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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Island Packet: Gov. Nikki Haley: Go full throttle on Jasper port

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/business/article75179757.html>

Lucas High

The Jasper Ocean Terminal is projected to be ready to operate by around 2025, but S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley says she wants the port up and running sooner. Haley called for the estimated \$4.5 billion project to be fast-tracked at a meeting Monday in Ridgeland, where she was joined by a cadre of consultants, elected officials, project directors and state port authority leaders. "We need this done yesterday," she said. Shaving a few years off the project timeline will allow the Jasper Ocean Terminal to be ready when the nearby ports in Charleston and Savannah can no longer handle their cargo demands, Haley said.

Associated Press: Port Call: Port envisioned by 2025, Haley wants it yesterday

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

Bruce Smith

Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday she expects lawmakers in both South Carolina and Georgia will have to start banking money to help pay for a joint port terminal on the Savannah River, a terminal consultants expect will be needed by 2025 and which Haley said she would've liked to have had yesterday. Haley met with local officials and representatives from both states Monday to get an update on the Jasper Ocean Terminal, a 1,500-acre terminal planned for a site in Jasper County on the South Carolina river, downstream from Savannah.

WSAV: Plans for Jasper Port move forward, officials celebrate developments

<http://wsav.com/2016/05/02/plans-for-jasper-port-move-forward-officials-celebrate-developments/>

Ashleigh Holland

The ports in Savannah and Charleston are said to be 'at capacity' by the year 2025. A new plan could mean the biggest port in the country, right across the Talmadge Bridge in Jasper County. In a meeting on Monday, South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley visited Jasper County to talk plans and show support for the Jasper Greater Terminal. The new port could mean a million jobs and billions of dollars to the greater Jasper area. Haley says plans for saving money should come together sooner, rather than later. The price tag is an estimated \$4.5 billion, which includes projects associated with the port, like widening Highway 17.

Note: "So, that's why you're going to continue to hear me ask the Senate again, and ask the House again, you know, don't waste it. The years don't come by often, but let's put it in safety pockets," Haley said.

Jasper County Sun Times: Gov. Haley talks port in Ridgeland

<http://www.jaspersuntimes.com/news/2016-05-02/gov-haley-talks-port-ridgeland>

Gov. Nikki Haley visited Ridgeland to discuss the progress of the Jasper Ocean Terminal Project. The \$4.5 billion project is expected to be completed by 2025. Gov. Haley expects the port will be needed earlier than 2025, as Charleston and Savannah's ports edge closer to reaching container capacity. "Thank you to everyone in Jasper County for being patient and being able to hang in there with us," Gov. Haley said.

Island Packet: Beaufort National Guard unit to deploy to Guantanamo Bay

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article75125207.html>

Stephen Fastenau

A S.C. Army National Guard unit in Beaufort will deploy to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, a National Guard spokeswoman said Monday. About 100 of the 140 soldiers in Beaufort's 131st Military Police Co. will leave for Cuba during the next fiscal year, which begins in October, said Lt. Col. Cindi King. She declined to give exact dates for the deployment, citing security concerns. The soldiers will join Joint Task Force Guantanamo, which operates the base's prison camps.

Note: President Barack Obama has promised to close the prison and wants to transfer some of the remaining detainees to the U.S., moves facing strong opposition from Republicans. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley told Congress last week that transferring the prisoners to Charleston, a possible location scouted by the Pentagon, is a bad idea.

Morning News: Marion Pastor recognized as state ambassador

http://m.scnow.com/news/local/article_f54e7e2e-106c-11e6-86e8-77499d86b46b.html?mode=jqm

Marion's Pastor for Door of Hope Christian Church Michael Blue earned recognition from the South Carolina Department of Commerce as one of its 2016 Ambassadors for Economic Development. Blue was honored during the 25th Annual Industry Appreciation Week this past Thursday in Columbia for efforts to bolster community and economic development activities in South Carolina. As many as 46 individuals were invited to the Governor's Mansion Complex representing each county.

Note: "In South Carolina, growing our state's economy and creating jobs truly is a team effort, and the individuals recognized as ambassadors at last week's ceremony are proof of that. These local business leaders from all corners our state are what really make South Carolina such a special place to live, work and play," Gov. Nikki Haley said.

Bustle: Donald Trump's Vice President Shortlist Is Getting Shorter By The Minute & He Has Only Himself To Blame

<http://www.bustle.com/articles/158118-donald-trumps-vice-president-shortlist-is-getting-shorter-by-the-minute-he-has-only-himself>

Seth Millstein

Donald Trump has a good shot at becoming the Republican presidential nominee, but is anyone willing to be his running mate? The most prominent of them is Nikki Haley, governor of South Carolina and a rising star in the GOP. By just about any measure, Haley would be a superb vice presidential candidate. After the 2015 mass shooting in Charleston sparked a debate over the Confederate flag, Haley showed genuine courage and leadership by breaking with Republican orthodoxy and demanding the removal of the flag from her state's capitol grounds. As an Indian-American woman, she'd add much-needed racial and gender diversity to the Republican ticket, and Trump has said that he'd like somebody experienced in politics as his running mate.

Note: Alas, Haley isn't going to be Trump's vice presidential pick. She made that pretty clear in March, when she declared explicitly at a GOP fundraiser that "we can't have Donald Trump as president." She took issue with Trump's refusal to denounce the Ku Klux Klan and his habit of encouraging violence at his rallies, and cited Trump's "lack of judgement" as a candidate. So, yeah, Trump-Haley isn't happening.

General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: S.C. House to tackle ethics reform

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160502/PC1603/160509892>

Maya T. Prabhu

After stalling in the state Senate last year, senators last week sent two ethics reform bills back to the House of Representatives for their approval. Senators amended the bills, both of which had been passed by the House by February 2015, before sending them back across the hall. That means House members can either accept the Senate's changes or choose to create a compromise committee where lawmakers from both chambers hash out details of the legislation. Both bills are on the House calendar and could come up for floor debate as soon as Tuesday.

Greenville News: Watchdogs say ethics bills could instill confidence

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/05/02/watchdogs-say-ethics-bills-could-instill->

[confidence/83817846/](https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/local/2018/07/26/confidence/83817846/)

Tim Smith

Two ethics bills that passed the Senate will benefit the public even if they aren't paying attention but additional reforms are needed, two ethics watchdogs say. The bills are part of a legislative ethics package that has been debated for at least four years, repeatedly running aground in the more deliberative Senate. But last week the Senate passed a House bill that would require disclosure by public officials of sources of private income and also passed another House measure that would hand investigations of ethics complaints against legislators to a revamped State Ethics Commission, removing such probes from legislative committees.

LGBT Laws:

Associated Press: Education secretary calls for repeal of 2 transgender laws

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:e405921081b5406b9c0f3e957f783e1b>

Jennifer C. Kerr and Christine Armario

Laws in North Carolina and Mississippi that restrict the rights of transgender Americans are hateful and should be repealed, Education Secretary John B. King Jr. said Monday. Asked about the laws at the Education Writers Association national conference in Boston, King called them hateful and said gender identity should be protected. He said the laws send a problematic message to students and he is calling on state legislatures to repeal them. "My hope is legislators will realize they've made a terrible mistake," he said.

Sun News: Horry County Schools joins transgender bathroom use appeal; protestors clash

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/education/article75176637.html>

Claire Byun

More than 500 people turned out to watch the Horry County Board of Education discuss the fate of transgender student bathroom use Monday afternoon, and things got a little heated when protestors and supporters clashed. The board unanimously approved supporting a Virginia appeal requiring the schools to allow students to use the bathroom of the gender with which they identify. The district cannot join the appeal – because it was not part of the lawsuit – but it will file an amicus curiae brief to show support for the Virginia district.

Wilson- Pascoe Dispute:

Post and Courier: S.C. AG Wilson tells civic group he will discuss feud with solicitor at 'appropriate time'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160502/PC1603/160509856>

Maya. T. Prabhu

S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson said he is eager to present evidence showing he has not impeded a solicitor's investigation into possible Statehouse corruption. But he said it was inappropriate to discuss any details before the S.C. Supreme Court rules on a petition filed by 1st Circuit Solicitor David Pascoe alleging the attorney general and his office had tampered with the investigation. The Supreme Court has agreed to hear arguments in the matter, but a hearing date has not been set.

The State: Wilson: No comment on Pascoe fuss until S.C, Supreme Court rules

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article75182842.html#storylink=apmobile>

John Monk

South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson said Monday that he won't comment further on his conflict with special prosecutor David Pascoe until the state Supreme Court settles their dispute. Wilson addressed the issue – one of the state's most talked about legal and political topics these days – in answer to a question after his speech to members of the Columbia Sertoma Club. on topics such as Internet child predators and human trafficking. "When the Supreme Court rules, I'll be happy to answer any more questions that you have about that – that's the appropriate time," Wilson said. "I have sufficient evidence and sufficient facts... I can explain everything to everybody. But I'll give the court a chance to do their job."

SC Political News:

The State: Former Gamecocks football coach Lou Holtz endorses Donald Trump

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article75183497.html>

Jamie Self

Former University of South Carolina football coach Lou Holtz has endorsed Donald Trump in the Republican presidential race. The GOP frontrunner announced the endorsement Monday on Twitter with a video of Holtz explaining his endorsement. "I wholeheartedly endorse Donald Trump as the next president of the United States. There are nothing but winners in Indiana," said Holtz, who coached at Notre Dame before coming to USC in 1998. "The main reason I'm endorsing him: I've played his golf course. I've stayed in his hotel," Holtz said. "He does nothing but go first class in everything. He wants this country to be first class as well."

Post and Courier: Rep. Gilliard asks Charleston County Schools chief to stop changes

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

State Rep. Wendell Gilliard of Charleston asks Charleston County Schools Superintendent Gerrita Postlewait to hold off on action on the closing of Lincoln-Middle High and changes to Sanders Clyde Creative Arts School until he can meet with her about it. Also, he has filed a bill in the State House that would put restrictions on how a rural school could be closed. The School Board has a special called meeting now in session that is expected to discuss these issues.

Associated Press: Democrats gather for traditional Galivants Ferry Stump

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9hTcgk9c

SC State Wire

Democrats are gathering along the banks of the Little Pee Dee River for a political tradition that's more than a century old. The biennial Galivants Ferry Stump is taking place Monday afternoon at the Galivants Ferry General Store. Party organizers say the event features music, food and activities and features stump speeches from candidates for U.S. Senate, South Carolina's congressional districts and local offices in Horry County.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: DOT can work fine with a board, as long as governor appoints it

SC, Georgia only states where governor doesn't control Transportation Department

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article75196257.html>

Cindi Ross Scope

Auditors reviewing the state Transportation Department were understandably concerned about the law that divided control of the agency between a secretary hired by the governor and a legislatively appointed commission with the authority to sabotage the secretary. That sort of two-boss arrangement is a disaster waiting to happen in any organization, public or private. So the Legislative Audit Council gave legislators five alternative solutions... In case you got lost in the list, the common theme is no appointment authority for legislators.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: S.C. gas prices climb to average \$2 a gallon for first time since August

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160502/PC05/160509885>

Warren L. Wise

The good news is gasoline prices are still lower than this time last year. The bad news is the price continues to rise. The cost of filling up rose 8.7 cent per gallon during the past week across South Carolina to an average of \$2 a gallon, now back to pre-Labor Day levels, according to gas price service GasBuddy. Motor club AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report puts the price about 2 cents higher per gallon. Though increasing, the price across the Palmetto State is about 31 cents lower than a year ago.

The State: Three killed on S.C. roadways over the weekend

<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/south-carolina/article75118217.html#storylink=apmobile>

South Carolina Department of Public Safety officials said there were three road deaths reported over the weekend. Officials said all three occurred on U.S. routes, S.C. roads and secondary roads. As of Sunday, 272 people have died on state highways, compared to 308 highway deaths during the same time period in 2015. Of the 183 motor-vehicle occupants who have died in 2016, 88 were not wearing seat belts.

Local News:

The Herald: Exclusive: York teen meets with parole board, denies plot to join ISIS

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article75168462.html>

Andrew Dys

The teen from York – who police and prosecutors say wanted to join ISIS and plotted to kill American soldiers – denies being part of any plot and has refused to tell police where he bought two guns. And on Monday, the head of South Carolina’s parole board told the teen that the refusal to help officers is a “cloud over his head,” and “you need to help make this state feel safe.” That refusal could mean more time in prison for the 17-year-old. The teen will find out Tuesday if he will be released. The decision will be released to the public Wednesday.

Post and Courier: KKK fliers in Goose Creek neighborhoods violated ordinance, police say

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160502/PC16/160509884>

Dave Munday

Recruiting fliers for the Ku Klux Klan were thrown around some neighborhoods in Goose Creek over the weekend. Police were involved because the fliers violated a city ordinance that bans distribution of handbills, Maj. John Grainger said. Fliers were reported in front yards in Foxborough and Friar’s Grove on Sunday morning, according to the incident report. The handbills were in plastic bags weighted down with rice, apparently so they could be thrown from a moving vehicle.

Sun News: Heather Elvis kidnapping trial prompts 650 extra juror summons

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/crime/article75009952.html>

Elizabeth Townsend

An extra wide net is being cast to find potential jurors to hear the trial of Heather Elvis kidnapping suspect Sidney Moorner, which is slated for June. The number of juror summons and questionnaires that will be mailed out Monday to possible Horry County jurors is way above the average. Coverage of Elvis’ December 2013 disappearance reached the national level and has been on websites, social media, television and radio since then.

Post and Courier: Community invited to prayer service to show appreciation for area law enforcement

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160502/PC16/160509852>

Melissa Boughton

The community is invited Wednesday to attend a tri-county area police appreciation prayer service in downtown Charleston. Law enforcement and clergy joined Monday on the steps of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist to announce plans for the event, which include choir music, prayer and Scripture reading. It will be held at 9 a.m. at the same church, and parking will be free at the King and Queen streets garage. “We will celebrate with the police officers, law enforcement agencies and their families,” said the Rev. John Paul Brown, pastor of Union AME Church in Awendaw. “We cannot do this by ourselves. We’re asking all to come out and support our effort.”

Island Packet: Hilton Head to review contract with Beaufort County Sheriff’s Office

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/crime/article75145732.html>

Rebecca Lurye

The Town of Hilton Head Island will be taking a closer look at its policing services from the Beaufort County Sheriff’s Office as part of a comprehensive review of its biggest contracts. But the town is handling the review differently for the Sheriff’s Office than with its other major contracts. Rather than assign the work to town staff, as the council did with the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce and Island Recreation

Center, the town plans to hire an outside expert.

Post and Courier: The Post and Courier's owner buys Columbia's Free Times newspaper

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160502/PC05/160509858>

John McDermott

The owner of The Post and Courier has bought a Columbia newspaper, it was announced Monday. Charleston-based Evening Post Industries' newspaper division said it acquired the Free Times from Resorts Media LLC. Financial terms were not disclosed. The award-winning Free Times serves Columbia and the surrounding areas of Richland and Lexington counties. The print edition is published weekly. Its website is www.free-times.com. Note: Also, Andy Shain has been named editor of the Free Times. Shain has nearly 30 years of experience as an editor and reporter. Most recently, he was the politics, government and higher-education reporter for The State newspaper in Columbia. In his new role, Shain also becomes editor of PalmettoPolitics.com, a political news website created by The Post and Courier.

Free Times: Free Times Sold to Post and Courier Owner

<http://www.free-times.com/blogs/free-times-sold-to-post-and-courier-owner-050216>

Charleston-based Evening Post Industries, which publishes The Post and Courier, has bought Free Times from Resorts Media LLC. The terms of the sale were not disclosed. "This move is a natural extension of Evening Post's mission to build community," said P.J. Browning, senior vice president of Evening Post Industries and publisher of The Post and Courier. "Our newspaper group has established a reputation for providing award-winning news and information to the communities we serve. We are excited to continue that work in Columbia."

Associated Press: Great Escape: 19 lab monkeys escape, all recaptured

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

SC State Wire

Nineteen monkeys made a break from a compound on the South Carolina coast, but freedom was fleeting. Local media outlets report the monkeys escaped from the Alpha Genesis center Sunday afternoon and six hours later all had been recaptured. Alpha Genesis operates two facilities near Beaufort, South Carolina, where it has 5,000 monkeys, many sold for medical research.

Island Packet: Monkey escape: USDA to 'look into' primate breakout at Yemassee facility

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article75175847.html>

Wade Livingston

Bent portions of the tin walls surrounding an outdoor monkey habitat allowed 19 primates to get loose at a Yemassee research and breeding facility. Greg Westergaard, president and CEO of the Alpha Genesis facility, said Monday morning that the tin wall of the monkeys' 40-foot-by-40-foot "corral" had begun to bow. That bowing created a corner with a ledge in the oval-shaped corral, and the monkeys used the ledge to scale the 12-foot-high walls and escape Sunday afternoon. Westergaard said Alpha Genesis has been the subject of an ongoing U.S. Department of Agriculture investigation he believes stemmed from the 2014 escape of 26 monkeys at the company's Yemassee location, and another instance that same year when a single monkey escaped from its Early Branch site. That lone monkey has never been recovered.

Post and Courier: CARTA seeks volunteer advisers to improve bus service

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160502/PC16/160509881>

Robert Behre

Those interested in volunteering to help Charleston's public transportation system have a new chance to help. The Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority is forming a Transit Riders Advisory Committee and is seeking members among those who ride buses at least twice a week. CARTA Chair Mike Seekings said the riders' input will help the agency as it tries to improve its efficiency and routes.

The State: OneColumbia set to get nearly \$84,000 through June despite critique of its spending

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article75190172.html#storylink=apmobile>

Clif Leblanc

Columbia City Council is set on Tuesday to finalize its promise to the arts advocacy group OneColumbia that it would get money to finish the fiscal year after an auditor questioned how the group spent meal taxes. Council is to vote to take \$83,800 from the general fund to pay for OneColumbia's operation through June 30. How the organization would be funded after that has not been decided. OneColumbia will receive the money every four weeks rather than every three months as it does when it uses meal taxes, which are paid largely by patrons of the city's restaurants and bars.

National News:

Associated Press: Judge temporarily blocks removal of Confederate monument

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:ae795e022f8462f9cfb0a4eb3d16e76>

A judge on Monday temporarily barred the city of Louisville from removing a 70-foot-tall Confederate monument near the University of Louisville campus. Jefferson County Circuit Judge Judith McDonald-Burkman signed a restraining order forbidding the city from moving the 121-year-old obelisk honoring Kentuckians who died fighting for the Confederacy in the Civil War. Mayor Greg Fischer and University President James Ramsey had announced Friday that they would remove the monument, marking the latest government effort to reconsider displaying Confederate symbols following the massacre of nine black churchgoers in South Carolina last summer.

Associated Press: Cruz fights for survival as Trump eyes Indiana knockout

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:03d221c18ea645ac9ef39c71100d37091>

Thomas Beaumont and Steve Peoples

Ted Cruz's conservative crusade for the presidency fought for new life Monday ahead of an Indiana vote that could effectively end the GOP's primary season. The fiery Texas senator hinted at an exit strategy, even as he vowed to compete to the end against surging Republican front-runner Donald Trump. "I am in for the distance — as long as we have a viable path to victory," Cruz told reporters after campaigning at a popular breakfast stop. With his supporters fearing Cruz could lose a seventh consecutive state Tuesday, the candidate's formulation hinted at a time when he may give up.

World News:

Associated Press: Cheering Cubans greet first cruise ship from US in decades

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:9fc303578bf14af6818c1f87cf540619>

Michael Weissenstein

Greeted with rum drinks and salsa dancers, the first passengers to cruise from the U.S. to Cuba in nearly 40 years streamed Monday into a crowd cheering the rebirth of commercial travel on waters that served as a stage for a half-century of Cold War hostility. Many watching the festive arrival praised a Cuban government decision to drop a longstanding ban on Cuban-born people returning to their homeland by sea, a step that allowed 16 Cuban-Americans to make the journey from Miami. "This is history," said Mercedes Lopez, a 54-year-old nurse who waited for hours to see Carnival Cruise Line's 704-passenger Adonia pull up to Havana's two-berth cruise terminal. "We Cubans must unite, all of us. This is a step forward, a little step toward normalization, peace, family unification."

Associated Press: Puerto Rico skips bond payments, says Congress must help

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:499ab98b6b294231b3ef9c1aad1a37dd>

Marcicarmen Rivera

A spiraling Puerto Rico debt crisis reached a new milestone as the island missed nearly \$370 million on a bond payment Monday and officials warned of worse to come if the U.S. Congress doesn't help it dig out from a mountain of debt. The default was the largest in a series of missed payments by the struggling U.S. territory since last year and Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla warned it was unlikely to be the last.

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