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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Haley farm bill veto may mean hardships for S.C. farms

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160508/PC1603/160509514>

Cynthia Roldan

Gov. Nikki Haley will sign what is arguably one of the biggest vetoes of her career, a move South Carolina farmers fear will leave them facing tougher times ahead. Haley vowed Saturday to veto a bill that creates the South Carolina Farm Aid Fund, which would set aside \$40 million for farmers affected by October's historic floods. She has been threatening to veto the bill since March. "I will not support any bailout of any industry over any other industry that has suffered from this thousand-year flood," Haley said Saturday at the state Republican Party convention. "I will veto that next week. We do not do bailouts in the state of South Carolina."

WIS: Gov. Nikki Haley to veto farm bill

<http://www.wistv.com/story/31919807/gov-nikki-haley-to-veto-farm-bill>

Mike DeSumma

Governor Nikki Haley has made it clear she will not back legislation to give funding to South Carolina farmers to help them recover from the 2015 flood. During the GOP Convention on Sunday, Haley said she intends to veto the state's farm bill, which has already cleared both the House and Senate. If passed, the bill would create the South Carolina Farm Aid Fund. Supporters say it would help farmers who lost a great deal of their crops during last fall's historic flood. Haley says farmers are already getting federal money from crop insurance and loans. The governor says that type of help is not available to small business owners and homeowners who also suffered during the flood.

US News: Donald Who? South Carolina Republicans Avoid Talk of Trump

<http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2016-05-08/south-carolina-republicans-avoid-talk-of-trump>

David Catanese

The Silver Elephant dinner is the preeminent annual party-building event for South Carolina Republicans, who dress to the nines, clink glasses of wine and celebrate their elected leaders while getting a first peek at a politician seeking a national future. At this year's gathering though, most were loath to acknowledge the giant elephant outside the room. Donald Trump, the newly minted presumptive GOP presidential nominee who carried the Palmetto State's primary by 10 points, went largely unmentioned during the two-hour gala here Friday, save for an obligatory reference by the state party chairman at the top of the program.

Note: The near-blackout of Trump came through most glaringly on stage where Gov. Nikki Haley, Sen. Tim Scott, Gowdy and featured guest speaker Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas all delivered remarks without any reference to the New York City billionaire. Haley rattled through a list of state-specific accomplishments, Scott spoke about the state's resiliency through a year of tragedy and Gowdy introduced attendees to Cotton.

General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Slow week in Columbia

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160509/PC1603/160509404>

Maya T. Prabhu

With half of the Statehouse on furlough and the other half working a short week, legislative business will be

slow in Columbia for the next few days. The House of Representatives took the week off, saying they're so far ahead in their legislative calendar they and have little to do. Senators have Tuesday off before returning Wednesday to a 75-page list of House and Senate bills up for floor debate. Some state agencies, including the Department of Motor Vehicles, also are closed Tuesday for Confederate Memorial Day. Senators will hold several meetings Wednesday and Thursday, with panels looking at various bills that were approved by the House to meet the crossover deadline to become law.

LGBT Laws:

Associated Press: North Carolina gov. faces Fed's Monday deadline on LGBT law

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:18483556b02d459d9af71b5006782fd2>

Gary D. Robertson

North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory shows no signs of backing down in the face of the federal government's Monday deadline to declare he won't enforce the new state law limiting protections for LGBT people — defiance that could risk funding for the state's university system and lead to a protracted legal battle. McCrory and other state officials have been under pressure since the U.S. Justice Department warned last week that the law passed in March violates civil rights protections against sex discrimination on the job and in education for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

News & Observer: Gov. Pat McCrory wants more time to respond to feds on House Bill 2

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/under-the-dome/article76423567.html>

Craig Jarvis and Colin Campbell

Gov. Pat McCrory said Sunday he has asked federal officials for an extension of their Monday deadline to declare that North Carolina will not comply with its newly enacted law restricting anti-discrimination protections. McCrory said the U.S. Department of Justice declined his request unless he was willing to admit that House Bill 2 was discriminatory. As a result, he said, his office is still considering how to respond. But he said: "I'm not going to publicly announce that something discriminates."

Charlotte Observer: Jennifer Roberts, Republican leaders cautiously explore HB2 deal

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/article76308707.html>

Steve Harrison and Jim Morrill

When the legislature's top leaders met privately with Charlotte Mayor Jennifer Roberts on Thursday, both sides discussed what neither has been willing to suggest publicly: What if we each gave a little to end the crisis over House Bill 2? Under one proposal, the City Council would rescind its LGBT nondiscrimination ordinance as a good faith gesture. In exchange, the state would make changes to HB2. Ultimately, they did not agree to anything except to keep talking, according to sources on both sides. And the two sides remain far apart.

SC Political News:

The Herald: York Co.'s McCall gets another term on Republican National Committee

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/politics-government/article76428017.html>

Bristow Marchant

York County's Glenn McCall has been re-elected to the Republican National Committee. McCall, a former York County GOP chairman, was selected Saturday for another term by delegates at the South Carolina GOP convention. He will fill two seats reserved for the Palmetto State on the committee, the other going to Cindy Costa of Charleston, a 20-year incumbent on the RNC.

SC Elections:

The State: Lexington GOP candidates readying for primary showdown

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article76455547.html>

Cassie Cope

State Rep. Rick Quinn spent a recent Friday campaigning for his June 14 Lexington County GOP primary race in the Carriage Hill Lakes neighborhood. The voters that Quinn talked to all echoed the same message: Fix the state's crumbling roads. Quinn is one of six incumbent Republican legislators in Lexington who has drawn a June GOP primary challenge. In one of those contests, state Sen. Katrina Shealy of Lexington – one of only two women in the state Senate – has drawn two primary opponents.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: 20 years of fighting poverty in South Carolina

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article76172642.html#storylink=apmobile>

Guest Columnist: The Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine founded Providence Hospital in 1938. In May of 1996, the Cleveland congregation established the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina, with a mission to help alleviate poverty across the state. That was 20 years ago. In the two decades since, the foundation has become a philanthropic leader throughout South Carolina, and hundreds of thousands of people have been impacted by our work. The foundation has given more than 2,000 grants to more than 1,700 organizations, investing more than \$58 million to support organizations in all 46 counties.

The State: Alan Wilson wrong to appeal Bennett decision

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article76171662.html#storylink=apmobile>

Guest Columnist: Rory Fleming

Wilson appealed the court order vacating the death sentence of Johnny Bennett, a black man Myers referred to as "King Kong" at his second trial. State court opinions and legal briefs are rarely scrutinized by national media, or else maybe South Carolina would bear the brunt of aggression like North Carolina is now for its bathroom law. The S.C. Supreme Court's weak rationale upholding Bennett's death sentence in 2006 was that "King Kong" only referred to his "immense size, strength, and the destructiveness of his previous crimes." Not only was Wilson's decision impractical, but it was also unconscionable. The appeal wastes our tax dollars and the state government's time. Sadly, Wilson's decision also condones racism from a seat of political power. That alone is worthy of admonishment.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Hotline officials: More domestic violence awareness needed in South Carolina

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160508/PC16/160509575>

Melissa Boughton

Of the 400,000 calls, chats and texts to the National Domestic Violence Hotline in 2015, only 1,718 came from South Carolina. "While this may initially sound like a good thing, our research shows just the opposite — that there is a huge gap in awareness of the resources available to victims of domestic violence and across the state," said spokeswoman Kyrsten Aspergan. The 24/7 hotline, which provides immediate support to victims across the nation, recently released the 2015 state reports. South Carolina ranks 25th in domestic violence calls.

Associated Press: The Latest: SC chief Justice urges law graduates to service

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=nzksCa4S

SC State Wire

The chief justice of South Carolina's Supreme Court is urging law school graduates to work for the core American principles of a judicial system independent of politics and the rule of law. The chief justice told graduates they should lead efforts to ensure the independence of America's courts, just as they fought to preserve the law school in recent years. Pleicones says that may mean seeking and serving in public office. Pleicones has been an Army lawyer, a public defender in Richland County, county attorney and a part-time municipal judge.

The State: USC's Curtis Frye will coach USA men's sprinters and hurdlers in Olympics

<http://www.thestate.com/sports/college/university-of-south-carolina/other-usc-sports/article76443812>.

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David Cloninger

South Carolina track and field coach Curtis Frye will be working with Team USA at the Olympics this summer. "It's thrilling," Frye said of his second stint in Olympic coaching. "I feel like it's a redemption – I feel this is the year when the USA regains its total dominance. It's a great year for track and field and we're getting back into elite status." Frye won't be taking a vacation for quite a while. "July 15 is when we actually pack and head to Prairie View, which is our camp," Frye said. "From that time, it's all the way to the end of August."

Local News:

The State: Richland deputy meets man for first time after rescuing him from flood

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article76428757.html#storylink=apmobile>

Glen Luke Flanagan

When Archie Lee found himself trapped in his car as flood water poured down Killian Road, the Richland County resident prayed for an angel. The answer to his prayer came with a badge instead of wings, in the form of a Richland County deputy. Lee got to meet his rescuer last week for the first time since the floods. The rescue took less than an hour. But the thanks, for Lee, will last a lifetime.

The State: Fire causes 'significant' damage at Citadel Beach Club; 2 inside escape

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article76421262.html#storylink=apmobile>

Glen Luke Flanagan

A fire early Sunday morning caused heavy damage to The Citadel Beach Club in Isle of Palms. Isle of Palms Fire Chief Ann Graham said the fire department got a call about the blaze at the event venue at 3:43 a.m. When firefighters arrived, the entire building was on fire – from the ground, through multiple stories, to the roof. The caretaker woke to a strange noise and then heard a fire alarm going off, Graham said. He and his wife, the only occupants, escaped with no injuries.

Post and Courier: Early morning blaze damages Citadel Beach Club, closes event venue indefinitely

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160508/PC16/160509420>

Erin Gillespie

A couple escaped without injury when an early morning fire broke out at the Citadel Beach Club on the Isle of Palms. Around 3:43 a.m., the Isle of Palms Fire Department received a call reporting the blaze at 4700 Palm Blvd. Two people were inside the building sleeping when the fire broke out. Isle of Palms Fire Chief Ann Graham said the man heard a noise, and after waking up, heard the blaring fire alarm. He woke his wife and both were able to escape. "They got out OK," Graham said.

Associated Press: Veterans Administration offers vets with benefits, claims

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=UVx7BXCr

SC State Wire

The U.S. Veterans Administration is offering to help military veterans in Spartanburg County with benefits enrollment and claims at a special forum. Monday's event is being held at the University of South Carolina-Upstate National Guard Armory building on the Spartanburg campus. Representatives from the VA's regional office will provide individual claims assistance to veterans and their families.

Post and Courier: Social media errors a teaching moment for Clemson coaches, players

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160509/PC20/160509418>

Aaron Brenner

It's a strange new world for old-school college coaches still getting used to social media making distractions more common and embarrassing than ever. The last 10 days brought about humiliating, and potentially reputation-damaging, moments for two SEC schools. On some level, it may have been vindicating for Clemson coach Dabo Swinney, a self-described "Twitter quitter" as one of the few college coach holdouts on social media. "That's just one less thing I've got to worry about," Swinney said Thursday before a Prowl & Growl booster club appearance at the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta. "(Clemson) certainly uses it to grow

our football brand; me personally, I don't get caught up in that. I know it's a way of the times and all that."

Greenville News: Clemson recruit gains national attention with video

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/sports/college/clemson/2016/05/08/clemson-recruit-logan-rudolph-northwestern-hs/84114636/>

Romando Dixon

A Northwestern High School football player chose a creative way to announce his commitment to Clemson, and his social media video has garnered national attention. Logan Rudolph posted the video Friday night on Twitter. The video has received more than 3,300 retweets and 5,900 likes. The 14-second video is set in the woods and pans to Rudolph. He is chopping at a tree and wearing nothing but short shorts and boots. The 1980s hit "Danger Zone" by Kenny Loggins is playing in the background. Rudolph takes a quick break to announce his commitment then returns to hacking at the tree.

Post and Courier: 'You stood up': Charleston School of Law leaders commend grads for opposing sale

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160508/PC16/160509416>

Diane Knich

The graduates of Charleston School of Law's Class of 2016 faced a turbulent three years fighting a plan to sell the school to the for-profit InfiLaw System, said Edward Bell, the school's new president. "While the InfiLaw schools are accredited, they were thought of as less than we have here," Bell said. The proposed sale created "a tornado in your own school," he said. It was students who led the fight against the sale, with strong support from the faculty, Bell said. They won the battle, he said, and that will give them their own page in the school's history.

Morning News: 50 years later, Martin Luther King Jr.'s words still echo

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_8ff15b28-1585-11e6-a199-1786fda179ba.html

Shamira McCray

Attorney Bakari Sellers on Sunday told the dozens of people who attended Martin Luther King Jr.'s March on Ballot Boxes Speech 50 years ago in Kingstree that their struggle in the middle of the 20th century is his struggle early in the 21st century. It's ours right now, he said. Sellers, a former S.C. representative from Bamberg, spoke Sunday at the March on Ballot Boxes 50-year commemoration event at the Tomlinson High School athletic field in Kingstree. King spoke in the exact spot in 1966 on a rainy Mother's Day afternoon. The speech was the first of only three public speeches he presented in South Carolina. King encouraged people to get out and vote. Nearly 5,000 people were in attendance that day.

Post and Courier: King in Kingstree: 'March on ballot boxes' Mother's Day speech remembered

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160508/PC16/160509409>

Adam Parker

Even in 1966, people recognized that a speech by King was a historic opportunity. That event was remembered on Sunday, Mother's Day, with a gathering at the same place, Tomlinson High School, where dignitaries, civic leaders, area residents, students and others marked the anniversary. Former state Rep. Bakari Sellers, now a CNN commentator, offered remarks. Rep. James Clyburn, who had attended the King event in 1966, delivered a keynote speech. Organizers broadcast a video of King's rainy-day Kingstree remarks as many in the audience searched the archive footage for a glimpse of their younger selves. About 50 of the 300 or so attendees had come to see King in 1966.

Sun News: Bikefest ad: Not your father's Chamber of Commerce message

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article76169602.html>

Audrey Hudson

The Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce is promoting the upcoming Atlantic Beach Bikefest with an unusual message targeting the Memorial Day weekend attendees: have a good time, just don't break the law. The three-minute video titled "Know Before you Go" is targeted at bikers to inform them of the increased presence of uniformed and plain-clothes police officers, and to encourage attendees to work with law enforcement to keep everyone safe.

Independent Mail: Residential growth takes off in Anderson

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/residential-growth-takes-off-in-anderson-323185ae-cfdf-7c5c-e053-0100007fc3ec-378579506.html>

Nikie Mayo

Plans for residential growth in Anderson County have taken off the last four months with much of the development focused on S.C. 81 near T.L. Hanna High School. Alesia Hunter, the county's development standards manager, said recently her office has processed preliminary paperwork for several proposed subdivisions and for expansions of long-established existing ones since January. If all the different projects come together, she said, it would result in the construction of at least 300 new homes.

Post and Courier: N.J. company seeks leases for wind farms off Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160508/PC16/160509522>

Bo Petersen

A company seeking to build a wind farm off New Jersey wants to see how the wind blows off Bulls Bay and Charleston, too. Fisherman's Energy is one of two companies whose officials have told federal regulators they are interested in permits for areas off the coast. Fisherman's Energy wants to work in a large stretch within 10 miles of the Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge — an area opposed by local conservationists — and two smaller stretches farther out, the closer one more than 20 miles out to sea from Charleston Harbor.

Aiken Standard: Aiken, North Augusta talk mosquito programs amid S.C. Zika case

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160509/AIK0101/160509489>

Christina Cleveland

Though South Carolina public health officials say no mosquitoes in the state currently have the Zika virus, officials with local municipalities have offered tips on how to protect from mosquitoes and bites, especially when traveling. Local cities with mosquito programs could begin spraying soon as the season for the insect approaches. Roy Kibler, superintendent of property maintenance for the City of North Augusta, said the North Augusta's mosquito program will start Wednesday, but no extra measure has been taken regarding the virus.

Herald-Journal: Mental health groups encourage workplace awareness

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160508/articles/160509689>

Bob Montgomery

Depression costs employers \$210 billion and 217 million lost workdays each year, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness. While families rally around loved ones stricken with cancer or heart disease, mental illness often goes untreated because of the stigma that still exists, mental health professionals say. May is National Mental Health Awareness Month, and Giliberti was a featured speaker at NAMI's annual Southeastern Symposium on Mental Health held May 6-7 in Greenville. She spoke on mental health issues in the workplace.

National News:

Associated Press: Mosquito season brings no urgency for money to fight Zika

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:d071f08b443a43feba3ee978a46f57f9>

Andrew Taylor

The White House and Democrats are pressuring congressional Republicans to act on President Barack Obama's demands for money to combat Zika, but even the onset of mosquito season that probably will spread the virus has failed to create a sense of urgency. Republicans from states at greatest risk, such as Florida, Texas, Louisiana and Georgia, have been slow to endorse Obama's more than 2-month-old request for \$1.9 billion to battle the virus, which causes grave birth defects. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention currently reports more than 470 cases in the continental U.S., all so far associated with travel to Zika-affected areas.

Associated Press: Stunned Trump foes face diminished options at GOP convention

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:5de8bda358244fcba07870f03a3452eb>

Alan Fram

Still shaken by Donald Trump's triumph, Republican and conservative foes of the billionaire can still cause headaches for the party's presumptive presidential nominee at this summer's GOP convention. But their options are shrinking by the day. With Trump's last two rivals — Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Ohio Gov. John Kasich — abandoning their campaigns, there's no remaining talk of snatching the nomination away from him with a contested, multi-ballot battle when Republican delegates gather in Cleveland.

Associated Press: Palin raps Ryan for withholding support for Donald Trump

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:d71756c60f3344d6ad5e5a97e45e32e1>

Sarah Palin, the vice presidential candidate on the Republican Party ticket in 2008, is harshly criticizing House Speaker Paul Ryan for withholding his support from likely Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump. Palin said Sunday that Ryan's statement that he isn't ready to embrace Trump "was not a wise decision of his."

World News:

Associated Press: Cooler temperatures, rain give firefighters hope in Canada

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:82213a3b03fb414e922346151c0a8a91>

Cooler temperatures and light rain have officials optimistic they've reached a turning point on getting a handle on a massive wildfire that has devastated parts of Canada's oil sands town of Fort McMurray. Alberta Premier Notley said the battle against the fire has stabilized to the point where she can visit and begin the next phase of the government's operation to determine what must be done to eventually allow people to return to the city. A massive evacuation of 25,000 residents displaced by the blaze also came to an end. More than 80,000 people have left Fort McMurray in the heart of Canada's oil sands, where the fire has torched 1,600 homes and other buildings.

Associated Press: North Korea congress gives Kim Jong Un new title of chairman

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:18c8322ab00f4578a98d28af48ec406a>

Eric Talmadge

North Korea's ruling-party congress on Monday announced a new title for Kim Jong Un, party chairman, in a move that highlights how the authoritarian country's first congress in 36 years is aimed at bolstering the young leader. Less than a third of the more than 100 foreign journalists invited for the historic congress were permitted to attend, and even they were allowed to view the proceedings in the ornate April 25 House of Culture for only about 10 minutes. Earlier Monday, a BBC correspondent was expelled for allegedly "insulting the dignity" of North Korea.

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