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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Gov. Haley signs bill giving military retirees tax breaks

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160607/160609473/gov-haley-signs-bill-giving-military-retirees-tax-breaks>

Gavin Jackson

Military retirees living in South Carolina will see a drop in their taxes next year after Gov. Nikki Haley signed a relief bill into law Tuesday. Funding for the \$18 million reduction is scheduled to be phased in over the next five years, so retirees will only see a portion of the total exemption next year. But by 2020, veterans who have served for more than 20 years and are under 65 and employed in the state can exempt \$17,500 of their income. Those over 65 will be able to exempt \$30,000.

Note: Earlier this week Haley also signed a bill increasing access to an opioid antidote meant to save the lives of those suffering from an overdose. Pharmacists would be able to provide the antidote — known as Narcan — to people who are at risk of overdose from heroin or painkillers.

Associated Press: Gov. Haley signs tax cut for military retirees into law

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=LQrBHPU5

SC State Wire

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has signed a tax cut for military retirees into law. Haley signed the bill Tuesday. The Legislature gave final approval to the compromise minutes before the session ended Thursday. Supporters hope the tax deductions encourage working-age veterans to find a job in South Carolina after they retire. The tax benefits for veterans who served 20 years in uniform will phase in over five years. By 2020, military retirees younger than 65 can deduct \$17,500 of their income earned in the state. Older retirees can exempt up to \$30,000. Once fully phased in, the cuts are expected to reduce state revenues by \$18 million.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Roads bill deadline looms

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160608/160609435/palmetto-sunrise-roads-bill-deadline-looms>

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley has until midnight to decide whether she will veto or sign a bill that would send billions to fix crumbling roads and bridges and make changes to the state Department of Transportation agency. Ceding power to the executive branch from the legislative branch is never easy, as was seen late last Tuesday when senators reorganized how the SCDOT Commission members were appointed rather than let House members join in the confirmation process of the commissioners who the governor would appoint. The process still lets the governor appoint the commissioners, who direct the agency, but keeps more power with lawmakers than an earlier version of the bill. Even with requiring the commission to approve projects funded by the S.C. Transportation Infrastructure Bank, which has a board predominantly chosen by two legislators, Sen. Tom Davis, R-Beaufort, voted against the current measure. Davis filibustered for weeks over giving the governor more power over the agency before sending it more money, something he said lawmakers failed to

do here.

WSPA: New SC Law Gives Terminally Ill Right to Try Investigational Drugs

<http://wspa.com/2016/06/07/new-sc-law-gives-terminally-ill-right-to-try-investigational-drugs/>

Robert Kittle

South Carolina has a new law, signed by Gov. Nikki Haley last Friday, that allows terminally ill patients to try investigational drugs and treatments that are not available yet. The "Right to Try Act" gives patients who've exhausted all other options one last hope. The Palmetto Promise Institute, a non-profit educational and policy group, helped push for the bill. President and CEO Ellen Weaver says, "These drugs have actually passed the Phase 1 of the FDA safety trials, so really this is just an expansion of a program that already exists called Compassionate Use. The unfortunate problem with Compassionate Use is that it is so bureaucratic and time consuming and expensive that there are only about a thousand patients that are able to complete that process, and we actually have recorded stories of patients who have died while their application was being processed by the FDA. So really this bill is about cutting through red tape to expand a program that's already in existence and already working but is just limited to too few people right now."

The State: SC GOP leaders rally to Senate leader Leatherman

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article82336817.html>

Cassie Cope

As Republican Gov. Nikki Haley works to defeat Senate leader Hugh Leatherman in his primary next week, three other GOP leaders are endorsing the Florence Republican. South Carolina's Republican House Speaker Jay Lucas, Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster and Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman will appear with Leatherman at a Florence campaign event Thursday, the senator's campaign said Tuesday. "I've just found him to be a dedicated and hard-working public servant over the years," said Lucas, who said he has known Leatherman for 18 years.

Note: Haley has endorsed former Florence County GOP chairman Richard Skipper, who is challenging Leatherman. A political group tied to Haley, called a Great Day SC, is mounting a six-figure campaign targeting Leatherman and two other long-time state senators, who the governor does not think have been supportive of her agenda.

Aiken Standard: After plutonium arrives from Japan, Haley, Wilson still want nuclear materials out of S.C.

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160607/AIK0101/160609527>

Thomas Gardiner

As unloaded nuclear carriers left Charleston on Monday, leaving behind about 331 kilograms of plutonium at Savannah River Site, South Carolina leaders had a message for the U.S. Department of Energy – this state is not a nuclear dumping ground. Gov. Nikki Haley said Tuesday, "Today's news is another reminder that the Department of Energy has not lived up to its promises, and we will not back down: South Carolina will not be a permanent dumping ground for nuclear waste." Haley penned a letter to U.S. Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz on March 23, the day after plutonium was reported on board the nuclear carriers Pacific Heron and Pacific Egret leaving Japan. In the letter, Haley explained that the Energy Department's decision to accept the shipment put South Carolina at risk of becoming a permanent nuclear dumping ground.

General Assembly News:

Herald-Journal: SC moped drivers face new rules meant to boost safety

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160607/ARTICLES/160609718>

Chris Lavender

Moped drivers could soon be required to license and register their mopeds under a bill sent to Gov. Nikki Haley. The measure, which was approved by the state Senate 41-1 on June 2, would take effect in 2017 if signed by Haley. Mopeds would be classified as motor vehicles under the new guidelines, but a provision requiring moped drivers to have insurance was removed from the final version of the bill. Moped drivers would be required to wear reflective safety vests and operate their mopeds on roads that have speed limits of 55 miles per hour or less. Drivers under 21 would be required to wear helmets. The bill also sets a speed limit for moped drivers of 35 miles per hour and anyone found to be driving under the influence could be arrested by law enforcement.

Savannah River Site/MOX News:

Aiken Standard: Citizens Advisory Board addresses K-area and long-term nuclear storage at SRS

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160607/AIK0101/160609525>

Thomas Gardiner

The Nuclear Materials Committee of the Citizens Advisory Board convened Tuesday evening and tabled issues from Savannah River site, including K-area plutonium containers, long-term storage of spent nuclear fuels and the board's opposition to proposed acceptance of a shipment of German spent nuclear fuel. K-area is the processing and storage area for excess plutonium at Savannah River Site, or SRS. That includes National Nuclear Security Administration, or NNSA, monitored plutonium that is meant for the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication facility. That plutonium, about 7 metric tons of the overall 13 million tons, is planned to be processed into fuel for commercial nuclear reactors under a non-proliferation agreement with Russia. The K-area storage includes about 5,000 containers of plutonium. According to Allen Gunter of the Department of Energy at Savannah River, each container holds about 300 grams of the nuclear material. The 6 metric tons not under the MOX agreement is planned to be downblended, beginning as early as September.

Dylann Roof Case:

Associated Press: Defendant in church shootings faces November federal trial

<http://bigstory.ap.org/362c045cad054025978c7abd93067384>

Bruce Smith

The federal death penalty trial of a white man charged with shooting and killing nine black parishioners during a Bible study at their Charleston church will be held in November, a judge announced Tuesday. Chief U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel set Nov. 7 to begin selecting jurors for the federal trial of Dylann Roof, 22, who faces numerous counts, including hate crimes, in the June 17 shootings at Emanuel AME Church. That's about two months before Roof's state death-penalty trial. Roof faces nine counts of murder in state court in a trial set to begin in January. Handcuffed and clad in a gray-striped prison jumpsuit, Roof attended Tuesday's hearing but did not address the court.

The State: Dylann Roof's death penalty trial set for November

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article82253047.html>

John Monk

U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel on Tuesday set Nov. 7 as the start of serious questioning of prospective jurors in the upcoming federal Dylann Roof hate crimes-related death penalty trial. The Nov. 7 date for jury selection means opening arguments in a trial expected to last up to some six

weeks could begin in late November or early December. At a hearing in Charleston federal court, Gergel said he intended to contact some 1,200-1,500 prospective jurors for possible service in the case. Some "hotheads" in that initial jury pool will be winnowed out by an initial paper questionnaire, but hundreds after that likely will be called for additional questioning in person by the judge, with defense and prosecution lawyers looking on, Gergel said.

Fred Sheheen News:

The Herald: York Co. family involved in fatal Kershaw Co. crash was traveling to the beach

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article82333552.html>

Teddy Kulmala

A Rock Hill woman says her family is lucky to be alive after their SUV was hit head-on Monday in a Kershaw County crash that killed the other driver. Fred Sheheen, former head of the state Commission on Higher Education and the father of state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Camden, died in Monday's crash, which happened about 2:30 p.m. on S.C. 97 at Sailing Club Road in Kershaw County. Troopers say Sheheen, 79, was traveling north in his 1997 Isuzu pickup and tried to turn left onto Sailing Club Road, striking a southbound 2000 Lexus SUV driven by Rock Hill resident Sara Jackson. Raychel Jackson said Tuesday that they were en route to Myrtle Beach in her sister's SUV. Also in the car were their mother, who lives in Hickory Grove, and Sara Jackson's two children, ages 2 and 4. Jackson said she remembers nothing about the wreck.

SC Political News:

The State: Sanders' SC backers not ready to give up

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article82392757.html#storylink=apmobile>

Avery G. Wilks

Hillary Clinton clinched the Democratic nomination for president Tuesday, but Shawn Crowe hasn't given up on Bernie Sanders. Crowe, of Forest Acres, plans to picket the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia this summer, hoping to sway super-delegates. "We're going up there to be seen," said Crowe, 50. "Hopefully, with the super-delegates wondering what to do, perhaps they'll look out a window and see tens of thousands of people outside that window that are demanding change. "That's the hope, anyway." Despite Tuesday's primary results, Sanders' S.C. supporters still hold out hope the U.S. senator from Vermont will win the Democratic presidential nomination. But, for most, optimism has worn thin.

McClatchy DC : Lindsey Graham warns that judge controversy is GOP's last chance to un-endorse Trump

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/election/article82327602.html>

Vera Bergengruen

As outrage mounts over Donald Trump's comments about a federal judge's Mexican ancestry, Sen. Lindsey Graham is warning that the controversy may be Republicans' last chance to get off the Trump train. "I think it's very un-American for a political leader to do this [...] to question whether or not a person can be a judge based on their heritage," the South Carolina Republican said on CNN on Tuesday. Graham said that while he does not think Trump is a racist person, he does "play the race card." "He's trying to ruin this man's life," he said. "And I'll have no part of that."

SC Agency News:

Associated Press: Be prepared: State agencies practice hurricane lane reversal

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=giFjlbC8

SC State Wire

With hurricane season underway, South Carolina law enforcement agencies are testing plans to reverse lanes on major highways leading to the coast to help in storm evacuations. The Department of Public Safety is working with other state and local agencies in the evacuation exercise set for Wednesday. The exercise will not affect traffic flow and no lanes will be blocked.

Note: In the event of a major storm, there are plans to reverse lanes on U.S. 278 and U.S. 21 in the Beaufort area and lanes on Interstate 26 between Charleston and Columbia.

Note: There are also plans in place to reverse lanes on U.S. 501 and South Carolina 544 in the Myrtle Beach area. Hurricane season started June 1, and already two tropical systems have affected the state.

SC Elections:

The State: Flowers and Lott go head-to-head on race, shootings and transparency

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article82400552.html>

Candidates for Richland County sheriff faced off in a heated debate Tuesday on race relations, a climbing homicide rate and Sheriff Leon Lott's 20 years in the office. Challenger James Flowers spoke first at the forum, which was sponsored at Embassy Suites by the St. Andrews Democrats and drew close to 400 people. "I want a department that people can be proud of, not scared of," Flowers said. Lott said voters have allowed him to make the sheriff's department an international model of success. Moderator Cynthia Hardy of OnPoint Media launched the debate with a question about rising homicide numbers in Richland County – namely, how the candidates intend to combat that problem. "We need to take this department back to the basics," Flowers said, adding that every deputy should be responsible for community policing.

The State: Solicitor Dan Johnson, in unusual move, rips sheriff candidate

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article82357872.html#storylink=apmobile>

Glen Luke Flanagan

The 5th Circuit solicitor has taken the highly unusual step of criticizing a candidate for Richland County sheriff, calling him "aggressive," "lazy" and "the worst kind of law enforcement officer." Solicitor Dan Johnson's comments on Tuesday came in reaction to hearing that James Flowers, who is running for Richland County sheriff against incumbent Leon Lott, had accused Johnson of acting inappropriately in a case. Johnson says Flowers is just wrong. Flowers last week told The State newspaper a Richland County deputy should have been charged with manslaughter in a 2007 shooting he investigated when he was an agent with the State Law Enforcement Division. Instead, no charges were filed. Johnson is to blame, Flowers said.

WACH: Torrey Rush challenging John Scott for state Senate seat

<http://wach.com/news/local/torrey-rush-challenging-john-scott-for-state-senate-seat>

Shelli Adamczyk

Richland County Council Chairman Torrey Rush will not be seeking re-election, instead he'll be running for the state Senate seat against Senator John Scott. Scott has been the incumbent for District 19 since 2009. "Elections sometimes do more than just get a candidate prepared to debate another candidate, it also provides some open discussion and exposure to the constituency base," the senator from Richland County said. Scott was a member of the House of Representatives from

1990 to 2008. "I'm really excited about this election. It really gives me the opportunity to talk about the things that we've done in the last 28 years, people forget about the state-run lottery, they forget about projects that we've done in the community and this is a time to refresh those memories again," said Sen. Scott.

Post and Courier: Dorchester sheriff candidates urge voters to vet their records

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160604/PC16/160609693>

Brenda Rindge

The Dorchester County sheriff's race has been like many in the past, punctuated by claims of office mismanagement, busted budgets and rising crime rates. "It's politics, that's all I can say about it," said Sheriff L.C. Knight, sitting in his office at the law enforcement center named for his father, Carl Knight, who was the county's top cop for 28 years. "I just want to stay positive." Knight, the sheriff since 2008, is challenged this year by former sheriff Ray Nash in a campaign that is playing out largely through posts on Facebook and other social media.

Independent Mail : Tenth Circuit solicitor candidates plan changes in office

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/tenth-circuit-candidates-plan-changes-in-office-34b00000-f488-32e3-e053-0100007f1e3b-382177811.html>

Ray Chandler

All three candidates for the Republican nomination for Tenth Circuit Solicitor said Tuesday that if elected there were significant changes they would like to make the first three months in office. All three candidates faced off Tuesday at a forum at the Walhalla Civic Auditorium. The forum was sponsored by the Walhalla Chamber of Commerce and mediated by Zach Hinton, governmental and community affairs director for the Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative. The three candidates will face off again Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at the Keowee Key Events Center in the Keowee Key community. The primary vote is June 14.

Independent Mail: District 5 candidates say roads are the top problem in South Carolina

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/district-5-candidates-say-roads-is-the-top-problem-in-south-carolina-34b02547-7081-293f-e053-0100007-382158331.html>

Ron Barnett

The two candidates in the Republican primary for the South Carolina House of Representatives District 5 seat agree that roads is the No. 1 issue facing the state. Where they part ways is on what needs to be done to fix the problem. Rep. Neal Collins, the first-term incumbent in the seat representing the Easley area, says an increase in the "gas user fee" is part of the solution, which he believes could be offset by cuts in the state income tax. Challenger Rick Tate argues that the only problem is the governance of state Department of Transportation and that past proposals to lower income taxes while raising the gas tax wouldn't help those least able to afford to spend more at the pumps.

Sun News: Jury to rule on charges against county council candidate

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article82348642.html>

Christian Boschult

Political candidate Richard "Dick" Withington's case of alleged inducement will go to a jury, a judge ruled Tuesday. Withington, who is running for Horry County Council District 4 against incumbent Gary Loftus as well as State Senate District 34, is charged with unlawful to file for or withdraw from candidacy related to the county council race. Inducement refers to "an attempt or offer to accept, either directly or indirectly, money, a loan of money or any other thing of value... to induce a person to

file or withdraw as a candidate for any state or federal elected office," according to South Carolina Code law 7-25-200. Judge Margie Livingston made the ruling after a 20-minute pretrial hearing Tuesday in Myrtle Beach.

The State 'Candidate Q&A':

The State: Q&A with SC Senate District 23 candidate Sen Katrina Frye Shealy

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/election-endorsements/article82257822.html>

The State: Q&A with Lexington County solicitor candidate Rick Hubbard

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/election-endorsements/article82018032.html>

The State: Q&A with Lexington County solicitor candidate Larry Wedekind

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/election-endorsements/article82017902.html>

The State: Q&A with Lexington County solicitor candidate Candice Adams Lively

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/election-endorsements/article82018012.html>

The State: Q&A with SC Senate District 23 candidate Patricia Wheat

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/election-endorsements/article82257762.html>

The State: Q&A with SC Senate District 23 candidate Mike Sturkie

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/election-endorsements/article82257452.html>

The State: Q&A with SC Senate District 21 candidate Sen Darrell Jackson

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/election-endorsements/article82257302.html>

The State: Q&A with SC Senate District 19 candidate Sen John L Scott Jr

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/election-endorsements/article82256932.html>

The State: Q&A with Richland County Council District 9 candidate Calvin Chip Jackson

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/election-endorsements/article82256392.html>

The State: Q&A with Richland County Council District 7 candidate Micheal Leon Greene

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/election-endorsements/article82255737.html>

The State: Q&A with Richland County Council District 3 candidate Yvonne McBride

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/election-endorsements/article82255302.html>

The State: Q&A with Richland County Council District 3 candidate Michael Anthony D'Amelio

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/election-endorsements/article82255262.html>

The State: Q&A with Richland County Council District 10 candidate Bernice G. Scott

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/election-endorsements/article82254982.html>

Opinion/Editorial:

Greenville News: Editorial: Roads bill is one step forward

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2016/06/08/editorial-roads-bill-one-step-forward/85341048/?from=global&sessionKey=&autologin=>

Greenville News Editorial Board

It took the entire legislative session, but South Carolina finally has a bill that will fund some needed infrastructure improvements. Unfortunately, the bill overwhelmingly approved by both houses last week does not go far enough. So, while lawmakers and Gov. Nikki Haley applaud the funding and changes to the structure of DOT, the state essentially is where it was at the start of this legislative session: in need of a long-term, stable revenue source to bridge a tremendous gap in infrastructure funding. Yes, the bill will do some short-term good. But it is far from a solution, and we should not let anyone sell it as such.

The State: Editorial: Here's why Rick Hubbard is the best choice to replace Donnie Myers

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/editorials/article82307027.html#storylink=apmobile>

NORMALLY, RICK Hubbard would be the hands-down choice in the race for solicitor of the Lexington County-based 11th Judicial Circuit. He's a career prosecutor with far more courtroom and managerial experience than his opponents, a person who was in charge of day-to-day operations when the elected solicitor was, to put it kindly, not particularly engaged, and he was being groomed to take over one of the top prosecutorial posts in the state. But there's also this: The elected solicitor he worked for was Donnie Myers. Mr. Myers was known equally for sending killers to their death and for bending and sometimes breaking the rules to get those death sentences. Mr. Hubbard worked for Mr. Myers for 22 years, while Mr. Myers let defendants languish in jail before they were even tried, and too often forced appeals courts to overturn guilty verdicts, which in turn forced families of victims to endure a second excruciating trial.

Post and Courier (Opinion): School critics need to focus on the problems, not the auto mile

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160608/PC16/160609482>

Brian Hicks

Black students in Charleston County schools often don't read as well as white kids, and there's a horrible disparity in their performance on standardized tests. Our schools suspend African-American students much more often than anyone else. And predominately black schools are often the ones targeted for closure. See Lincoln High, Fraser Elementary, et al. There is no shortage of problems in the Charleston County School District, and an inordinate amount of them revolve around racial disparities. It's a serious concern. But how exactly is that Rick Hendrick's fault?

Post and Courier: Goldfinch for Senate District 34

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160608/PC1002/160609447>

Editorial

As a two-term member of the S.C. House of Representatives, Stephen Goldfinch has worked for better roads and bridges, ethics reform and educational programs that will bolster employment and economic development. The Murrells Inlet Republican deserves primary voters' support in his bid for state Senate District 34, representing McClellanville, Awendaw and part of Mount Pleasant, as well as portions of Georgetown and Horry counties. Mr. Goldfinch, an attorney, is one of three Republicans seeking election to the seat now held by Sen. Ray Cleary, who is retiring. There is no Democrat running for the seat in the November general election, so a victory in Tuesday's primary will be tantamount to winning the office.

Post and Courier: Sottile for House District 112

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160608/PC1002/160609449>

Editorial

Mike Sottile has compiled a solid record of fiscal responsibility and land conservation in his four S.C. House terms. Voters in the District 112 Republican primary should send him back to Columbia to keep up the good work. Mr. Sottile, who retired last year after 43 years in the insurance industry, knows the needs of small businesses. That's why he has consistently supported legislation to ease the tax and regulatory burdens on those job-producing enterprises. He also knows the critical demand for more — and more reliable — infrastructure funding. Though he's a self-described "limited government conservative," he rightly emphasizes that one of the state's essential duties is to provide safe roads and bridges.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: 2 more officials dismissed after Marine recruit death

<http://bigstory.ap.org/b632777a3bff4bd4acffe67473d8e1a6>

The Marines have dismissed two officials at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot on Parris Island in the aftermath of a recruit's death in March. Corps spokesman Capt. Joshua Pena tells news outlets that Col. Paul D. Cucinotta was relieved of command Monday following an investigation into the death of 20-year-old Raheel Siddiqui of Taylor, Michigan. Cucinotta was responsible for recruit training and had relieved Lt. Col. Joshua Kissoon of command on March 31. Sgt. Maj. Nicholas A. Deabreu was also dismissed. Deabreu was the sergeant major of Siddiqui's recruit training regiment. The Naval Criminal Investigation Service says Siddiqui was undergoing basic training when he fell nearly 40 feet in a stairwell. NCIS says its investigation is ongoing and that no foul play is suspected.

Associated Press: 2 Air National Guard pilots eject after midair collision

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6C5OkN6l

Susanne M. Schafer

Two South Carolina Air National Guard F-16 fighter pilots ejected safely after a midair collision overnight in eastern Georgia, the Guard said. The collision happened Tuesday night around 9:15 p. m. during routine night-flying operations over a military operating area in Jefferson County, Georgia, the Air National Guard said in a news release. The jets were assigned to the South Carolina Air National Guard's 169th Fighter Wing, which operates out of McEntire Joint National Guard Base in Eastover, South Carolina. The two male pilots were brought to a hospital, said 1st Lt. Stephen Hudson, a spokesman for the Guard.

Associated Press: Fort Jackson officials hold town hall on hospital changes

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=rw69fYau

SC State Wire

Army officials are holding a town hall in Columbia to discuss turning Fort Jackson's Moncrief Army Community Hospital into a health clinic. The reductions in services were announced last month and involve ending overnight stays for medical-surgical cases and for behavioral health patients. Complex cases would go to local hospitals or an Army hospital in Georgia. The 24-bed hospital has about 1,045 military and civilian workers. Wednesday's town hall is being held at 6 p.m. at the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce on Richland Street in Columbia.

Local News:

Herald- Journal: Spartanburg police propose using grant funds for motorcycle

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160607/articles/160609715>

The Spartanburg Police Department is seeking to use its latest federal grant to replace one of its outdated police motorcycles. The department will soon receive \$38,080 from the 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant Formula Program. The department has proposed using the funding for one police motorcycle, motorcycle training for the assigned officer and safety equipment and uniforms, according to a statement from the department Tuesday. Four motorcycles are currently used by the police department, but they are older models and have maintenance issues.

The State: Higher water, sewer bills proposed in West Columbia

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article82378477.html#storylink=apmobile>

Tim Flach

Residents in West Columbia and nearby areas could be paying much more soon for water and sewer service. A series of increases was recommended Tuesday to pay for rising costs and improvements to lessen sewer spills into the Congaree River. The package proposed would increase the typical monthly bill of city homeowners by \$4.34 to \$31.35 while the same tab for those in surrounding neighborhoods would rise from \$47.26 to \$61.95. Typically, raises are more for neighborhoods outside the community since those residents don't pay city taxes.

The State: One Fort Jackson dam repaired, another could be

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article82385147.html#storylink=apmobile>

Sammy Fretwell

One dam at Fort Jackson has been repaired since last fall's massive flood and another may be rebuilt, but the Army continued its silence Tuesday about why the earthen structures failed and what it is doing to ensure dam safety at the fort or on other military bases. On a visit to Columbia, U.S. Army Secretary Eric Fanning declined to say whether the military would release inspection records of Fort Jackson dams that failed last October. The Army, so far, has refused to do so. At least four dams at the fort suffered damage or broke during the storm, including Lower Legion Lake and Semmes Lake. The Lower Legion and Semmes Lake failures caused residents of nearby Kings Grant to sue the federal government, claiming the broken dams flooded their homes and caused \$20 million in property damage.

Island Packet: As dirt roads get worse by the day, Hilton Head weighs cost of paving

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/politics-government/article82359422.html>

Rebecca Lurye

Hilton Head Island residents will likely be paying an extra \$25 dollars per vehicle soon — a new fee Town Council reluctantly gave preliminary approval to on Tuesday. The revenue from the new road-usage fee would go to a cause council members say is necessary and noble — acquiring, maintaining and paving dirt roads where some of the island's poorest residents have lived for generations. Town staff acknowledged the fee, which would generate more than \$730,000 per year, was an imperfect solution but argued it might be their only option for tackling the largely unfunded town priority of paving some of the island's 90 dirt roads.

Island Packet: USCB, Technical College of Lowcountry to get \$28 million with voters' approval

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/education/article82215367.html>

Rebecca Lurye

Two local colleges had the same idea when the Beaufort County School District offered to share millions of dollars in potential sales-tax revenue. They would build new learning centers — one academic and one vocational — on their greater Bluffton campuses, said leaders of the University of South Carolina Beaufort and Technical College of the Lowcountry. Each stands to receive up to

\$14.1 million for those projects if voters approve the school district's 1 percent educational sales tax referendum in November. The proposed tax is expected to generate about \$282 million over 10 years, about 10 percent of which school board members pledged in April to share with USCB and TCL. Another \$217 million would pay for new district schools, school expansions and HVAC and roof replacements.

Post and Courier: Georgetown seeks Urban Land Institute help in redeveloping steel mill site

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160608/PC05/160609475>

David Wren

Experts with the Urban Land Institute will meet with Georgetown area political and business leaders by early fall to plot a strategy for redevelopment of the former ArcelorMittal steel mill located adjacent to the coastal city's historic waterfront district. The mill, situated on a roughly 60-acre parcel hugging the Sampit River, was shuttered about a year ago — the victim of cheap Chinese-made steel flooding world markets and declining demand for the wire rods it produced. The financially troubled plant, which opened in 1969, had experienced a series of shutdowns and ownership changes before ArcelorMittal closed it for good in August, laying off 226 workers. Now, city and county leaders say they want to find a way to put the property back to use.

Morning News: New Timmonsville ordinance would establish dress code

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_677b25c8-2d1a-11e6-b048-0bbe0e7b86c5.html

Joshua Lloyd

The Timmonsville Town Council approved the first reading Tuesday of an ordinance that would make it unlawful for people to engage in public nudity, display pornographic material, display the flesh of their rear ends or wear pants that intentionally display their undergarments while in the town. Councilman Walter Washington presented Ordinance No. 543 at Tuesday's council meeting. The ordinance states: It shall be unlawful for any person driving or walking the streets and roads of the town of Timmonsville to: (a) engage in public nudity; (b) display pornographic material such that others are unwantingly exposed to the same or that minors are able to view the same; (c) display the flesh of one's rear-end, behind or backside during stationary or movement within the city limits; (d) wear pants, trousers, or shorts such that the known undergarments are intentional displayed/exposed to the public.

National News:

Associated Press: Clinton seizes historic primary win

<http://bigstory.ap.org/8e3bfbce92804166b5ac26a76c9be431>

Kathleen Hennessey and Lisa Lerer

Powered by a solid triumph in California, Hillary Clinton declared victory in her yearlong battle for the heart of the Democratic party, seizing her place in history and setting out on the difficult task of fusing a fractured party to confront Donald Trump. Clinton cruised to easy victories in four of the six state contests on Tuesday. With each win she further solidified Sen. Bernie Sanders' defeat and dashed his already slim chances of using the last night of state contests to refuel his flagging bid. The much-needed winning streak allowed Clinton to celebrate her long-sought "milestone" — the first woman poised to lead a major political party's presidential ticket. Standing before a flag-waving crowd in Brooklyn, the former secretary of state soaked up the cheers and beamed.

World News:

Associated Press: EgyptAir plane resumes flight to China after bomb threat

<http://bigstory.ap.org/9124502893204227b5cce9d68f838e5a>

Hamza Hendawi

An EgyptAir aircraft that made an emergency landing on Wednesday in Uzbekistan following a bomb threat has resumed its flight to Beijing, Egyptian officials said, the latest in a series of deadly or damaging air travel incidents involving Egypt. The officials said no bomb was found after the Airbus A-330-220 and its passengers were searched by explosives experts and the plane took off for the Chinese capital four hours after it landed in the town of Urgench, about 840 kilometers (600 miles) west of the Uzbek capital, Tashkent.

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