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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley to see SC beach town officials on bikers

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=8pzL5TpM

Gov. Nikki Haley is planning to meet with leaders of Atlantic Beach, two months after she said the beach town's biker rally had to end following a Memorial Day shooting rampage in which three people were killed. The Sun News of Myrtle Beach reports (<http://bit.ly/1AjFhth>) Haley and the Atlantic Beach Town Council are meeting on Tuesday at the community center.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Familiar names lead 2016 presidential race in South Carolina poll

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140726/PC1603/140729493/1177>

Robert Behre

Forgive South Carolina voters if the looming 2016 presidential contest is giving them a strong sense of déjà vu. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is leading the Democratic pack among this state's voters, according to a new Palmetto Politics poll, while former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush is receiving the most love here on the GOP side.

WCIV: Poll: 1/3 of SC voters want to see Hillary Clinton on 2016 ballot

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/26121011/poll-13-of-sc-voters-want-to-see-hillary-clinton-on-2016-ballot>

South Carolina voters want to see former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on the 2016 presidential ballot. According to a recent ABC News 4/Post and Courier poll, one-third of South Carolina voters wanted to see Clinton in the race, including 68 percent of Democrats and 24 percent of Independents.

Post and Courier: With 100 days before the election, Vincent Sheheen is pounding the pavement in Charleston County

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140726/PC1603/140729446/1031&source=spreed>

Doug MacDougall

State Sen. Vincent Sheheen, the Democratic candidate for governor of South Carolina, says the best thing people could do to bring about change in the state is to elect him governor in November.

WCSC: Sheheen rallies for Charleston support, 100 days from big election

<http://www.live5news.com/story/26121327/sheheen-rallies-for-charleston-support-100-days-from-big-election>

Dashawn Brown

Senator Vincent Sheheen, also the Democratic candidate for governor, celebrated an election milestone by rallying for support in the Holy City. Nearly 40 of his supporters gathered in his West Ashley campaign office, ready to canvas the city, going door to door to rouse votes for the Camden attorney.

Anderson Independent: Campaign notes: Libertarian says he was asked to quit campaign

http://www.independentmail.com/news/campaign-notes-libertarian-says-he-was-asked-to-quit-campaign_38495850

Kirk Brown, Nikie Mayo

Libertarian candidate Steve French says a caller offered to pay him and his campaign manager a total of \$30,000 last week if he would drop out of the race for governor. French said the call came hours after a poll showed Republican Gov. Nikki Haley holding a slim lead over Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen.

The State: American Party, petition candidates take political stage in SC

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/26/3585923/american-party-petition-candidates.html>

Cassie Cope

The Americans hope to rise, the Greens say they are refocusing and two petition candidates have millions to throw into their own campaigns.

Note: A second Susquehanna poll — of 1,000 voters who voted in at least two of the last four general elections — supports that belief. With just Haley and Sheheen to choose between, the incumbent Republican led easily — by 13 percentage points.

Aiken Standard: McMaster's senior plan addresses financial, living needs

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140727/AIK0101/140729474/1004/mcmaster-s-senior-plan-addresses-financial-living-needs>

Derrek Asberry

Lieutenant governor candidate Henry McMaster mapped out a senior plan that addresses both financial issues and bettering the way of life for seniors in South Carolina. In his senior plan, McMaster wrote that the state's senior population is expected to nearly double from 900,000 to 1.8 million by 2030. At the same time, 10 percent of the South Carolina's seniors live in poverty.

The State: The Buzz: No alternate reality for Ravenel's Senate campaign

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/27/3586035/the-buzz-no-alternate-reality.html>

Andrew Shain

South Carolina will not have a reality TV campaign. U.S. Senate petition candidate Thomas Ravenel told The Buzz that the second season of his "Southern Charm" reality show will not air until some time after the Nov. 4 election.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Rescue last-place rural roads

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140727/PC1002/140729419/1021&source=spread>

Editorial

South Carolina's road problems are well documented, and the story just gets worse. A recent report from a road policy group puts the state of South Carolina at rock bottom for the hazards created by the condition of its rural roads.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley says she has a plan but won't release it until January. The only significant detail so far is that it won't include a tax hike.

The State: The SC Supreme Court and the Freedom of Information Act

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/26/3583921/scoppe-the-sc-supreme-court-and.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

THE DAY AFTER the state Supreme Court issued its second ruling in a month scaling back what our government has to do in public, I got a note from someone close to the chief justice that said, "It seems pretty clear the Court in this case and Lambries is telling the Legislature to revise the FOIA."

Times and Democrat: Road, bridge needs can be met without more gas tax money

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/road-bridge-needs-can-be-met-without-more-gas-tax/article_256dd200-1540-11e4-975c-001a4bcf887a.html

Editorial

THE ISSUE: Gubernatorial race and the infrastructure issue; OUR OPINION: Give Sheheen credit for plan, but candidates being unrealistic on gasoline tax. Tom Ervin may be considered an also-ran in the gubernatorial race between incumbent Republican Nikki Haley and Democratic Sen. Vincent Sheheen, but the petition candidate who calls himself an "independent Republican" is proving that he is going to stir the political pot on key issues.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Lawmakers failed to address the state's shortcomings in domestic violence law

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20140727/OPINION/407271019/1128/opinion?Title=Lawmakers-failed-to-address-the-state-8217-s-shortcomings-in-domestic-violence-law>

Editorial

The Palmetto State has a serious domestic violence problem. In fact, this is the No. 1 state in the nation for the number of women killed by men. The Violence Policy Center issued the state that ranking for its rate of

2.54 women killed per 100,000, which is more than twice the national average.

Post and Courier (Guest Column): Anti-tax fixation paves the road to S.C. ruin

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140727/PC1002/140729424/1021&source=spread>

Ron Brinson

It is no longer just an inconvenient truth: South Carolina's generally deficient roads and bridges are in a near free-falling crisis, impacting our public safety, our qualities of life, our pocketbooks, and, yes, threatening our strategic economic future.

The State: Richland County right to settle jail suit

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/27/3583953/editorial-richland-county-right.html>

Editorial

RICHLAND County's decision to settle a lawsuit over the brutal beating of a homeless mentally ill inmate at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center was not only the right and wise move, but it was surprisingly refreshing.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Post and Courier: Congress weighs new conservation incentives

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140727/PC16/140729481/1006/congress-weighs-new-conservation-incentives>

Bo Petersen

With more than 750,000 acres of land set aside from development in the Lowcountry, the conservation movement here might seem to have all the momentum in the green world. But, for six years now, the programs have struggled in the region, as they have across the nation.

South Carolina News:

The State: Officials across South Carolina increasingly keeping public in the dark

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/26/3586047/officials-across-south-carolina.html>

John Monk, Clif LeBlanc

Whether it is the result of court decisions, acts by elected officials, or bureaucrats who make decisions such as charging the public high prices to copy public records, people acting in the name of government are taking actions that keep the public in the dark.

Florence Morning News: New DUI program aims to get repeat offenders sober

http://www.snow.com/news/local/article_66b8a946-1465-11e4-80f4-001a4bcf6878.html

Traci Bridges

A new DUI Court program, the first of its kind in South Carolina, is up and running in the 12th Judicial Circuit. The pilot program, similar to the circuit's drug court, is an accountability court dedicated to changing the behavior of habitual offenders arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Rock Hill Herald: Winthrop trustees: Football discussion continues despite president's firing

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/07/26/6176444/winthrop-trustees-football-discussion.html>

Anna Douglas

Board of Trustees Chairwoman Kathy Bigham told The Herald last week that trustees have pressing matters to consider related to President Jamie Comstock Williamson's June dismissal, but the question of football hasn't been forgotten. Bigham said the board could discuss the possibility after students start classes next month.

Post and Courier: Glenn McConnell doles out \$260K to charities including some at C of C

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140726/PC1603/140729452/1031&source=spread>

Jeremy Borden

Funding scholarship programs is one of the best ways to increase diversity at the College of Charleston and other schools, and new president Glenn McConnell said he wanted to lead by example.

Greenville News: New Guard station lifts military's profile

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2014/07/26/new-helicopter-station-lifts-south-carolina-national-guards-profile-greenville/13224943/>

Rudolph Bell

Heretofore, only about 200 of nearly 11,000 South Carolina National Guardsmen have been based in Greenville County. Going forward, however, the state's most populous county will have many more of the men and women in uniform.

Local News:

Greenville News: GHS installing new water filtration system on all campuses

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/health/2014/07/25/ghs-installing-new-water-filtration-system-campuses/13173553/>

Liv Osby

Greenville Health System will expand a new water filtration system to all of its campuses to prevent another outbreak like the one that infected 15 patients and may have contributed to the deaths of four of them. Officials have linked the infection, *Mycobacterium abscessus*, to tap water at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

Associated Press: SC hospital to expand water filtration system

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=OM4pgPJ7

The Greenville News reports (<http://gmol.co/1nsLMEI>) that medical quality director Dr. Robert Mobley Jr. said installation of the new filtration system is an extraordinary measure, but one the system has taken on to protect patients.

Rock Hill Herald: Districts report school supply drive off to good start

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/07/26/6176883/districts-report-school-supply.html>

Rachel Southmayd

With less than a month left to go until schools reopen their doors, back-to-school shopping is in full swing, as is The Herald's annual school supply drive.

Florence Morning News: Earning minimum wage may mean being "working poor"

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_924e6b0a-1518-11e4-82d5-001a4bcf6878.html

John. D. Russell

A full-time job isn't always enough to live on, according to up-to-date statistics. The Bureau of Labor and Statistics reports that nearly 25 percent, of 46.5 million poor in the U.S., are considered "working poor," as of 2012.

National News:

ABC News: Lawmakers Complain Obama Too Aloof With Congress

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/lawmakers-complain-obama-alooof-congress-24727121>

Andrew Taylor, Donna Cassata

President Barack Obama's request for billions of dollars to deal with migrant children streaming across the border set off Democrats and Republicans. Lawmakers in both parties complained that the White House — six years in — still doesn't get it when it comes to working with Congress.

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