adults in communities across the nation – demands that the information in those registries be accurate and easy to understand. In South Carolina, the state has failed to meet those necessities of late, according to an in-depth report this past Sunday by crime reporter Romando Dixon. Of course, it makes the most sense for the state and counties to all use the same system. That should be the goal moving forward. Whether that winds up being OffenderWatch, SORT or some other reliable system that is available does not matter. What matters is that the system be accurate, easy-to-use and that the services the state's residents receive are worth the money that is being spent on the system.

Greenville News: Editorial: Release VA wait time data

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2016/05/27/editorial-release-va-wait-time-data/84985384/>

Editorial

Surely, Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Bob McDonald understands that veterans who are waiting for an appointment at a VA medical facility have more pressing concerns than getting the best seat on Pirates of the Caribbean. Yet, in comments about wait times at VA hospitals, McDonald last week inexplicably compared the veterans' healthcare system to a Disney theme park. "When you go to Disney," McDonald said in his now infamous remarks, "do they measure the number of hours you wait in line? What's important? What's important is: what's your satisfaction with the experience." To that end, he said that rather than releasing

wait times, the agency is working on a measure of patient satisfaction that will be released publicly once testing is done.

South Carolina News:

The State: Tropical storm may dampen S.C.'s holiday weekend

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article80469007.html#storylink=apmobile>

Roddie Burris

Coastal South Carolina and a tropical weather system offshore in the Atlantic Ocean are almost certainly going to spend the Memorial Day weekend together, forecasters said Friday evening. The unnamed weather system was upgraded to a tropical depression Friday evening by the National Hurricane Center with winds of 34 miles per hour. It was expected to strengthen into Tropical Storm Bonnie overnight Friday, pushing winds of at least 39 miles per hour. The National Hurricane Center issued a tropical storm warning for the S.C. coast Friday afternoon, from the Savannah River to Little River Inlet.

Post and Courier: Tropical storm warning still in effect for S.C. coast

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160528/PC16/160529319>

Caitlin Byrd

A storm now swirling about 265 miles southeast of Charleston did not strengthen overnight as forecasters predicted, but the South Carolina coast remains under a tropical storm warning nonetheless. The warning was issued Friday evening by the National Hurricane Center. The warning affects inland and tidal Berkeley, Charleston, Beaufort, coastal Colleton and coastal Jasper counties. By Saturday morning, the system known as Tropical Depression 2 had sustained winds near 35 mph, and was moving toward the coast at nearly 14 mph.

Post and Courier: Retired fighter jet on display in South Carolina museum called back to duty

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160527/PC05/160529355>

John McDermott

The Yorktown at Patriots Point hasn't seen combat action in decades. But the "Fighting Lady" is still standing by, ready to serve its country as needed from its silted-in berth along the Mount Pleasant waterfront. In fact, the big ship answered a call to duty recently without any local fanfare — but its response resonated all the way to the Pentagon and the halls of Congress.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Expert questions method of statistical study alleging solicitor targeted black jurors

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160527/PC1603/160529353>

Maya T. Prabhu

A College of Charleston mathematician said he was concerned that a statistical study of Solicitor Scarlett Wilson's jury selection practices used a specific sample of her cases instead of all of the cases when she was a lead prosecutor. Attorneys for convicted murderer William O. Dickerson Jr., 39, commissioned a study by professors with the Michigan State University School of Law that found the Ninth Circuit solicitor was about seven times more likely to excuse a black person from a jury than a white one. Mick Norton, an expert testifying for the S.C. Attorney General's office said during a hearing Friday he was concerned that the professors wrote that they "identified" 12 cases that they used to determine the likelihood of Wilson striking black jurors. He said if researchers are not using all of the cases where Wilson was the lead prosecutor, they should have used a random sample.

Post and Courier: Charges are dropped for teen, man accused of tying up, killing North Charleston resident

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160527/PC16/160529362>

Andrew Knapp

An attorney for a 16-year-old North Charleston boy cleared in a murder case Friday said the teenager never should have been charged with tying up and killing a man earlier this year. Citing a North Charleston Police

Department probe, prosecutors dropped murder and kidnapping charges against the boy, Marcus Abdul Spann Jr., and an alleged accomplice, Deantre Rakeem Malik Maybank, 26. Spann's defense lawyer, Lauren Williams of West Ashley, said the two witnesses who had named Spann as Draco Istan Ali Ben Walker's killer are both 6 years old, and one of them has vision problems. Their accounts were "highly questionable" and "immediately suspect," she said.

The State: Pastor sentenced to 20 years for sexually assaulting teen members of church

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article80379047.html#storylink=apmobile>

Jane Moon Dial

A Sumter pastor was found guilty of using his position in the church to sexually assault a teenage girl and now faces 20 years in prison. A Sumter County jury found Larry DuRant, 61, of Sumter guilty of one count of criminal sexual conduct with a minor, according to a news release from S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson's office. Judge Roger Young sentenced DuRant to 20 years in prison, the maximum sentence.

Greenville News: More Southside students charged in shooting incident

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2016/05/27/more-southside-students-charged-shooting-incident/85056408/>

Anna Lee

Two more Southside High students have been charged in the weeks since a gun accidentally went off in the school cafeteria. A juvenile was shot in the May 13 incident that sent the school into lockdown as deputies responded and swept the campus for weapons. The Greenville County Sheriff's Office initially charged two students — one adult and one juvenile — with unlawful carry of a firearm, disturbing schools and carrying weapons on school property, according to investigators.

Associated Press: 2 more teens charged in accidental SC high school shooting

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Qmj0acHD

SC State Wire

Authorities say two more students have been charged in connection with an accidental shooting earlier this month at a Greenville high school. Greenville County deputies said in a news release that a 16-year-old student picked up the gun after it fired May 13, but didn't immediately turn it over to police or administrators, instead only giving up the weapon to a deputy at a school exit who was searching everyone as they left. Deputies say a second 16-year-old student is charged after selling the gun to another teen off campus.

Herald-Journal: Teen refugee's first months in Spartanburg an education

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160527/articles/160529666>

Allison M. Roberts

Divin Nduwamahoro had a steep learning curve as he adjusted to life in America — especially when it came to his education. Nduwamahoro's only experience with school was at the Tanzanian refugee camp where he and his family had been living since 2005 after fleeing Burundi in 2001. Because his transcripts and grades were on a different scale, it was difficult for him to be placed in a school. The first school Nduwamahoro, 18, visited wasn't able to admit him. He said until he enrolled at Dorman High School, he worried he wouldn't be able to attend school in America.

Associated Press: After harrowing cave escape, operator considers safety

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

SC State Wire

One day after 19 people trudged through neck-deep water in a harrowing escape from a flooded Kentucky cave, the operator of the spelunking attraction says he is analyzing the incident for any possible safety lessons.

David Foster, executive director of the American Cave Museum, said he had no way to reach the group of students a mile deep in the caverns Thursday afternoon to warn them that the water was rising and threatening to block their only exit. They all made it out safely after navigating deep water, rushing currents and mud so thick it sucked off a police chief's boot. Now Foster said he's turning his attention to any safety updates that might help prevent another close call.

Sun News: Annual Atlantic Beach Bikefest pilgrimage draws thousands

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/bike-rallies/article80472042.html>

Audrey Hudson

The annual pilgrimage to Atlantic Beach got off to a thunderous start Friday as hundreds of motorcycles rolled through the tiny neighborhood to pay homage to the festival's humble origins, and were greeted by an enthusiastic crowd that numbered in the thousands. Bikers in leather pants and cuts mingled with senior citizens and families with young children, as they shopped at the vendors that lined the blocks leading to the ocean hawking t-shirts, leather jackets, funnel cakes, shrimp and macaroni and cheese. Carleton Jinks of Atlanta has been coming to the Bikefest for five years for the camaraderie of fellow bikers, and said he's met fellow travelers from as far away as Los Angeles.

Associated Press: Grand Reopening: Charleston art museum completes \$13M remake

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bflqZR3Q

SC State Wire

A \$13 million renovation of the Gibbes Museum of Art in Charleston's historic district is complete and the museum is reopening to the public. The Gibbes reopens Saturday after the work that began in the fall of 2014. The museum, dating to the early 1900s, has more than 10,000 works in its collection. The renovations opened up 30 percent more gallery space so more of those items can be displayed.

Associated Press: Spartanburg's Duncan Park Stadium takes its place in history

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

SC State Wire

Sunflower seed shells litter the ground below the iconic green wooden seats at Duncan Park Stadium. Giant speaker horns once mounted above the stands' rest on the stadium's old wooden bleachers. The nearly 90-year-old ballpark is the oldest in South Carolina and is one of the oldest wooden grandstand baseball stadiums in the nation. It has been called a throwback to another era - a legacy in Spartanburg's baseball history. And now, with its placement on the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places, it has been officially designated a place worthy of preservation.

Post and Courier: Debate waged behind the scenes over hotel rooms at Charleston ports authority's office site

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160527/PC05/160529356>

David Wren

Just days after the State Ports Authority announced it would sell its headquarters overlooking Charleston Harbor, Mayor John Tecklenburg started looking for a way to limit the number of hotel rooms a developer could put on the prime site. It wasn't because Tecklenburg was opposed to redeveloping the 1970s-era Concord Street offices into a modern waterfront lodging, although the mayor has expressed concerns about fast-paced hotel development on the peninsula. Instead, it was outdated zoning on the property allowing a hotel with up to 225 rooms that had Tecklenburg and other city officials concerned.

National News:

Associated Press: Expecting worst, holiday travelers find fast airport lines

<http://bigstory.ap.org/08ba67650fc944c1a6fb69910da39dd5>

Jeff Martin and Russ Bynum

Fast moving airport security lines at the start of the Memorial Day weekend could bode well for return travelers Monday. Travelers reported moving quickly through airport checkpoints Friday after authorities opened extra screening lanes and used bomb-sniffing dogs to give some passengers a break from removing their shoes.

Associated Press: Presidential race shows deep seated strife toward minorities

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e07525f3b4ae4e75933f4a6c11f66cef>

Jesse J. Holland

It started with Mexicans being publicly accused by presidential candidate Donald Trump of being criminals and rapists. It escalated to ejections, to sucker punches, to pepper spray. And now violence and strife seems to be a commonplace occurrence out on the campaign trail. As the 2016 presidential campaign turns toward the rapidly diversifying West, it has officially buried any thoughts of a post-racial United States, with racial and ethnic groups at the center of the most public strife seen in the political arena since the height of the civil rights movement.

World News:

Associated Press: Atomic bomb survivors feel wonder, doubt after Obama visit

<http://bigstory.ap.org/090f59ac8c77488bb16dbc0bafdb2cad>

Foster Klug and Kaori Hitomi

The survivors of the world's first atomic bomb attack are used to hearing grand vows to rid the world of nuclear weapons. They just don't usually come directly from the leader of the country that dropped the bomb on them in the first place. On Saturday, a day after Barack Obama left, there was gratitude — wonder, even — that he had become the first sitting U.S. president to visit the place where the nuclear age began. But there was also clear-eyed recognition that the realities of a dangerous, fickle world may trump Obama's call for nations, including his own, to have the "the courage to escape the logic of fear" of nuclear weapons stockpiling.

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