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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WSPA: Gov. Haley says DOT reform sets SC back 10 years

<http://wspa.com/2016/06/10/gov-haley-says-dot-reform-sets-sc-back-10-years/>

Robert Kittle

Gov. Nikki Haley signed into law the roads bill that South Carolina lawmakers passed at the last minute, but she says a big part of that bill—DOT reform—is not real reform. “A lot of elected officials went home and said, ‘We got you roads. Rah rah!’ You know, ‘Re-elect us. We did a great thing.’ And the truth of the matter is I think we stepped back a decade,” she says. Until now, the governor appointed the SCDOT secretary, with advice and consent of the Senate. The governor appointed only one of the eight DOT commissioners. State lawmakers appointed the other seven, with one from each of the state’s Congressional districts. Critics say that led to commissioners looking out for only their areas of the state instead of voting on which road projects were most needed.

WCIV: Patriots Point, Gibbes Museum among those feeling pinch from Haley vetoes

<http://abcnews4.com/news/local/patriots-point-gibbes-museum-among-those-feeling-pinch-from-haley-vetoes>

Bill Burr

Cuts to South Carolina's \$7.5 billion budget will be felt in the Lowcountry. Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed more than \$41 million from the state's proposed spending plan. Vetoes include \$3.6 million designated to several local attractions. A popular patriotic landmark in Charleston Harbor is the USS Laffey. It's anchored next to the USS Yorktown at Patriots Point, where officials hoped to get extra money from the state for Laffey's upkeep and other operations. "We're real thankful for the Senate and the House for the small amount of money they put in the budget for us. But we're also respectful for the governor's position on special projects," said Patriots Point Public Information Officer Chris hauff. Haley vetoed \$50,000 for the Laffey. But leaders at Patriots Point say the attraction won't be affected by the cut.

WCBD: Governor signs Charleston County Schools balanced budget act

<http://counton2.com/2016/06/10/governor-signs-charleston-county-schools-balanced-budget-act/>

Shawn Cabbagestalk

Governor Nikki Haley has signed the Charleston County Schools Balanced Budget Act. The Bill, filed by Charleston Representative Leon Stavrinakis, will require the school board to get independent certification of tax revenues expected to be available for each year's budget. The law also required the school board to conduct an annual mid-year review. Stavrinakis says the new law is a common sense way to keep the school district from continuing to spend more money than they have available.

SC Political News:

The State: Dare to rappell! Celebs drop down 20-story tower for good cause

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article82987647.html>

Clif Leblanc

Sporting her lucky Wonder Woman sneakers, a relieved Sen. Katrina Shealy peeled off her rappelling harness on Friday and proclaimed, "It's off my bucket list. I'm not doing that again!" She had just scaled 326 feet from the top of Columbia's second-tallest building to the pavement below to help raise money for Harvest Hope Food Bank's first rappel-for-food event. Shealy had faced her fear of heights. "Everybody wants to donate at Thanksgiving and Christmastime," the Lexington County Republican said as she sipped water on a hot afternoon. "Nobody wants to give during the summer." So far into the two-day fund-raiser that ends Saturday, pledges have amounted to about \$20,000, said Harvest Hope's Ash Little. Shealy was among several local celebrities who volunteered to kick off the fund-raiser by getting a five-minute lesson and then suiting up in helmets and harnesses and holding tight to polyester ropes designed to hold at least 6,000 pounds.

SC Agency News:

WACH: DSS recognizes foster children graduates

<http://wach.com/news/local/dss-recognizes-foster-children-graduates>

Matthew Stevens

DSS recognized foster children Friday that graduated from high school, vocational school, technical college, and college programs. It was the fourth annual graduation celebration for DSS. The program known as "Independent Living Program for foster youths than had a successful academic career. The Independent Living Program was designed to help foster children develop skills to live healthy, be productive, be self-sufficient and be responsible adults.

SC Elections:

Herald-Journal: Mulvaney faces GOP primary challenge in 5th District

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160610/articles/160619960>

Bob Montgomery

Fifth District U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney of Rock Hill is facing a Republican primary challenge from a Lake Wylie newcomer who claims the incumbent is too conservative for South Carolina. "Mick is hard right, I'm just right," said Ray Craig, a Clemson engineering graduate who has worked with pastoral ministries in India and Uganda. He currently works as a clerk at a grocery store. Mulvaney defeated longtime Democratic U.S. Rep. John Spratt in 2010, becoming the first Republican to represent South Carolina's 5th District since 1883. He has won re-election since then. He previously served in the S.C. Senate, representing the 16th District. "Mr. Craig needs to get out more, spend some time in the district," Mulvaney said, in response to Craig's assertion that he's too far right.

WYFF: SC Chamber of Commerce steps up attacks on Sen. Lee Bright

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/SC-Chamber-of-Commerce-steps-up-attacks-on-Sen-Lee-Bright/40000856>

Tim Waller

A second radio ad attacking the voting record of Republican state Sen. Lee Bright, of Spartanburg, claims the two-term senator is holding voters in District 12 "hostage." "Last time, the Senate was trying to get a vote on a plan to fix our roads and bridges without raising taxes," a man in the ad says. "I remember. Bright filibustered, then voted against a bill with real solutions, leaving voters in the dust," another man adds. The radio ad is the second to be released by the South Carolina Good Government Committee, the political action committee of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. Note: "(Sen. Bright) claims to be one thing in Spartanburg, to be business-friendly, but his votes in Columbia just don't align on that front," state Chamber President and CEO Ted Pitts said. Pitts said Bright is the first elected official the state Chamber has targeted ahead of a state primary. He said

Bright's history of voting against key bills, including the roads bill that's been signed by Gov. Nikki Haley, prompted the Chamber to take action.

Herald-Journal: 2 vie for GOP nomination for S.C. House District 42

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160610/articles/160619963>

Republicans Mark Cathcart and Tommy Mann will square off in the primary Tuesday for the chance to run against Democratic incumbent Mike Anthony for the state House District 42 seat. Cathcart, 46, ran for the same office two years ago but lost in the primary. Mann, 31, said this is the first race he's been involved with. Mann wants to focus on several issues, including repairing roads without raising taxes, protecting religious liberty and introducing an anti-abortion bill. Mann said he is proudly pro-life and intends to fight for the unborn as well as religious freedoms. "People have seen a lot of religious liberty come under attack lately," Mann said, citing nationwide controversy over transgender bathroom laws.

Independent Mail: Mudslinging caps Anderson GOP race between Bryant, Burdette

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/mudslinging-caps-anderson-gop-race-between-bryant-burdette-34f39608-847a-08e3-e053-0100007f0157-382537731.html>

Kirk Brown

Voters received fliers in their mailboxes this week attacking both candidates in a high-profile race for the South Carolina Senate District 3 seat. Sen. Kevin Bryant and former Pendleton Mayor Carol Burdette will meet in the Republican primary on Tuesday. The winner is not expected to face any opposition in the November general election to represent the district that covers the northern half of Anderson County. A group called Free Speech Unites went after Bryant in a mailer that says he has "raked in over \$15 million for his company doing business with and getting contracts from the state of South Carolina" since he was elected 12 years ago. "Is it any wonder Kevin Bryant opposed Ethics Reforms that would make this type of personal profiteering while in public office illegal?" states the group's flier.

Independent Mail: Familiar foes meet in S.C. Senate District 4 primary

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/familiar-foes-meet-in-sc-senate-district-4-primary-34f39608-847b-08e3-e053-0100007f0157-382548661.html>

Kirk Brown

State Sen. Mike Gambrell is looking to continue his winning streak on Tuesday while Williamston Town Councilman Rocky Burgess is hoping the third attempt to beat his political rival will be a charm. Gambrell and Burgess are competing in the Republican primary for a full four-year term in the South Carolina Senate District 4 seat, which covers eastern and southern Anderson County, part of Abbeville County and western Greenwood County. The winner of the primary will be on the ballot in the November general election. Williamston resident Mark Powell has filed to run in November as a Democrat, but party officials have refused to certify his candidacy and the dispute could be headed to court.

Times and Democrat: Service, experience keys in races

http://thetandd.com/news/local/service-experience-keys-in-races/article_a0dbe42b-53ae-50a4-a7a3-9b40d7c05927.html

John Mack

Candidates for Calhoun County's local races came together Thursday for a forum where they discussed issues such as experience and service. Three local Democrats will be facing opposition in Tuesday's Democratic primary. Auditor April Wise is being challenged by Melissa Smoak-

Wannamaker, Probate Judge Kathy Strickland Brown is being challenged by Gary Porth and County Council District 2 member Pamela Claxton is being challenged by Ken Westbury. Wise has worked in the auditor's office for 11 years. Before being elected in 2012, she served as deputy auditor. Her challenger, Smoak-Wannamaker, was asked what experience she holds that would outweigh Wise's experience.

Note: Brown was appointed probate judge by Gov. Nikki Haley in 2015 to complete the unexpired term of Frederick W. Robinson.

South Strand News: Georgetown County voters' guide for June 14 primary

<http://www.southstrandnews.com/20160610/160619977/georgetown-county-voters-guide-for-june-14-primary>

Max Hrenda

Some contests will be determined, others will be unaffected and others will be decided during the South Carolina Statewide Primary Election June 14. Democrats and Republicans alike will head to the polls to make their choices for a variety of local, state and federal positions. In several cases, the decisions made by Georgetown County voters will all but decide several elections, barring successful write-in campaigns. Locally, the position of Probate Court Judge is the only such election.

Note: Boyd, a Myrtle Beach attorney who received a recent endorsement from Gov. Nikki Haley, has presented himself as "the conservative choice" for Senate; Ford, an engineer and contractor, has campaigned as someone who will fight for governmental accountability; Goldfinch, who represents District 108 in the state House of Representatives, has touted his experience and vote history in the Legislature; and Withington, a Myrtle Beach businessman and U.S. Navy veteran, is also citing his experience working with government to accomplish things.

Aiken Standard: A Closer Look: Four vying for S.C. House District 81 seat

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160610/AIK0101/160619940>

Christina Cleveland

Four Republicans are running for S.C. House District 81 in next week's primary and all have named repairing the state's infrastructure as an important issue for South Carolina.

Opinion/Editorial:

Post and Courier: Measure your political gender gap

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160611/160619901/measure-your-political-gender-gap>

Frank Wooten

Elect our first woman president? Or elect our first TV "reality show" star president? Distract yourself from that dilemma now testing many Americans' faith in our self-governing system by putting your gender-related political knowledge to this test...

Sun News: Mo-peds subject to traffic regulations in bill sent to governor

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/opinion/editorials/article82890042.html>

Editorial

In the waning session of the S.C. General Assembly, legislators approved and sent to the governor non-controversial, comprehensive mo-ped reform and also overrode Gov. Nikki Haley's veto of legislation allowing Myrtle Beach to extend for another ten years a one-cent sales tax. The added penny raises millions of dollars for marketing tourism, real estate tax credits for city residents and capital improvements. While there is widespread agreement on the need to regulate the pesky mo-peds – for years completely unregulated and outside the traffic laws governing other vehicles – many

have objected to extending the sales tax without voters having a say via referendum.

Post and Courier: Maybank for Senate District 41

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160611/PC1002/160619858>

Editorial

Like many people in Senate District 41, Roy Maybank is frustrated with state government. What makes him different from most is that he has substantive plans to do something about it. If elected, Mr. Maybank would focus on three issues: infrastructure, education and job growth. Indeed, he says that as he has gone door to door campaigning, every person has affirmed his ideas about fixing the state's deteriorating roads and bridges. It will require increasing the gas tax to provide a sustainable source of funding. And after the state repairs its infrastructure, it will need a reliable flow of funds for maintenance to ensure roads never get in this sad state again. As a former employee with a stevedoring company, he knows that well-maintained highways are key to shipping and other businesses.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Ex-officer: Photo in Confederate flag boxers led to firing

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=U1mCiqHc

Meg Kinnard

A former South Carolina police officer has filed a federal lawsuit against his former employer, claiming he was unjustifiably fired over a photo of himself posing in Confederate flag underwear during last summer's swirling debate over the flag and other Confederate symbols. In his filing, former Sgt. Shannon Dildine wrote that he was aware of the debate, which exploded after a white man charged with shooting nine black people to death at a Charleston church was shown in online photos embracing Confederate symbols and talked about starting a race war. But Dildine, then an officer with police in North Charleston - about 6 miles north of Emanuel AME Church in downtown Charleston - said he was on vacation when the shootings happened and wasn't aware that alleged shooter, Dylann Roof, had been seen in photos glorifying the flag.

Local News:

Post and Courier: In wake of tourist slaying, North Charleston mayor calls for more security cameras

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160610/PC16/160619885>

Dave Munday

Amid stinging criticism that North Charleston is not doing enough to ensure the safety of visitors after a tourist was gunned down outside a hotel recently, Mayor Keith Summey is calling for more security cameras. The Hyatt Place Airport/Convention Center had no camera to record who fatally shot 35-year-old Barri Shank, a banking executive visiting from the Cleveland area, around 12:30 a.m. May 30, according to police. Summey said he is proposing an ordinance to require any new business larger than 7,000 square feet to have surveillance cameras. The city's legal department is researching the idea.

The Herald: Winthrop students will pay more in tuition next year

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article83143622.html>

Bristow Marchant

The value of a Winthrop University education will be even higher next school year, after a majority of the school's board of trustees voted to increase tuition and room and board costs. Undergraduates

will pay 2.5 percent more in tuition for the 2016-17 school year, or an additional \$354, after board members voted 9-2 to increase student fees on Friday. Trustees also voted on a 2 percent increase in what students pay for on-campus housing, and an extra 4.7 percent on students' meal plans. Graduate students weren't spared either. Their tuition increased 3.5 percent. An in-state undergraduate will pay \$7,255 for the fall 2016 semester, and graduate students will pay \$7,156. For an out-of-state student, the price tag for undergraduate studies will be \$14,045 this fall – \$343 more than last year.

The State: Richland school budgets rise, but will taxes?

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/education/article83132012.html#storylink=apmobile>

Sarah Ellis

Despite continued underfunding by state government, Richland County teachers will get a state-mandated raise, and class sizes are expected to remain steady in both Richland 1 and Richland 2 school districts. Richland 1, with more than 24,500 students, has set a general operating budget of about \$296 million for 2016-17, an increase of about \$11 million over the previous year. Property taxes from Richland County businesses and vehicles located within the district will fund about \$204 million of the budget. Richland 2, the Midlands' largest district with more than 27,000 students, plans to spend \$261 million in the coming year, about \$14 million more than the previous year. The county will pick up \$142 million of the district's tab.

Island Packet: Hilton Head's beach rebuild starts Wednesday

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/business/article83085817.html>

Rebecca Lurye

Each year, Hilton Head Island's calm tides and cool waters attract millions of dollars in tourism. And each year, those same waters cost the island millions of dollars, sweeping at least 150,000 cubic yards of sand out to sea. This week, likely Wednesday, work will begin on a \$20.7 million project to restore much of what Hilton Head has lost since its last beach renourishment in 2007 — about 2.2 million cubic yards of sand along eight miles of shoreline. It's a rebuild that town officials and hospitality representatives had hoped would start earlier in the year instead of in June, the start of the island's tourism season.

Post and Courier: Sales of Boeing's Dash-10 Dreamliner draw scrutiny, shrugs from analysts

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160610/PC05/160619871>

David Wren

It's just one sentence in a regulatory filing that stretches for more than 150 pages, but that single phrase raises questions about the health of Boeing's 787-10 Dreamliner program. While some analysts say sales have been slow for the wide-body plane, which will be built exclusively at Boeing's North Charleston campus, others say sales are right where they should be. Aerospace appraisal group Aircraft Information Services Inc. is in the camp that believes sales could be stronger. In a debt prospectus prepared for United Airlines, and filed last week with the Securities and Exchange Commission, AISI states: "Surprisingly, only 162 B787-10s have been ordered by nine customers." Since that analysis was completed, nine Dash-10 orders have been canceled or converted to other plane types.

National News:

Associated Press: GOP insiders pressure Trump to steer clear of controversy

<http://bigstory.ap.org/e1323a8c953b4b9c9ad5961abe1b08fa>

Jill Colvin and Jonathan Lemire

Weary Republicans are looking for assurances that Donald Trump can maintain the discipline needed to stay on message as he prepares for a bruising general election run-up against Hillary Clinton. Trump's conciliatory, teleprompter-guided victory speech Tuesday appeared to stave off— at least for the time being — a near-revolt over his racially divisive attacks against the American-born judge of Mexican heritage hearing the case against his now-defunct Trump University. As he kicked off his general election campaign Friday, a thorny question has arisen: How does the party keep Trump in check? "A primary campaign against 16 opponents is very different and combative in a different way than a general election against a well-organized, well-funded Clinton machine," said Rep. Chris Collins, who has been helping to coordinate Trump's outreach to Congress.

Associated Press: Ethics conviction removes Alabama House speaker from office

<http://bigstory.ap.org/cda2bd7f332e4957a8c71b2e0f5e20d5>

Kim Chandler

Alabama House Speaker Mike Hubbard's conviction on ethics charges automatically removes him from office and could mean years in prison for the powerful Republican. Friday night, a jury found the one-time GOP star guilty of 12 counts of public corruption for using the influence and prestige of his political stature to benefit his companies and clients. He faces up to 20 years in prison for each count. The jury, which arrived at the verdict after nearly seven hours of deliberation, acquitted Hubbard on 11 other counts. The conviction comes amid a season of scandal that has engulfed Republicans at the helm of Alabama's legislative, judicial and executive branches of government. Chief Justice Roy Moore faces possible ouster from office over accusations that he violated canons of judicial ethics during the fight over same-sex marriage. And Gov. Robert Bentley has faced calls for his impeachment after a sex-tinged scandal involving a former top aide.

Associated Press: Solar-powered airplane lands in New York City

<http://bigstory.ap.org/78aa41af346343e098d8c4aa00e4afb5>

The solar-powered airplane on a globe-circling voyage that began more than a year ago in the United Arab Emirates reached a milestone Saturday, completing a trip across the United States with a Statue of Liberty fly-by before landing in New York. The Swiss-made Solar Impulse 2 landed at John F. Kennedy International Airport at 4 a.m. after a 4 hour 41 minute flight of about 165 miles from Lehigh Valley International Airport in Pennsylvania. Its trip across the U.S. mainland began April 24, when Solar Impulse landed in San Francisco from Hawaii. "Si2 is now safe in New York, JFK airport .. . Our new home is Hangar 19 in John F. Kennedy International Airport!" the pilots' logbook read.

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