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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: South Carolina marks 1st Confederate Day since flag removal

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Meg Kinnard

The Confederate flag no longer flies on South Carolina's Statehouse grounds, but that didn't dampen the spirits of those gathered Tuesday to commemorate the state's first Confederate Memorial Day since its removal. State government offices were closed Tuesday to mark the holiday, which is held annually on May 10. That's the day when Confederate Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson died in 1863 in Chancellorsville, Virginia. It's also the day when Union troops captured fleeing Confederate President Jefferson Davis in Georgia in 1865 after the war ended.

Note: It wasn't until last summer, after the shooting deaths of nine black churchgoers allegedly by a white man who had embraced the flag, that the symbol left the grounds entirely. Gov. Nikki Haley called for the flag's removal, which came in July, and plans for how to display it at a museum are still being debated.

NBC News: What Trump's Potential Vice Presidential Picks Are Saying

<http://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2016-election/what-trump-s-potential-vice-presidential-picks-are-saying-n570856>

Christina Coleburn

Now that Donald Trump has effectively clinched the Republican presidential nomination, speculation is brewing over who will join him on the Republican ticket. "I'm a business person," the billionaire told CNBC on May 5. "And I've got that covered. But [in] the political world — although I've been in politics all my life in a different sense on the other side — I think having somebody that can get legislation through, and help me with that, would be good." Trump said there is "probably a 40 percent chance" that he would choose one of his former rivals as his vice presidential running mate.

Note: Although a senior Trump campaign source told CNN on May 4 that Haley was an early favorite, Trump rejected the prospect on Fox News the next day. "No, not Nikki Haley," Trump said. "Nikki Haley, no. She wasn't under consideration."

Note: Haley, who endorsed Florida Sen. Marco Rubio before shifting her support to Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, said she had no desire to be Trump's running mate. While Haley said that she would "support the Republican nominee for president" out of "great respect for the will of the people," she maintained that she was "not interested" and that her "plate is full."

Washington Post (Opinion): What happened to the 'best' people for Trump?

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/right-turn/wp/2016/05/10/what-happened-to-the-best-people-for-trump/>

Jennifer Rubin

Throughout the campaign, Donald Trump boasted that he would get "great" people, the "best" people to work for him. As the campaign wore on, it turned out the best people did not want to work for him. He came up with a hodgepodge of under-qualified or downright flaky foreign policy advisers. The problem is that a great many qualified people do not want to work with him and certainly do not want to be his VP (e.g., South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, Ohio Gov. John Kasich). Now we see just how troubling is his judgment in advisers.

USA Today: Trump: People who said no to VP were never considered

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/onpolitics/2016/05/10/donald-trump-marco-rubio-susana-martinez-running-mates/84184092/>

Eliza Collins

Multiple people have said they don't want to be Donald Trump's vice president, but on Tuesday, Trump said anyone who has declined interest wasn't being considered anyway. While we may not know who is actually being vetted by Trump's team, the presumptive Republican nominee had definitely left the door open (though just cracked for some) for a few of the people who have been saying no thanks over the past week. So who was Trump's missive directed at? Here are some notable names who've indicated they don't want to be on a Trump ticket in November...

Note: And one person Trump has specifically ruled out: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley. In an interview with Fox News last week, host Bret Baier asked Trump about a CNN report that had him considering Haley, Martinez and Ohio Sen. Rob Portman for veep. Trump quickly cut him off, saying that Haley was not on that list (she's also said she didn't want to be on it anyway).

Times and Democrat: Haley's veto of farm aid must not stand

http://thetandd.com/news/haley-s-veto-of-farm-aid-must-not-stand/article_fcd817c0-bb2f-5bc5-939c-cc521380b276.html

Nikki Haley has had her share of disagreements with the Republican-led Legislature since turning aside establishment candidates in 2010 and being elected South Carolina governor. Now in her second term, Haley's influence has grown steadily over five-plus years. And her national prominence is significant, particularly in the wake of leading the push in 2015 to remove the Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds. Haley is popular. The latest Winthrop Poll puts her approval at nearly 60 percent, which is 15 points higher than the state Legislature's rating. But on this day, the governor is not very popular with the state's top industry – agribusiness. Haley is standing by a position she took in the wake of South Carolina's flooding in October and stating that special financial aid to farmers is not fair to other businesses and the citizens of South Carolina.

General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: The Senate returns, Farm bill veto looms

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160511/PC1603/160519888>

Cynthia Roldan

The Senate returns this afternoon, after taking several days off while the House remains on furlough. Some senators will start their day early, tackling several House bills in committee that stand a chance of becoming law before the end of session on June 2. Those bills include the contentious Second Amendment Preservation Act and one that would forbid using Sharia Law as a defense in court.

Note: Meanwhile, Gov. Nikki Haley's veto of the farm bill looms. According to the state's website, the bill has not been ratified yet. But Haley vowed to veto it once it reaches her desk. Lawmakers are expected to push for overturning Haley's veto.

Associated Press: Confederate Memorial Day marked with less fanfare in SC

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

Meg Kinnard

South Carolina is marking Confederate Memorial Day, although with perhaps less pomp and circumstance than in years past. State government offices are closed Tuesday to mark the holiday, which is held annually on May 10. That's the day when Southern Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson died in 1863 after he was wounded by Confederate troops in Chancellorsville, Virginia.

Note: This year marks the holiday's first since the Confederate flag's removal from the Statehouse grounds last July. That followed a roiling debate sparked by the shootings of nine black churchgoers. A white man who had posed with the flag is charged in those deaths.

Savannah River Site News:

Aiken Standard: SRS Community Reuse Organization gets \$5 million program grant

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160510/AIK0101/160519886>

Thomas Gardiner

Students traversing the workforce pipeline in the local area got a booster Monday when the U.S. Department of Energy injected a \$5 million grant into the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization. The DOE grant dollars will help put local college students in a more favorable position to fill upcoming SRS jobs through the The Workforce Opportunities in Regional Careers Program, according to a news release. The program is a five-year initiative to attract and prepare students for careers in the nuclear industry, specifically at SRS.

Aiken Standard: Defense Waste Processing Facility celebrates 20th anniversary

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160510/AIK0101/160519935>

In the early stages of the Cold War when nuclear reactor operations began at Savannah River Site, or SRS, it was clear the war effort would generate large amounts of radioactive materials as a by-product from the production of tritium, plutonium and other special nuclear materials. Reactor operations went on at SRS for nearly 40 years. It is important to remember this waste generation was absolutely necessary for SRS to carry out its national security mission and this waste has not been leaked to the environment.

LGBT Laws:

Associated Press: Debate over transgender bathroom access spreads nationwide

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=RdP6DxdC

David Crary

There was a showdown in Houston last fall. This spring, North Carolina became the battleground. By now, confrontations have flared across the country over whether to protect or curtail the right of transgender people to use public restrooms in accordance with their gender identity. The upshot, in virtually every case, has been emotional debate over privacy, personal safety and prejudice.

Note: In South Carolina, lawmakers considered - but did not approve - a bill that would have required transgender people to use public bathrooms based on their biological sex. In opposing the bill, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said it addressed "a nonissue."

Post and Courier: Berkeley schools' transgender restroom policy draws a crowd

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160510/PC16/160519909>

Brenda Rindge

The Berkeley County School Board debated but upheld the district's earlier decision to allow transgender students to use the restroom with which they identify. The board's decision followed a closed session with district lawyer John Reagle. The session was called so Reagle could advise them on Title IX, a 40-year-old federal law that requires gender equity for boys and girls in any educational program that gets federal funding.

News & Observer: UNC board members to hash out stance on HB2 amid lawsuits

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/education/article76805062.html>

Jane Stancill

The UNC Board of Governors met Tuesday for more than three hours to try to sort out the university system's next steps on House Bill 2, North Carolina's sweeping law with a controversial bathroom provision. Now that state and federal officials have filed lawsuits against each other, university leaders say they are caught in the crossfire. The board met in closed session to consult with its attorney, and members agreed to search for counsel to represent the university in the federal lawsuit.

SC Political News:

Greenville News: Ex-Rep. Inglis 'under no circumstances' voting for Trump

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/05/10/ex-rep-inglis-under-no-circumstances-voting-trump/84182296/?from=global&sessionKey=&autologin=>

Amanda Coyne

Former U.S. Rep. Bob Inglis will "under no circumstances" vote for Donald Trump in the presidential election, he said on "All In with Chris Hayes" Monday night. Inglis represented South Carolina's fourth congressional district, which includes much of Greenville and Spartanburg counties, from 1992 to 1998 and from 2004 to 2010, when he was defeated by current Rep. Trey Gowdy in a primary. He's currently the executive director of RepublicEn, a Republican group dedicated to fighting climate change.

Post and Courier: Dredging up a primary pledging goof

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160510/160519984/dredging-up-a-primary-pledging-goof->

Frank Wooten

Headline on this page last Aug. 27: "Why give Trump S.C. pledge edge?" The column underneath that question warned that requiring Donald Trump to sign a pledge to support the eventual Republican presidential nominee or be left off the Feb. 20 S.C. primary ballot "could help him more than hurt him in this state — and beyond." That misguided party-pros power play, which forced Trump's pledge, added to the correct perception that GOP insiders were ganging up on "The Donald." That column also should have warned why forcing all of the GOP candidates to sign that pledge was a bad idea: It would force a dilemma for Trump's GOP presidential rivals if he won the nomination.

SC Elections:

Beaufort Gazette: Sun City GOP group to host meet and greet with S.C. Rep. Jenny Horne

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article76731282.html>

The Republicans of Sun City Hilton Head organization is holding a meet and greet with state Rep. Jenny Horne at 1 p.m. May 13 at the Sun City Hilton Head Pavilion. Horne is challenging incumbent U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford for the 1st Congressional District seat.

The Herald: House Dist. 5 Republicans to square off

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/community/lake-wylie-pilot/article76725587.html>

John Marks

There are almost a half dozen candidates for U.S. House Dist. 5, but only two names will appear on the June 14 primary ballot. They belong to Republicans Ray Craig and Mick Mulvaney. Craig, a challenger from Lake Wylie, looks to unseat Mulvaney, from Indian Land. Craig grew up in an Army officer's household before graduating Clover High School and Clemson University. His work life covers academic, for-profit and nonprofit fields. Mulvaney has degrees from Georgetown University, UNC-Chapel Hill and Harvard Business School.

Herald-Journal: Hicks says District 37 opponent shared her cell number with Confederate groups

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160510/articles/160519958>

Zach Fox

A state lawmaker says she's been besieged with calls and messages from "Southern Heritage and white hate" groups over her vote last year to remove the Confederate flag from the S.C. Statehouse grounds. State Rep. Donna Hicks said she doesn't feel safe after receiving multiple calls from as far away as Georgia and Maryland. She said Steven Long, her House District 37 primary opponent, gave out her cellphone number to groups and encouraged them to contact her to voice their displeasure with her vote.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Hinting at federal action, Walter Scott family to discuss case after Wednesday hearing

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160510/PC16/160519892>

Andrew Knapp

Hinting at a federal action in Walter Scott's shooting death, his family will address the news media after a court hearing on Wednesday, a representative said. Prosecutors in the state's criminal case against Michael Slager, the former North Charleston police officer who killed Scott, have said they expected the development of a possible federal charge this month. While Slager already faces a murder charge in state court, the federal government also has sought an indictment against him in connection with the shooting. A grand jury started

hearing the case about a month ago, sources familiar with the probe have told The Post and Courier.

Associated Press: Muslim family considers suit against Citadel over headscarf

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0fjpbibc

SC State Wire

The Citadel military college, known for its buttoned-up uniforms and strict discipline, decided Tuesday that a newly accepted female student cannot wear a traditional Muslim headscarf if she enrolls in the fall. The decision disappointed the student, according to a family spokesman who said they are considering legal options because they believe "it's the same issue faced by African-Americans and women in this situation." The school didn't immediately embrace the first African-American cadets during the 1960s and fought the enrollment of women in the 1990s before relenting.

Associated Press: Program offers college scholarships to immigrant students

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=GdbupEX3

Randall Chase

TheDream.US is also partnering with Eastern Connecticut University to offer Opportunity Scholarships for students who face barriers to higher education in 16 states. "In four states, they are banned from some or all state colleges," Graham said. "Even if they pay, the doors are shut. In others, they are barred in practice because the states deny them in-state tuition." The new scholarship program is aimed at helping students in states where TheDream.US says they are being "locked-out" of college opportunities. Those states are Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Local News:

Greenville News: Humanists make graduation prayer appeal

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2016/05/10/humanists-make-graduation-prayer-appeal/84202400/>

Nathaniel Cary

A three-judge panel on the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia heard oral arguments Tuesday from the Greenville County School District and the American Humanist Association in an appeal of a case where a federal judge ruled students could continue to pray publicly at an elementary graduation and the district could continue to hold the ceremonies at religious institutions.

The State: Courtroom showdown: Is Richland County's ankle monitoring legal?

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article76834642.html#storylink=apmobile>

John Monk

A Richland County electronic monitoring program that has allowed judges to let hundreds of criminal defendants out of jail while awaiting trial will come under fire on Thursday. Opponents assert the program's cost – each defendant must pay \$259 per month for an GPS chip-equipped ankle bracelet – discriminates against poor defendants who have to stay in jail because they can't afford to be in the program.

Aiken Standard: Council County discusses impact of Lower Savannah Pre-Release Center closure

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160510/AIK0101/160519889>

Christina Cleveland

Aiken County Council learned Tuesday night it could be more than \$1 million to replace the labor lost due to the closing of the Lower Savannah Pre-Release Center. County Administrator Clay Killian said during a work session for the proposed fiscal year 2017 budget, it could be nearly \$900,000 to replace the inmate labor used in roads and bridges, the animal shelter and two other divisions of public works, which doesn't include other departments that use the labor. "It would probably be over \$1 million to replace it," he said.

Independent Mail: Anderson County Sheriff's Office gets thumbs up in re-accreditation

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/anderson-county-sheriffs-office-gets-thumbs-up-in-re-accreditation->

[327f8006-941c-78fc-e053-0100007fe-378823251.html](http://www.327f8006-941c-78fc-e053-0100007fe-378823251.html)

The Anderson County Sheriff's Office recently earned re-accreditation. Accreditation is a recognition of professional standards, Sheriff John Skipper said in a statement. The recognition helps sheriff's offices maintain cheaper liability insurance and better protection against lawsuits. Re-accreditation takes place about every three years. The Sheriff's Office took part in a November review as part of that process, which comparing the agency's policies with its actions.

Sun News: Horry councilman questions police chief retirement payout

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article76791652.html>

Audrey Hudson

The \$60,000 payout to the former county police chief's retirement fund should have been put to a vote by the Horry County Council, says one official critical of the decision. "People have been calling me several times today and wanting to know, 'where do you get off spending tax dollars like that?'" Councilman Paul Prince who represents the 9th district, said Tuesday, a day after The Sun News reported the payout. "And I'm not guilty of it." The decision to pay the money into former Chief Sandra Rhodes' retirement account was made on the administrative level, and was not put before the council for a vote. The payout allowed her to retire a year and seven months early.

Herald-Journal: Report: Life-saving equipment didn't work in Spartanburg jail suicide

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160510/articles/160519959>

Daniel J. Gross

Emergency equipment at the Spartanburg County jail was put to the test last year when a woman hanged herself in her cell. It failed. Officers at the detention center found Elizabeth Ashley Harmon hanging from the top hinge on a plumbing chase just 13 minutes after they last checked on her on June 7, 2015. Jail staff knew Harmon, 34, had been hospitalized for a suicide attempt just weeks before coming to jail, according to a State Law Enforcement Division report recently obtained by the Herald-Journal. Nearly a year after her death, that report shows measures in place at the time that might have helped saved Harmon's life didn't work.

The State: Cops riding to DC in honor of Forest Acres officer Greg Alia

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article76771107.html#storylink=apmobile>

Glen Luke Flanagan

A North Carolina officer is bicycling 500 miles over six days to honor fallen Forest Acres police officer Greg Alia. Todd Leonard left Raleigh, N.C. on Thursday of last week, and will arrive in Washington, DC this coming Thursday. Upon arrival, he is set to meet Richard and Alexis Alia, Greg Alia's parents, and present them with a flag and wristband he has carried on his journey.

Greenville News: Mother of Zach Hammond to be on Dr. Phil

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/05/10/mother-zach-hammonds-dr-phil/84183368/>

Elizabeth Sanders

Angie Hammond, the mother of Zachary Hammond, will appear on Dr. Phil Tuesday afternoon. Zachary Hammond was shot and killed by a Seneca police officer last summer. Last month, the Hammond family and city of Seneca agreed to a \$2.15 million settlement in the case. On Tuesday's episode of Dr. Phil, Angie Hammond will share the story of what the family went through as they tried to piece together what happened to their son.

Associated Press: Homeowners sue Army base after dam fails in massive flood

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

SC State Wire

About a dozen homeowners in a neighborhood next to Fort Jackson are suing the federal government for at least \$20 million after dams on the Army base failed during last October's massive floods. The residents of the upscale King's Grant neighborhood said the Army knew the first dam to fail was deficient after a 2013 inspection and made no repairs, according to the lawsuit filed Monday. The lawsuit also said the federal government did not reduce the level of the lake behind the dam even as forecasts called for at least a foot of

rain in the days before the deluge started.

Post and Courier: No-swim advisory lifted after bacteria levels at North Myrtle Beach return to normal

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160510/PC16/160519939>

Derrek Asberry

A no-swim advisory for a section of North Myrtle Beach was lifted Monday following last week's recognition of high bacteria levels at the beach location. The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control announced that it was lifting the advisory for the troubled piece of the larger Grand Strand, the stretch of beach that extends for about 60 miles from Little River to Georgetown. "The affected area included 200 feet above and below the street end of 16th Avenue North in North Myrtle Beach, DHEC spokesperson Sean Torres said in a press release. "Normal activity can resume in this area."

Associated Press: Holly Hill church says contractor took \$20K

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=HCvsEx5w

SC State Wire

A Charleston man has been arrested after authorities say he took thousands of dollars from a Holly Hill church. Orangeburg County Sheriff Leroy Ravenell tells local media that 55-year-old William Holmes is facing a charge of breach of trust with fraudulent intent in connection with allegations from 2014 and earlier. Orangeburg County Magistrate Meree Williamson set Holmes' bond at \$5,000. Holmes' attorney had asked the court for a "reasonable bond" of \$1,000 to \$1,500.

The State: Vista Yellow Shirts to get half-year funding – so far

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article76866202.html>

Clif Leblanc

Businesses in the Vista will get enough money from Columbia City Council to keep their Yellow Shirt program running for half of the upcoming fiscal year, council indicated Tuesday. Council had to cobble together the \$108,800 to pay for the popular clean-up and security crews that patrol the entertainment district. But the nearly \$109,000 will keep the Yellow Shirts there only from July through New Year's Eve. The Vista Guild has requested \$225,000 for the entire fiscal year that ends June 30, 2016. Council has not yet decided whether it will pay for the full year.

Associated Press: Call center bringing 400 jobs to Spartanburg County

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

SC State Wire

A company is opening a call center in Spartanburg and will create 400 jobs during the next five years. The company, Sitel, says it is investing \$2.5 million to renovate an existing facility. Sitel is headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee and employs more than 60,000 workers worldwide.

The State: Chicago developer revises plan for \$70 million apartment tower on Assembly Street

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article76749952.html>

Avery G. Wilks

A revised plan for a \$70 million high-rise apartment tower on Assembly Street in downtown Columbia will return to a city design panel this week, six months after Columbia planners objected to the original design. Chicago-based Clayco Realty Group since November has increased the proposed building's height from 14 stories to 15, changed its color scheme from white and gray to red and brown earth tones and added more and larger windows.

Post and Courier: Analysts: Boeing's slower Dreamliner orders no reason to worry

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160510/PC05/160519935>

David Wren

Orders for Boeing Co.'s wide-body planes, including the 787 Dreamliner, are trailing those for rival Airbus through the first four months of the year, but analysts say the lower numbers are no cause for alarm. "We're only five months into 2016 and we're on the cusp of a major air show soon, so both (manufacturers) will likely

be waiting for that before they can share details of deals that are being worked on at present," said Saj Ahmad, chief analyst at London-based Strategic Aero Research.

Morning News: Ground broken for fuel farm at Florence Regional Airport

http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_0c97d30c-16fb-11e6-bdfb-af40bb49253e.html

Joe Perry

Ground has been broken for a new fuel farm at Florence Regional Airport as fixed-base operator Precision Air looks to make its imprint with renovations and construction. As the fixed-base operator, or FBO, Precision Air is in charge of ground handling, maintenance and fueling operations as part of a 15-year contract with the Pee Dee Regional Airport Authority that began in March.

Post and Courier: Jacksonville maritime group acquires breakbulk operations in Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160510/PC05/160519930>

David Wren

A Jacksonville, Fla.-based maritime company has acquired breakbulk terminals serving ports in Charleston and Savannah, according to news reports. Diversified Port Holdings, the parent company of Seonus and Portus, acquired Savannah-based Liberty Terminals, which also has operations in North Charleston, according to The Journal of Commerce. Liberty Terminals will be renamed Seonus Stevedoring-Savannah LLC.

Island Packet: Sign up to be a diner when 'Top Chef' films in Charleston

<http://www.islandpacket.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/liz-farrell/article76705292.html>

Liza Farrell

If you're the kind of person who doesn't mind eating food prepared by sweaty, nervous chefs, I have really good news for you. Bravo announced yesterday that it's looking for diners to help in the season 14 production of "Top Chef," which is set to starting filming in Charleston in the next week or so. You can sign up to eat what the chef-testants prepare by emailing TopChefCharleston@gmail.com.

Greenville News: GCS may expand to 10-point scale for more students

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2016/05/10/gcs-may-expand-10-point-scale-more-students/84182560/>

Nathaniel Cary

Greenville County Schools may move all second through eighth grade students to a 10-point grading scale following the state Board of Education's recent decision to change its uniform grading policy for high school credit courses to a 10-point grading scale. The state's decision, which will go into effect in the fall, changes the grading scale for South Carolina high schools from a 7-point scale to a 10-point scale, a move that Education Supt. Molly Spearman said would level the playing field for South Carolina students competing for grades-based or athletic college scholarships and for families transferring into South Carolina public schools from out of state.

National News:

Associated Press: Sanders' West Virginia win makes up little ground on Clinton

<http://bigstory.ap.org/2dfe3feaf35e4fe9a97345b28a211074>

Lisa Lerer and Ken Thomas

White House dreams fading, Bernie Sanders added another state to his tally against Hillary Clinton with a win in West Virginia on Tuesday — a victory that will do little to slow the former secretary of state's steady march toward the Democratic presidential nomination. Meanwhile, Republican Donald Trump also won there and in Nebraska, a week after he cleared the field of his remaining rivals. They were not victories likely to heal the party's wounds, as some GOP leaders continue to hold off offering their endorsement of the party's presumptive nominee.

Associated Press: AP Interview: Trump narrows VP list as he moves into general

<http://bigstory.ap.org/087bc8bc5028405c80fa20cea70be877>

Julie Pace and Jill Colvin

Shifting swiftly to the general election, Donald Trump says he's narrowed his list of potential running mates to "five or six" people and doesn't want to accept public money to finance a fall campaign against likely Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. But in a break from recent major party nominees, Trump does not plan to invest heavily in a data-driven effort to target voters in the fall campaign. Despite pressure, the billionaire businessman also does not expect to release his tax returns before the November election.

Politico: Top GOP senators urge unity on Trump

<http://www.politico.com/story/2016/05/gop-senators-donald-trump-223010>

Burgess Everett

Several influential Senate Republicans are urging their colleagues to rethink their opposition to Donald Trump, arguing that the presumptive nominee's malleable ideology is a superior alternative to Hillary Clinton. In a series of media gaggles with reporters on Capitol Hill, senators ranging from party leaders to rising stars urged the party to keep an open mind on Trump's candidacy.

The Hill: Corker won't rule out Trump VP spot, tells critics to 'chill'

<http://thehill.com/blogs/ballot-box/presidential-races/279371-senate-chairman-wont-rule-out-trump-vp-spot-tells-critics>

Julian Hatter

Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) declined to rule out joining Donald Trump's presidential ticket on Tuesday and told the presumptive GOP nominee's many Republican critics to "chill." "To talk about something based on conjecture — I just have no reason to believe I'm being considered for that," Corker told reporters on Tuesday. In response to repeated questions, Corker declined to say he would be uninterested in the role of Trump's running mate, which other prominent Republicans — including Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) and South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley — have done.

Associated Press: Japanese happy Obama to visit Hiroshima, apology or not

<http://bigstory.ap.org/0af231e969024ae3bc2c29a5a5358f14>

Miki Toda and Mari Yamahuchi

Japanese are welcoming President Barack Obama's decision to visit the atomic-bombed city of Hiroshima, and those interviewed Wednesday said they aren't seeking an apology. Even those who want one realize that such a demand would have ruled out a U.S. presidential visit. "Of course everyone wants to hear an apology. Our families were killed," said Hiroshi Shimizu, general secretary of the Hiroshima Confederation of A-Bomb Sufferers Organizations. "However, by setting conditions we limit world leaders from visiting, so we decided to eliminate that," he said in Tokyo.

Free Beacon: State Department Will Not Pursue Death Penalty Against Accused Benghazi Leader

<http://freebeacon.com/national-security/state-department-will-not-pursue-death-penalty-accused-benghazi-leader/>

Natalie Johnson

Ahmed Abu Khatalla, the accused ringleader of the of the Benghazi terrorist attacks that killed four Americans including a U.S. ambassador, will not face the death penalty if found guilty, Justice Department officials announced Tuesday. The decision was revealed in a filing to D.C.'s federal trial court and marks a victory for Khatalla's attorneys who had pressed the government to nix the death penalty as a punishment should the Libyan militant be convicted at trial, the Associated Press reported.

World News:

Associated Press: Islamic State bombing of Shiite area in Baghdad kills 45

<http://bigstory.ap.org/697dc71f104944599d4f8390bf2f2f44>

Sinan Salaheddin

An explosives-laden car bomb ripped through a commercial area in a predominantly Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad on Wednesday, killing at least 45 people and wounding dozens in an attack that was swiftly claimed

by the extremist Islamic State group. Shortly after the explosion, one of the deadliest recently in the Iraqi capital, the Sunni extremist group — which sees Shiite Muslims as apostates — said it was behind the assault. IS said the attack was carried out by a suicide bomber, but Iraqi officials denied that.

Associated Press: Impeachment of Brazil president goes from longshot to likely

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Peter Prengaman and Renata Brito

When a measure to impeach Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff was introduced to Congress late last year, the possibility that she would actually be removed from office seemed remote. The charges against her were obscure, not the variety that spurs outrage: She is alleged to have broken fiscal rules in her handling of the federal budget to hide deficits and bolster an embattled government. The allegations also came with a good dose of irony: Her main opponents in Congress are accused of crimes much worse.

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