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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley signs bill banning law enforcement ticket quotas

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SC State Wire

A new law bars South Carolina's law enforcement agencies from setting ticket quotas for officers. Gov. Nikki Haley signed the ban into law Thursday. Its sponsor, Democratic Rep. Justin Bamberg, has said quotas pressure officers to stop people for minor offenses. He thinks the law will help repair officers' frayed relationships with residents. Bamberg also represents the family of Water Scott, the black man fatally shot as he ran from a North Charleston police officer last year. He'd been pulled over for a broken third brake light. The law says officers can't be required to write a certain number of tickets within a specified time frame. However, officers can be evaluated on their "points of contact." That's defined as their interactions with residents and businesses and involvement in community initiatives.

The Item: Haley signs veterans' tax exemption, vetoes Lee County bus shop

<http://www.theitem.com/stories/haley-signs-veterans-tax-exemption-vetoes-lee-county-bus-shop,269859>

Jim Hilley

The governor praised the income tax exemption given to military retirement income during her news conference Thursday at which she delivered her veto message concerning the 2016 Appropriations Act. "I am very, very excited about the military veteran retiree tax (deduction)," she said. "I think veterans make the very best workers, but when they retire early, getting them to come back and invest in South Carolina and work with our industries is a huge thing." Members of the Sumter delegation were instrumental in getting the deduction through the General Assembly on the last day of the session but had to accept some reductions in the amount military retirees will be able to deduct.

Note: Haley also vetoed a \$300,000 appropriation for Sumter Environmental Center at Patriot Park, calling it a local earmark and not a responsible way to fund educational projects. Another item Haley vetoed was a provision requiring that staffing for school bus maintenance in Lee County remain at current levels, in effect keeping a bus repair shop in Lee County open.

Herald-Journal: Public colleges to post Greek organization violations online

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160610/articles/160619980>

Zach Fox

A new law signed by Gov. Nikki Haley will make violations of fraternities and sororities at public colleges and universities a click away. Lawmakers passed the Tucker Hipps Transparency Act on June 2, Haley signed the bill Thursday. Named for the Clemson University student whose body was found in Lake Hartwell in 2014 after a run with fraternity members, the new law will force South Carolina public colleges to post online misconduct violations by fraternities and sororities dating back

to 2012. Violations related to alcohol, sexual or physical assault, drug use and hazing by members of Greek organizations would have to be posted before the start of the 2016-17 academic year in August.

Index Journal: Gov. Haley cuts \$50K from Greenwood Promise initiative

<http://www.indexjournal.com/news/Gov--Haley-cuts--50K-from-Greenwood-Promise-initiative-16871650>

Adam Benson

A scholarship initiative designed to give every Greenwood County student a chance to go to college is facing a \$50,000 cut in state aid, after Republican Gov. Nikki Haley included it in a package of 47 vetoes made public Wednesday. Established in October, Greenwood Promise has so far raised \$4.3 million from local donors with the idea of guaranteeing access to a two-year technical college education for students upon their graduation from a Greenwood high school. The scholarship is set up as a 501(c)(3) foundation under the umbrella of the Greenwood Partnership Alliance. In her veto, Haley credited Piedmont Technical College for becoming a "leader in distance learning and progressive matriculation," making the additional funds for the Greenwood program extraneous.

General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Davis heading to Columbia Wednesday as House Seat 100 representative

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160610/PC16/160619896>

Brenda Rindge

On Wednesday morning, Sylleste Davis will drive to Columbia and take her place as the newest member of the state's House of Representatives. She will start her tenure by working with her 123 colleagues during a special session to decide on ethics reform and vote on the governor's vetoes. It's a hasty baptism considering that Davis, a 54-year-old Republican, had no idea what lay ahead just a few weeks ago, when she filed as a candidate to fill the last few months left in the term of former Rep. Eddy Southard. "I wanted to get more involved," said the Moncks Corner resident. "This opportunity came up and the timing for me personally was right."

SC Political News:

Associated Press : 2 incumbent SC congressmen face primary challenges

<http://bigstory.ap.org/4835fd7dc36f493f89d5dbec2ddbdb24>

Bruce Smith

Three congressional seats are up for grabs next week in South Carolina, including one held by an incumbent GOP congressman who as governor came under fire for lying about his whereabouts when he was out of the country with a woman who wasn't his wife. Republican U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford is one of two congressional incumbents to face challengers in the primary. The other is Mick Mulvaney. On the Democratic side, two candidates will face off for the right to take on GOP incumbent Joe Wilson in November. Sanford faces state Rep. Jenny Horne of Summerville in the Lowcountry's 1st District, the race that has attracted the most attention. In the 5th District along the North Carolina border, Mulvaney, first elected six years ago, faces Ray Craig of Lake Wylie.

Post and Courier: Lindsey Graham going to invite-only Bilderberg meeting in Germany

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160610/PC1603/160619904>

Emma Dumain

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham will travel to Dresden, Germany, this weekend to participate in the 2016

Bilderberg meeting — a private gathering of public officials, lawmakers, journalists and thinkers. The South Carolina Republican is the only member of Congress scheduled to attend the meeting, according to an official list of participants. Among those included in the 125-person roster are former Army Gen. David Petraeus, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde. Also taking part are the editor-in-chief of Bloomberg, a history professor from Harvard University, the head of Google and the prime ministers of Belgium and the Netherlands.

SC Elections:

Post and Courier: Sheriff makes Charleston Statehouse candidate pull TV ad featuring deputies in uniform

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160610/PC1603/160619954>

Schuyler Kropf

A Statehouse candidate has taken down her TV commercials featuring several Charleston County sheriff's deputies after Sheriff Al Cannon said it was an inappropriate use of his men in uniform and done without permission. West Ashley candidate Sandy Senn had featured the officers in two of her campaign ads ahead of Tuesday's Republican primary for Senate District 41. Senn used the officers for one commercial that carries a pro-law enforcement angle, and in a second advertisement she said was biographical in nature. Cannon said Friday he told Senn when she asked early in her campaign that any live use of his uniformed officers in a political TV ad was inappropriate. He said there is a county policy, a Sheriff's Department policy and state law that prohibited law enforcement officers from participating in political ads while on duty and in uniform.

Horry News: Four vying for open Senate 34 seat

http://www.myhorrynews.com/news/politics/article_70dd396a-2f38-11e6-8a0f-73ba4bb37c6e.html

Tom O'Dare

Four Republicans are squaring off in next week's GOP primary for the Senate District 34 seat that's currently held by Sen. Ray Cleary. Cleary decided not to run for re-election this year. District 34 takes in much of the coastal region from the southern part of Horry County down to the McClellanville area of Charleston County. State Rep. Stephen Goldfinch, Horry County attorney Reese Boyd, Pawleys Island businessman Joe Ford and retired Horry County resident Dick Withington will be on the June 14 ballot.

Note: Last week, Gov. Nikki Haley came out in support of his opponent Boyd, specifically targeting defeating Goldfinch. Goldfinch said he was surprised that Haley came out so strong against him.

Island Packet: Polls open Tuesday in statewide primary election

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/politics-government/election/article82999337.html>

Lucas High

Voters will head to the polls Tuesday to cast ballots in a host of local and statewide partisan primary races. Polls across the county will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Voters are able to cast in-person absentee ballots Monday.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Power outage strands riders at North Carolina amusement park

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xYqX385c

Meg Kinnard

Utility crews worked Friday to replace a blown transformer blamed for a power outage that left people stranded on at least three rides at a theme park on the North Carolina-South Carolina state line. Officials still don't know what caused the failure at Carowinds just before 8 p.m. Thursday, Duke Energy spokeswoman Paige Layne said Friday. First responders put out a fire and cleaned up several gallons of mineral oil that had spilled, said Layne, who noted that the inflammable oil is used as a coolant in power transformers. Workers were replacing the transformer and other equipment, she said. The outage stranded passengers on several rides, but no one was hurt. Layne said those rides were connected to other transformers in the park power system and were affected when the transformer blew.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Policeman with Confederate flag underwear says North Charleston fired him because he's white

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160610/PC16/160619955>

Andrew Knapp

A former North Charleston police officer who appeared on Facebook in Confederate flag underwear says he was fired because he's white. Sgt. Shannon Dildine posted the photograph of himself five days after Dylann Roof fatally shot nine black worshippers at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church. In a federal lawsuit filed this week, Dildine said he was aware of a debate about the Confederate battle flag flying outside the Statehouse. To him, the banner represented defiance of big government. But he did not know, he said, that Roof used it as a symbol of white supremacy or hatred of black people. City officials fired the officer within days, saying the image was inflammatory and showed poor judgment.

Sun News: Horry County Treasurer office accused of playing politics

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/politics-government/article82993642.html>

Audrey Hudson

A candidate running for Horry County Treasurer says she was forced out of her job as deputy treasurer just five days before the election by the current office-holder who she said has endorsed her opponent. Angie Jones says she was falsely accused of waiving a \$15 penalty for a family member, and that she, her family and friends, have been harassed by unnamed officials within the agency since she announced earlier this year she would run for the office of treasurer. Jones made the statement during a news conference Friday, and said those are just some of the reasons she resigned her post to take a position with the County Clerk of Court's office, while still running for the treasurer's seat.

Independent Mail: Tri-County fee on Pickens County students OK under state law

<http://www.independentmail.com/topstories/tri-county-fee-on-pickens-county-students-ok-under-state-law-34dcca02-fdd3-0b02-e053-0100007f7bf1-382422181.html>

Mike Eads

Tri-County Tech is allowed to impose a surcharge on Pickens County students if their county council won't contribute money to build the college's new Student Success Center, according to state law governing the technical college system. The tech system's policy manual, established under Section 59 of the state code, states that such targeted fees are allowable for " ... in-service-area students originating from counties that do not provide sufficient funding to support the local obligation for Plant Maintenance, Operations, and Capital needs." Tri-County Tech spokeswoman Rebecca Eidson said the extra fee for students from Pickens County is a possibility, given the Pickens County Council's recent refusal to help pay for building the new center on the Pendleton campus.

Note: The state budget proposal for the coming fiscal year includes \$4 million in one-time dollars for Tri-County to spend on the Oconee career center, part of a \$100 million capital improvement package for the state's technical colleges. Gov. Nikki Haley announced Thursday she would not veto that money or the \$30 million for capital projects at state universities.

The Item: McLeod Health leases Clarendon hospital

<http://www.theitem.com/stories/mcleod-health-leases-clarendon-hospital,269860>

Jim Hilley

The days of Clarendon County having an independent provider of hospital and emergency care are effectively over. Clarendon Health System Board of Directors approved a lease agreement for the 81-bed Clarendon Memorial Hospital with Florence-based McLeod Health at a called meeting Wednesday, said Board Chairman Jim Darby. "After a briefing from our legal counsel, the board voted for me to authorize and sign off on a lease agreement and affiliation with McLeod Health," Darby said. A top administrator and a local state senator say the state's refusal to expand Medicaid made the affiliation with McLeod a necessity for the hospital to survive.

Note: In a memo sent to Clarendon Health System employees March 22, which announced the hospital was in discussion with McLeod Health, Chief Operations Officer Paul Schumacher, then the interim CEO, said Gov. Nikki Haley's decision to opt out of the expanded Medicaid portion of the Affordable Care Act has been detrimental to rural hospitals.

Post and Courier: Experts weigh federal, local efforts to combat Zika

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160610/PC16/160619897>

Derrek Asberry

A South Carolina public health official said the state will receive about \$650,000 less from the federal government this year for its public health emergency fund. The federal government, in turn, will use the money to combat the Zika virus. But the missing dollars will impact what the state can do on its own to fight Zika, which has been linked to fatal birth defects. "It will have long-term implications on what we can and cannot do," said Mike Eileff, the director of public health preparedness at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, during a Zika virus forum at the Medical University of South Carolina on Friday. "So we're working through those issues right now."

National News:

Associated Press: 'Ali! Ali!': The Greatest makes his final journey

<http://bigstory.ap.org/ddf9b131fcc34c349e20c02c257ce637>

Jenna Fryer and Bruce Schreiner

Muhammad Ali made his final journey through his hometown Friday — past the little pink house where he grew up and the museum that bears his name — as an estimated 100,000 mourners along the route pumped their fists and chanted, "Ali! Ali!" for the former heavyweight champion of the world known simply as The Greatest. A hearse bearing Ali's cherry-red casket, draped in an Islamic tapestry, arrived at Louisville's Cave Hill Cemetery in a long line of black limousines after a 19-mile drive via Muhammad Ali Boulevard that was both somber and exuberant. "He stood up for himself and for us, even when it wasn't popular," said Ashia Powell, waiting at a railing for the hearse to pass by on an interstate highway below.

Associated Press: Police shoot man amid domestic disturbance at Dallas airport

<http://bigstory.ap.org/9d75faae8e514bfca1b73af7fe637350>

Emily Schmall

A police officer shot and wounded a man Friday outside baggage claim at a Dallas airport after the man attacked a woman believed to be the mother of his children and then threatened the officer with a large rock, police said. "There doesn't appear to be any other weapon present than the rock," Dallas Police Assistant Chief Randall Blakenbaker said. Video posted by Instagram user @flashyfilms— and credited to Bryan Armstrong shows people scattering on the sidewalk outside the baggage claim door at Dallas Love Field. An officer in a yellow vest is seen pointing his gun, and at least nine gunshots can be heard. A man repeatedly yells "stand down!" and a woman is heard

screaming. Asked why the officer fired so many rounds at a man holding a rock, Blankenbaker said only that he did not know how many shots were fired. "We have to conduct an investigation over those types of speculation."

Associated Press: Lawmakers, activists urge action against Stanford judge

<http://bigstory.ap.org/a6c3e7f69be94dc5b32a8d4132198f54>

A group of California lawmakers joined women's rights advocates Friday in urging a California agency to take action against the judge who sentenced a former Stanford University swimmer to six months in jail for sexually assaulting an unconscious woman. Eleven Democratic state lawmakers asked the Commission on Judicial Performance to investigate and discipline Santa Clara County Judge Aaron Persky, alleging he may have engaged in misconduct in sentencing Brock Turner, 20, to jail time and three years' probation. The punishment for the Dayton, Ohio, native ignited intense outcry as too lenient. Persky said in court last week that he followed a recommendation from the county's probation department and cited Turner's clean criminal record and the effect the conviction will have on his life.

Associated Press: Back in Washington, Clinton, Trump work toward party unity

<http://bigstory.ap.org/856fdd47fea242ab9b7899ec1c738da3>

Lisa Lerer and Jill Colvin

Hillary Clinton blasted Donald Trump in front of a room full of pro-choice advocates, while Trump declared himself a good Christian in a speech targeting evangelicals, as the presidential race shifted to the nation's capital on Friday. With the primary contests all-but-over, a series of top Democrats formally announced their support for Clinton, headlined by the glowing endorsement of President Barack Obama on Thursday. Within hours, Vice President Biden and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren joined that effort, both backing Clinton and signaling to many of Sanders' supporters that it's time to unite around the party's presumptive nominee. Clinton and Warren met privately for about an hour Friday morning at Clinton's home in Washington, intensifying speculation that the progressive stalwart may be tapped for the vice presidency.

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