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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley's veto kills bill keeping teacher evaluations private

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Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley's veto has killed legislation exempting teacher evaluations from public disclosure, but the Republican governor said she will support a better-written bill next year. Haley said she recognizes the bill's intent is to promote a more candid evaluation process, but she said it is too broad. The one-sentence measure exempts educator evaluations with "personally identifiable information" from the state's Freedom of Information Act. Haley said that allows school districts to withhold any record related to an evaluation, including information on teacher misconduct that should be publicly available, she wrote in her veto message signed Friday.

The State: SC Gov. Haley to endorse Myrtle Beach attorney in state Senate race

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article80945172.html>

Jamie Self

Gov. Nikki Haley is endorsing Myrtle Beach attorney Reese Boyd in the GOP primary for District 34 state Senate seat, which state Sen. Ray Cleary, R-Georgetown, will vacate when his term expires. The Republican governor was to attend a 5 p.m. Tuesday reception for Boyd at the DeBordieu Clubhouse in Georgetown. Boyd and three others are running for the open Senate seat, including state Rep. Stephen Goldfinch, R-Georgetown, who Haley and the pro-Haley political group, A Great Day SC, oppose. The PAC is running ads in the three state Senate races.

South Strand News: Haley says she's 'never been more disappointed' in legislator than Stephen Goldfinch

<http://www.southstrandnews.com/20160531/160539993/haley-says-shes-never-been-more-disappointed-in-legislator-than-stephen-goldfinch>

Max Hrenda

While most of Gov. Nikki Haley's appearance in Georgetown was spent discussing state business, after it concluded, she delivered harsh criticism toward a local state representative. "I endorsed him because he was a freshman coming in," Haley said, "but I've never been more disappointed in a legislator than in Stephen Goldfinch." Haley made her statement after appearing at a Rotary Club of Georgetown Lunch event at Chacon's of Georgetown Tuesday, May 31, and hours before she was scheduled to appear at a campaign event for Reese Boyd III.

Associated Press: Chinese fiberglass company says it will create 400 SC jobs

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

SC State Wire

South Carolina's governor says a Chinese fiberglass manufacturer is expected to create 400 jobs when it opens a manufacturing operation in Richland County. Gov. Nikki Haley said in a news release Tuesday that China Jushi also is expected to invest \$300 million in the 80,000-ton production line during the first phase. The plant will be the company's first fiberglass manufacturing operation in the U.S. The plant will be located in Pineview Industrial Park in Columbia. Officials say the company expects to begin construction in the fourth quarter of 2016 and complete the facility within two years.

General Assembly News:

Greenville News: Senate passes budget with \$216 million for roads

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/05/31/senate-passes-budget-216-million-roads/85198672/>

Tim Smith

The Senate has given its final approval of a \$7.5 billion General Fund budget that would enable the state to borrow \$2.3 billion for roads, grant state employees a 3.25 percent pay raise and adds \$10 million to the appropriation of local governments. House and Senate negotiators reached a compromise on Saturday, leaving final approval to both chambers. The Senate on Tuesday voted 36-9 to approve the compromise. That leaves House approval before the budget is sent to Gov. Nikki Haley.

Note: "What we did in the appropriations bill does not fix the roads," Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman told the Senate. "It certainly begins to fix the roads in our state. Next year, I'll be at the forefront, we've got to find a continuing stream of money if we're going to fix the roads in this state."

Associated Press: SC Senate approves \$7.5B compromise on state budget

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=5YmjO7Yx

SC State Wire

The South Carolina Legislature's \$7.5 billion spending plan for next fiscal year is one vote from Gov. Nikki Haley's desk. Senators voted 36-9 Tuesday to approve the budget compromise reached over the weekend by a panel of Senate and House members. House approval would send the package to Haley, who has the authority to veto specific items. Spending she might strike could include the \$40 million of aid to farmers whose crops were wiped out by last October's catastrophic flooding. The Legislature already overrode Haley's veto of legislation setting up how that aid will be distributed.

Post and Courier: Lawmakers reach agreement on ethics reform law creating investigations panel

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160531/PC1603/160539881>

Maya T. Prabhu

Members from the S.C. House and Senate reached a preliminary agreement on legislation that creates an independent investigations panel when lawmakers are accused of wrongdoing. The House and Senate earlier this year passed different versions of the bill regulating a state ethics commission and representatives from each chamber agreed Tuesday on a compromise they all could agree to. Senators agreed to almost all of the changes proposed by the House of Representatives, giving the eight-member commission the ability to move an investigation forward instead of referring it to each chamber's ethics committee. Those committees would then decide to make the information publicly available.

Greenville News: Senate rejects House swap of dash cam bill with FOIA reforms

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2016/05/31/senate-rejects-house-swap-dash-cam-bill-foia-reforms/85199248/>

Tim Smith

The Senate has rejected an attempt by House lawmakers to substitute revisions to the state Freedom of Information Act in a bill passed by the Senate to regulate the release of police dash cam video. The House made the swap after a senator halted progress of the FOIA bill in the Senate. Lawmakers are scheduled to adjourn for the year on Thursday. The House passed the swap by voice vote Tuesday and the Senate took it up later in the afternoon.

Herald-Journal: Notification on halfway houses gets mixed reaction

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160531/articles/160539960>

Daniel J. Gross

Larry Prater spent 11 years in prison on a charge of assault with intent to kill. The Spartanburg native now lives in Roebuck, working as a forklift operator in Duncan and preparing to move into a place of his own next month. The halfway house he shares with another former inmate is in a trailer park off Bearden Road, not far from where the community gathered in 2014 to voice their anger about ex-offenders being nearby. In an

effort to address such community concerns, the General Assembly has passed a bill requiring groups that help rehabilitate ex-offenders to post public notices before halfway houses open. Signs must be posted on the property and a notice placed in a newspaper 60 days in advance. Groups also must host a public forum in the affected community at least 30 days before ex-convicts can move in. Gov. Nikki Haley is expected to sign the bill.

Post and Courier: S.C. legislators to recognize Boeing's birthday, economic impact

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160531/PC05/160539885>

David Wren

Boeing Co.'s billions of dollars in contributions to South Carolina's economy and charitable causes will take center stage at the State House in Columbia on Wednesday as state legislators mark Boeing Impact Day. The ceremony also will celebrate the aerospace giant's 100th birthday, which takes place on July 15, with resolutions by lawmakers in the House and Senate. Since 2009, Boeing has invested \$2 billion in land, facilities, infrastructure and machinery at its 787 Dreamliner campus in North Charleston and other area facilities. The company also has donated \$28 million to charitable organizations and, last year alone, spent more than \$355 million with 294 suppliers and vendors located within South Carolina.

WIS: Richland Rec Commission official out on bond, suspended without pay

<http://www.wistv.com/story/32103729/richland-rec-commission-official-out-on-bond-suspended-without-pay>

Jack Kuenzie

A top manager for the troubled Richland County Recreation Commission has been suspended from his position following his arrest on drug and weapons charges. Bond for James Anthony Brown, 38, is set at \$100,000, after being taken into custody Friday in Northeast Richland County on weapon possession and multiple drug trafficking charges. Three of the seven drug charges filed against James Anthony Brown accuse him of distribution or possession near a school.

SC Political News:

McClatchy DC: FEMA's new 'disaster deductible' shifts responsibility to states

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/congress/article80939632.html>

Vera Bergengruen

Under pressure from Congress to reduce federal dollars spent on emergency aid, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is floating a new proposal that would give states a financial incentive to better prepare for storms, floods, hurricanes and other disasters. Some state and local officials are pushing back. Many of the 150 public comments filed to the agency express concern that the proposed changes would just shift the financial and administrative burden to local governments already overloaded during disaster situations.

Note: "The question for us is manpower," South Carolina Emergency Management Division chief of recovery and mitigation Elizabeth Ryan said in an interview.

Note: "For these communities it may affect their ability to recover from an event because they flat out don't have the money," South Carolina Emergency Management director Kim Stenson said, pointing out that there already is a 25-percent cost share for the communities. "Even with that cost share, sometimes that's very onerous, especially for some small counties in South Carolina," he said.

SC Elections:

ABC Columbia: WATCH: What to Know Before the June 14 Statewide Primary

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/2016/05/31/watch-know-june-14-statewide-primary/>

Ashley Dolan

All eyes may be on the race to the White House, but Midlands residents have plenty of chances to let their voices be heard before November. Good Morning Columbia has the latest. Richland County will also be holding a special election on Tuesday for the Richland County Council District 10 seat. That's the seat formerly held by Kelvin Washington. Governor Nikki Haley forced Washington to vacate his seat for crimes

deemed to be immoral.

Opinion/Editorial:

Charlotte Magazine: Opinion: South Carolina's Government Problem

<http://www.charlottemagazine.com/Charlotte-Magazine/May-2016/Opinion-South-Carolinas-Government-Problem/>

Greg Lacour

This is South Carolina, never an exemplar of robust public services, now a commonwealth in which any notion of the public good and a structure to support it has withered to the point of collapse. "South Carolina's state government is on life support," reads the lead paragraph of an extraordinary story in Saturday's The State newspaper, and before you cheer and urge Nikki Haley to go ahead and pull the plug already, you might want to consider that what citizens save through non-investment in the public sector tends to come back later and exact a profound cost through dam failures, crumbling schools, unsafe bridges, and dying children. It's basic cause and effect, nothing hard to comprehend. Yet Haley and many of the citizens she serves considers South Carolina "overtaxed." It ranks 42nd of 50 in overall tax burden for state and local government, 35th of 43 in state individual income tax.

South Carolina News:

The State: Seven killed on S.C. roadways over Memorial Day weekend

<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/south-carolina/article80879657.html#storylink=apmobile>

South Carolina Department of Public Safety officials said there were seven road deaths reported over the weekend. Officials said all of the deaths occurred on U.S. routes, S.C. roads and secondary roads. There were no weather-related fatalities due to tropical depression Bonnie. In two of the deaths, officials said a seat belt was used, while two others did not use a seat belt. In one wreck, seat belt usage is unknown. One of those killed was a motorcyclist, while one other was a pedestrian.

Post and Courier: S.C. gasoline prices edge up heading into summer driving season

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160531/PC05/160539903>

Warren L. Wise

The cost of gasoline continues to rise across South Carolina heading into the summer driving season, but prices are at their lowest in more than a decade. The price edged up 2.5 cents during the past week to an average of \$2.08 a gallon in the Palmetto State, according to gas price gauger GasBuddy. Motor Club AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report puts the price 2 cents higher. Still, the price is nearly 35 cents less than this time last year in South Carolina.

Associated Press: Summer reads include local favorites and national hits

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=b66ahpmj

Hillel Italie

When customers at Indigo Books in Johns Island, South Carolina, ask for a good beach read, Mary Alice Monroe's "A Lowcountry Wedding" is an obvious choice. Not only does Monroe live nearby, her book is set along the South Carolina coast. "It's a surefire hit," says Indigo owner Linda Malcolm, who also recommends Louise Penny's upcoming "A Great Reckoning" and John Sandford's "Extreme Prey." With summer approaching, bookstores are offering local favorites and national hits, faraway adventures and stories quite close to home.

Local News:

Associated Press: 4 kayakers rescued from Catawba River near Rock Hill

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2nVf8Jpm

SC State Wire

Four people in kayaks have been rescued from the Catawba River near Rock Hill. Fire Department Battalion

Chief Trey Hovis says four people riding in three kayaks called emergency officials about 8 p.m. Monday reporting they were in distress. Hovis says two women were on the riverbank on one side of the river and two men had beached their kayak on the other side of the river.

Associated Press: Small plane makes emergency landing in Spartanburg County
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=AYxUI51q

SC State Wire

The pilot of a small airplane avoided injuries when he made an emergency landing in Spartanburg County. Multiple media outlets reported the single-engine Cessna 182 landed about 1 p.m. Monday on state Highway 290 near Moore. Firefighters said the pilot found a vacant stretch of road when his engine stalled. Poplar Springs Fire Department Capt. Jamie Phillips says firefighters pushed the plane onto a side road to clear the highway.

Herald-Journal: Airplane makes emergency landing near Roebuck

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160530/articles/160539977>

Daniel J. Gross

A small airplane made an emergency landing on Highway 290 in Moore on Memorial Day. Plane makes emergency landing on Hwy 290 in Moore. There were no injuries. Firefighters went to the landing on Highway 290 near Highway 221 after 1 p.m. where a pilot had found a stretch of roadway when his engine stalled. Capt. Jamie Phillips, of the Poplar Springs Fire Department, said firefighters pushed the airplane off the roadway and onto a side street to clear the roadway for traffic.

Independent Mail: Standoff at Seneca apartment complex ends

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/authorities-in-standoff-at-seneca-apartment-complex-3424da85-c6de-63a4-e053-0100007f7318-381388041.html>

Mike Ellis

A man has surrendered to authorities, ending a standoff Tuesday in Seneca. A South Carolina Law Enforcement Division spokesman confirms that one man is in custody after surrendering. The standoff happened at a Seneca apartment complex. Officers arrived at the complex early Tuesday morning after reports of a gunshot fired, said Seneca Police Chief John Covington said. There have been no injuries and officers are in place after having secured the complex.

Sun News: Friday marks final school day for Horry County students

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/education/article80879852.html>

Claire Byun

School is almost out for summer, though Horry County students have to hang on just a little bit longer until the final bell rings. The final day of the 2015-16 school year is Friday, which is a half day for all Horry County Schools students. Originally the district planned two half-days on Wednesday and Thursday – with Friday as a teacher workday – but had to add a full day to make up for missed school for weather in February.

Post and Courier: After Citadel denies request to wear hijab, Muslim student will attend another military college

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160531/PC16/160539889>

Deanna Pan

The young Muslim woman whose request to wear a hijab was denied by The Citadel will attend a private military college in Vermont instead. Sana Hamze, a 17-year-old from Florida, told The Washington Post she knew her request would cause an “uproar” because “of how Muslims are portrayed in the media now.” Next fall, Hamze will attend Norwich University, where officials “quickly agreed” to approve her request for a religious accommodation, according to The Post.

Post and Courier: 10 students receive college scholarships in honor of fallen Emanuel AME pastor

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160531/PC16/160539896>

Deanna Pan

Ten students, including six from Charleston County, will receive about \$80,000 total this year as the inaugural winners of a college scholarship program named in honor of the slain pastor of Emanuel AME Church. Applications for the Reverend Pinckney Scholars Program opened in March to black high school seniors from Beaufort, Charleston and Jasper counties. The scholarship winners also will receive supportive resources from the Coastal Community Foundation in addition to their financial awards, renewable annually for up to four years.

Post and Courier: Emanuel AME shooting survivors on South Africa civil rights pilgrimage

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160531/PC16/160539904>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

Two survivors of the Emanuel AME Church shooting are in South Africa on a civil rights pilgrimage with the Washington-based Faith & Politics Institute that includes a stop at the prison where Nelson Mandela spent 18 years. Felicia Sanders and Polly Sheppard, along with 20 Kennedy family members and various civil rights figures, are on a 10-day trip to the country, which has grappled with its own history of racial oppression. The trip is being organized by the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Human Rights and The Faith & Politics Institute, which led a similar pilgrimage to South Africa in 2003, said Joan Mooney, the institute's president and CEO. "It's intended to be a healing journey," Mooney said.

Post and Courier: Blackbaud plans announcement at site of Charleston's African American museum

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160531/PC05/160539895>

Thad Moore

Blackbaud Inc. will make an announcement Wednesday morning at the future site of the International African American Museum. Blackbaud CEO Mike Gianoni will be joined by Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg, former Mayor Joe Riley and Michael Moore, the president and CEO of the museum, according to an invitation to the 10 a.m. event. The Daniel Island-based company, which makes software and provides services for the philanthropic industry, didn't immediately respond to a request for comment on its plans.

Island Packet: PAI's Don Christy pleads guilty to fraud, embezzling \$3.5 million

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/crime/article80908862.html>

Wade Livingston

A former Hilton Head Island property manager pleaded guilty Tuesday to one count of federal wire fraud and is now facing the possibility of prison time and paying restitution, which could total millions of dollars. Don Christy, who owned Property Administrators Inc., pleaded guilty to the felony charge — Count No. 5 — in U.S. District Courthouse Tuesday in Charleston. The charge stemmed from a Jan. 28, 2013 transaction during which Christy wired \$5,000 — money the federal government alleged he stole from his clients — to a New Jersey bank.

The State: Company says it will create 400 jobs in Richland County

<http://www.thestate.com/news/business/article80914432.html#storylink=apmobile>

A company headquartered in Zhejiang, China, that manufactures fiberglass products announced Tuesday it build a production line in Richland County that will create 400 jobs. China Jushi is establishing its first U.S. fiberglass manufacturing operations with an 80,000-ton production line in the Pineview Industrial Park. The company expects to begin construction in the fourth quarter of 2016 and complete the \$300 million project within two years.

Island Packet: Hospital says oil leak contained, not harmful to environment

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article80859757.html>

Stephen Fastenau

Beaufort Memorial Hospital says an oil leak that reached the river Sunday has been contained, isn't harmful to the environment and is not related to oil found at the same time in Factory Creek and on boats in Lady's Island Marina. An estimated 290 gallons of heating oil leaked into the hospital's boiler room on the bottom level May 23. The leak was believed contained the next day. The hospital says it doesn't know how much oil reached the water but that it is believed to be a small amount.

Sun News: Officials urge readiness as hurricane season begins

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article80930192.html>

Elizabeth Townsend

Wednesday marks the beginning of the 2016 Atlantic hurricane season, and emergency officials urge residents to make preparations now and not wait until a storm is headed for the Grand Strand. "If you're prepared upfront, the recovery after will go much quicker," said Randy Webster, Horry County Emergency Management Department director. "People who don't get prepared have a rougher time after an event."

National News:

Associated Press: Cops investigate boy's entry into exhibit, gorilla's killing

<http://bigstory.ap.org/7578d442b52947249322e05da76c77a3>

Dan Sewell

Police said Tuesday they were investigating the circumstances surrounding a 4-year-old boy entering a gorilla's exhibit at the Cincinnati Zoo and the animal being shot to death to protect the child. A federal investigation is also planned. A federal inspection less than two months ago found no problems with the zoo's Gorilla World exhibit, but earlier zoo inspections reported issues including the potential danger to the public from a March incident involving wandering polar bears.

Associated Press: Testimony from families of 9/11 victims sought at Guantanamo

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2aef2bda129649b1a307151af13606b2>

Ben Fox

A prosecutor asked a judge Tuesday to allow public testimony at Guantanamo Bay this fall from some people who had family members killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, saying otherwise they may not live long enough to be heard. The military tribunal for the five Guantanamo Bay prisoners charged in the case has been grinding along in the pretrial stage since May 2012. But the trial itself could still be years away. So prosecutors want to bring 10 people to the U.S. base in Cuba in October to testify in open court about the loss of their sons and daughters on Sept. 11, 2001.

Associated Press: Intelligence briefings come with presidential nomination

<http://bigstory.ap.org/526c515a38f24d80a452da50ad2268ca>

Deb Riechmann

After the political convention confetti is swept away, a more sobering tradition of the presidential election begins: The regular, top-secret intelligence briefings for Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, the likely Democratic nominee. Started by President Harry S. Truman, the briefings are designed to get the candidates, before they walk into the Oval Office, up to speed on problems around the globe. Truman, who was Franklin D. Roosevelt's vice president for almost three months before Roosevelt died, first learned about the Manhattan Project to develop an atomic bomb only 12 days into his presidency, and he pledged not to leave any future commander in chief behind the ball.

Associated Press: Clinton scores prized endorsement from Gov. Jerry Brown

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2f039fa4f5064183b1979ce972cde914>

Michael R. Blood and Lisa Lerer

Hillary Clinton landed a coveted endorsement from California Gov. Jerry Brown Tuesday, patching up a strained relationship between the two Democrats as she seeks to deliver a final blow to Bernie Sanders' campaign. Clinton heads into California and the other end-of-the-line primaries June 7 with the Democratic nomination virtually locked up — she needs just 71 delegates to reach the required threshold at the party's summer convention in Philadelphia. But Sanders is staging boisterous rallies across the state and running TV ads in hopes of delivering an upset that he says would strengthen his claim to the nomination, despite the numbers.

World News:

Associated Press: Mediterranean Sea disasters swallow up over 1,000 migrants

<http://bigstory.ap.org/3721ad61e9294d6a80a4a83444249f92>

Jamey Keaten

The treacherous Mediterranean Sea crossing from Libya to Italy has claimed the lives of over 1,030 migrants in the last week, mostly as barely seaworthy smuggling boats foundered and sank despite calm seas and sunny skies, a migration agency said Tuesday, citing new accounts from survivors. The staggering death toll foreshadows more disasters ahead in the next few months as the region gears up for its traditional summer-fall spike in human trafficking as the weather improves and the seas grow warmer. Aid officials said it also suggests that Libyan smuggling gangs are using even riskier tactics than before to profit from the torrent of those desperate to reach the safety or economic promise of Europe.

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