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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: SC State on track to run out of money next month

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

South Carolina State University is on track to run out of money next month, and school officials said Thursday they hope government leaders will help. University President Thomas Elzey told trustees the Orangeburg school has \$1.5 million on hand. That's less than half of what S.C. State needs to pay its 1,045 employees, utility bills and debt payment next month.

Note: "The crisis at S.C. State University has reached a critical stage, and Gov. Haley's proposal is a way for this important institution to get back on its feet," said Haley spokesman Doug Mayer.

Area Development: Medac Inc. Invests \$12 million To Establish Headquarters In North Augusta, South Carolina

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/4-25-2014/medac-inc-headquarters-north-augusta-south-carolina289211.shtml>

Medac Inc., a provider of revenue cycle and practice management services and information products to anesthesia-related healthcare providers, plans to establish the company's headquarters in Aiken County, South Carolina. The \$12 million investment will bring 615 jobs to the area.

Note: "We couldn't be more excited that Medac Inc. has decided to establish its company headquarters in South Carolina. Their \$12 million investment and 615 jobs they are bringing to the North Augusta area will have a positive impact on the whole of the state and especially the local community," Governor Nikki Haley said.

GSA Business: State asks Supreme Court to reconsider ruling on oversight of hospital expansion

<http://www.gsabusiness.com/news/51201-state-asks-court-to-reconsider-ruling-on-hospital-oversight>

Bill Poovey

Medical providers will have to wait a while longer to find out if Gov. Nikki Haley's administration will restart the Certificate of Need program that regulates construction of health care facilities and major equipment purchases.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina gubernatorial candidate Tom Ervin reiterates rights to GOP label

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140425/PC1610/140429520/1177/south-carolina-gubernatorial-candidate-tom-ervin-reiterates-rights-to-gop-label>

Jeremy Borden

The independent candidate in the race for governor said Friday that he would welcome a lawsuit from the state GOP in regard to a dispute over a recent campaign advertisement. Tom Ervin, a former judge and S.C. House member, opted to drop out of the June Republican primary and wage an independent candidacy against Gov. Nikki Haley.

Greenville News: Ervin says he would fire DSS chief

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/04/25/ervin-says-fire-dss-chief/8145987/>

Tim Smith

Petition gubernatorial candidate Tom Ervin of Greenville, who the state GOP has warned to stop describing himself as a Republican, says his first act as governor would be to fire the executive director of the state Department of Social Services.

Wall Street Journal: Republican Governors Association Ad Draws Rebuke from ABA

<http://blogs.wsj.com/law/2014/04/25/republicans-governors-association-ad-draws-rebuke-from-aba/>

Jacob Gershman

The head of the American Bar Association has sent an angry letter to New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie demanding that the Republican Governors Association take down an attack ad against a Democratic trial lawyer running for governor in South Carolina.

Post and Courier: Senate candidate Det Bowers once blamed negligent wives for divorce

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140425/PC1603/140429567/1031/senate-candidate-det-bowers-once-blamed-negligent-wives-for-divorce>

Schuyler Kropf

A conservative pastor trying to knock off U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham in the June Republican primary once put most of the responsibility for divorce on women, including blaming them for loving their children much more than their husbands.

Legislative Session News:

The State: Lawmakers discuss academic freedom during USC panel

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/24/3407677/lawmakers-discuss-academic-freedom.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy>

Cassie Cope

Politicians and a professor agreed to disagree at a panel on academic freedom hosted by the University of South Carolina Student Government on Thursday evening. The conversation quickly turned to the House's decision to cut \$17,142 from USC Upstate for assigning freshmen to read "Out Loud: The Best of Rainbow Radio."

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Santee Cooper aims to beef up economic development across South Carolina

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140425/PC05/140429559/1177/santee-cooper-aims-to-beef-up-economic-development-across-south-carolina>

Warren L. Wise

State-owned utility Santee Cooper took steps Friday to bolster economic development and bring jobs to South Carolina. The Moncks Corner-based firm's board of directors approved two site-readiness grant programs totaling \$42.5 million to recruit industry throughout the Palmetto State.

Associated Press: SC boys home settles lawsuit over abuse allegation

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=rt7HusC6

Meg Kinnard

A South Carolina boys' home has settled a lawsuit by a former resident who said he was sexually assaulted by an older child. Attorneys for the 11-year-old boy said Friday they had settled a lawsuit against the Boys Home of the South and the Department of Social Services.

Local News:

Greenville News: Landslides pose steep risk in Upstate

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/environment/2014/04/24/landslides-pose-steep-risk-upstate/8134559/>

Nathaniel Cary

Mountaintops across the Upstate are at risk from landslides, and local geologists warn that if a landslide occurred in certain high-risk spots, it could wipe out mountain homes and endanger lives. Homes built beneath the steep slopes and exposed rocks along the Blue Ridge Escarpment could be threatened if a landslide occurred, geologists said.

The State: Riverbanks CEO shares detail on \$32 million renovations

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/25/3408892/riverbanks-ceo-shares-detail-on.html#storylink=cpy>

Joey Holleman

When the heat begins to rise in 2015, children visiting Riverbanks Zoo will be able to cool off in a splash zone designed to look like the Saluda River. The water feature will be one of the big draws in the new children's garden adjacent to the botanical garden.

National News:

Reuters: Republicans seek North Carolina seat that could swing Senate balance

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/25/us-usa-northcarolina-senate-idUSBREA3O1CB20140425>

Colleen Jenkins

North Carolina House Speaker Thom Tillis says national Democrats have spent millions attacking him because they are worried he will win the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate in the state's primary election on May 6 and take the seat in November.

Reuters: Canada still betting the U.S. will approve Keystone XL

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/25/us-usa-keystone-rickford-idUSBREA3O19M20140425>

Euan Rocha

Canada remains confident Washington will ultimately approve the Keystone XL pipeline to the U.S. Gulf Coast, two prominent cabinet ministers said on Friday, adding that the latest U.S. delay is political and not based on environmental concerns.

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