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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Poll: Haley among the nation's most-liked governors

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article45521835.html>

Andrew Shain

Gov. Nikki Haley has the 15th-highest approval rating among governors nationwide, a new poll found. The Lexington Republican, in the middle of her second term, received a thumbs up from 60 percent of the 1,174 registered S.C. voters surveyed, according to the poll, released by Morning Consult on Tuesday.

McClatchy DC: Nearly all S.C. lawmakers support more scrutiny on Syrian refugees

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article45533958.html>

Vera Bergengruen, William Douglas

Amid fears the United States could become victim of a deadly Paris-style terrorist attack, the House of Representatives on Thursday approved a bill to impose heightened security measures on Iraqi and Syrian refugees seeking to resettle in this country.

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and 30 other governors have said they oppose Obama's existing plan to resettle Syrian refugees in the United States.

Note: "Until I can be assured that all potential refugees from Syria have no ties to terrorist organizations, I am requesting that the State Department not resettle any Syrian refugees in South Carolina," Haley said.

Aiken Standard: University Hospital loses bid to Aiken Regional

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151119/AIK0101/151119247>

Derrek Asberry

University Hospital in Augusta was denied a Certificate of Need to build a hospital in Aiken after the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control determined that a plan designed by competitor Aiken Regional Medical Centers better met the need for more hospital beds in the area.

Note: Another reason University has not given up is because of actions in the state legislature. The House passed a bill last session that, if passed by the Senate and signed by Gov. Nikki Haley, would eliminate certificate of need on Jan. 1, 2018. The bill will be taken up by the Senate next session in January.

S.C. Flood Recovery News:

The State: Six weeks later, some flood survivors still searching for housing

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article45518106.html>

Avery G. Wilks

More than six weeks after the historic rains and flooding, Manddy McKenney still has not grown used to homelessness. McKenney — a 38-year-old Marine Corps and Army veteran, and a single mother to four teenagers — said she "pretty much lost everything" when rain leaked through the wind-damaged roof of her family's house in lower Richland County on Oct. 4.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Several presidential candidates in South Carolina today and tomorrow

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151120/PC1603/151129971>

May T. Prabhu

Several Republican and Democratic presidential hopefuls will be making stops in South Carolina over the weekend. Starting today, Republican front-runner and businessman Donald Trump will be at Wofford College in Spartanburg at noon for a town hall.

Associated Press: Sanders appears at town hall meeting hosted by Sen. Kimpson

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=QWYjL6dK

Democratic presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders is returning to South Carolina for a town hall with one of the state's legislators. The Vermont senator is attending a town hall in Charleston on Friday hosted by state Sen. Marlon Kimpson.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Schools need fiscal accountability

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151120/PC1002/151129978>

Editorial

Popular advice to spend money first and ask forgiveness later is particularly irresponsible when it involves public money. But if Charleston County School Board audit and finance committee member Todd Garrett is right, that's just what has been happening in the school district.

Post and Courier: Another costly ACA symptom

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151120/PC1002/151129979>

Editorial

A front-page story in Tuesday's Post and Courier reported on a South Carolina small business owner who qualifies for a federal health insurance subsidy but who faces an increase in his monthly premium for family coverage from \$118 a month in 2015 to more than \$600 a month in 2016. In 2014, his first year under an ACA policy, he paid \$58 a month.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: S.C. tourism rebounding after taking \$35 million flooding hit

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151117/PC1603/151119341>

Gavin Jackson, Maya T. Prabhu

South Carolina's vital tourism industry has rebounded from a \$35 million hit it took from last month's historic flooding, thanks in part to a national marketing campaign that the coast - where most people want to go - is clear. Folly Beach Mayor Tim Goodwin credited the campaign for helping to get the word out that the beaches were open.

The State: Fix for rural, high-poverty SC schools begins to take shape

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/education/article45565656.html>

Jamie Self

School districts with extreme poverty could receive about \$660 more for each impoverished student they educate if a S.C. House panel's recommendations become law. Another proposal - one of dozens the panel debated in a five-hour meeting Thursday - could give poor, rural school districts \$1,500 more for each elementary student they teach.

Post and Courier: Road map to better rural schools emerges from yearlong study

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151119/PC1603/151119182>

Cynthia Roldan

A road map for complying with a state Supreme Court order to provide students in poor, rural school districts with an adequate education emerged Thursday after a year's work by a task force studying potential solutions. The House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force met after spending the past year in smaller groups, chipping away at how to respond to the court ruling in the 22-year-old Abbeville lawsuit.

The State: The 'father of the South Carolina Technical College System'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/special-reports/state-125/article45474381.html>

Roddie Burris

South Carolina's Technical College System has existed since 1959 and educates more students each year than all the state's other colleges and universities combined, its president, Jimmie Williamson, often says. No one was more critical to the start of the technical college system than former S.C. Gov. Ernest "Fritz" Hollings, the visionary and propitiator of technical school training in South Carolina.

Local News:

The State: Lexington County farm allegedly employed hundreds of illegal immigrant workers

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article45554085.html>

John Monk

The investigation began in 2013, but no formal charges have been brought against the farm owners, who were identified as Rawls Produce by a federal judge during a court proceeding this week against two go-betweens accused of hiring the illegal workers for the farm. Specifically, lawyers said later, the company is W.P. Rawl of Pelion.

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