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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: New SC law deletes high school exit exam mandate

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=wtv57wKw

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina is replacing its high school exit exam with tests considered more useful to students' lives beyond 12th grade. A new law signed by Gov. Nikki Haley deletes South Carolina's three-decade-old requirement that high school students pass an exit exam to graduate. It's a move long pushed by advocates for children with disabilities, who say the High School Assessment Program can be their lone block to receiving a diploma.

Aiken Standard: Gov. Haley tours SRS today

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140421/AIK0101/140429918/1004/gov-haley-tours-srs-today>

Derrek Asberry

Gov. Nikki Haley will be touring the Savannah River Site today beginning at 1 p.m., followed by a media session at 3:30 p.m. The media session will be held at the Applied Research Center off site located at 301 Gateway Drive. Conversations during the media session will likely center around the mixed oxide, or MOX, facility under construction at the Savannah River Site.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The State (Video): Vincent Sheheen's record as attorney targeted in new RGA ad

http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/21/3399946/vincent-sheheens-record-as-attorney.html?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter&utm_destination=buzzatthestate

Andrew Shain

A new Republican Governors Association television ad attacks Democratic challenger Vincent Sheheen's past work in defending criminal cases. The 30-second ad that starting airing over the weekend notes that Sheheen, a Camden attorney, has represented defendants in child abuse and domestic-violence cases.

Post and Courier (Video): RGA hits Sheheen on criminal defense work in new advertisement

<http://politics.postandcourier.com/2014/04/21/rga-hits-sheheen-on-criminal-defense-work-in-new-advertisement/>

Jeremy Borden

Republicans continue to hit Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Camden, the likely Democratic gubernatorial nominee, on his work as a criminal defense attorney when he defended those convicted of domestic violence and other crimes against women. Sheheen is a general practice lawyer in Camden.

Post and Courier (Blog): Ervin has new ad targeting Haley administration

<http://politics.postandcourier.com/2014/04/21/ervin-has-new-ad-targeting-haley-administration/>

Schuyler Kropf

Greenville lawyer Tom Ervin, who dropped out of the GOP primary to launch an independent run for governor, has a new TV ad out that takes aim at Gov. Nikki Haley's administration. "South Carolinians are hungry for honesty," said Aly Darby, Ervin's campaign spokeswoman.

The State: Tom Ervin debuts TV ad for SC governor

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/21/3400534/tom-ervin-debuts-tv-ad-for-sc.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/>

Andrew Shain

Tom Ervin, a Republican running as a petition candidate, has introduced his first campaign television advertisement where he takes aim at Republican Gov. Nikki Haley for the massive 2012 data breach and

questions surrounding the state's child welfare agency.

The State: Lindsey Graham receives national small business group endorsement
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/21/3400216/lindsey-graham-receives-national.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham received the endorsement of the National Federation of Independent Business on Monday and appears set to get an endorsement from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The Seneca Republican seeking a third Senate term has a 93 percent lifetime voting record with the NFIB, a small-business trade association.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: First SC rural tourism signs to be up this month

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=77e5R03z

The first new state highway signs directing travelers to South Carolina's rural attractions or working farms will be installed near Columbia, on Wadmalaw Island and in Colleton County by month's end. The signs are similar to the blue signs that direct visitors to services off of interstate highways.

Post and Courier: College of Charleston students rally to support gay rights in advance of tonight's "Fun Home" performances

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140421/PC16/140429885/1177/college-of-charleston-students-rally-to-support-gay-rights-in-advance-of-tonights-fun-home-performances>

Diane Knich

Alison Bechdel, author of the critically-acclaimed illustrated memoir, was so horrified by the actions of South Carolina lawmakers and College of Charleston officials that she quickly joined an effort to bring the off-Broadway show based on her book to campus, according to local organizers.

Local News:

Associated Press: 2nd candidate announces for Charleston mayor

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3Q0Qws7M

A second candidate is running to replace Joe Riley as mayor of Charleston. Businessman John Tecklenburg announced his candidacy Monday for the 2015 election. Tecklenburg was the city's director of economic development from 1995 through 1999.

Post and Courier: John Tecklenburg to run for mayor of Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140421/PC16/140429896/1006/>

Schuyler Kropf

Charleston businessman John J. Tecklenburg announced today he will run for mayor in next year's election. He becomes the second candidate to publicly announce a campaign, after City Councilman Dean Riegel. "Together, we strengthen Charleston," Tecklenburg said in a media announcement.

Rock Hill Herald: Utility officials blame heavy rain for 300-gallon sewage spill in Lake Wylie

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/04/21/5886573/utility-officials-blame-heavy.html?sp=/100/104/109/#storylink=cpy>

Anna Douglas and John Marks

A 300-gallon sewage spill into Lake Wylie over Easter weekend has prompted a "no swim advisory" from the Tega Cay Water Service. Officials with the private utility company issued a warning to residents on Sunday saying the sewage spill was caused when heavy rainfall on Saturday night overwhelmed the system.

National News:

Associated Press: Obamacare Falling Short on Insuring the Uninsured

http://www.hispanicbusiness.com/2014/4/21/obamacare_falling_short_on_insuring_the.htm

Judy Lin

The federal health care overhaul is providing coverage for millions of Americans, but it has only chipped away at one of its core goals: to sharply reduce the number of people without insurance. President Barack Obama announced last week that 8 million people have signed up for coverage through new insurance

exchanges, but many barriers remain.

New York Times: Lawmakers Broadening Push Against Sex Crimes

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/22/us/politics/lawmakers-broadening-push-against-sex-crimes.html?hp>

Jennifer Steinhauer

As the high-profile congressional fight over military sexual assault recedes, lawmakers are broadening their focus to an array of sex crimes like college campus assaults, child predators and human trafficking. Unlike the military assault measures, these efforts — almost all bipartisan — have gone largely uncelebrated. But as a group they represent a far-reaching effort to combat sexual abuse.

CNBC: Why Obama's Keystone opposition reeks of politics

<http://www.cnn.com/id/101598459>

Ben White

Politicians make their living shading the truth. But even by those low standards, Democratic National Committee Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz offered a whopper on Sunday, saying that the Obama administration's latest non-decision on the Keystone XL pipeline was not political.

Associated Press: US weighs curbing deportations

http://washingtonexaminer.com/apnewsbreak-us-weighs-curbing-deportations/article/feed/2129999?custom_click=rss

Erica Werner

The change, if adopted following an ongoing review ordered by President Barack Obama, could shield tens of thousands of immigrants now removed each year solely because they committed repeat immigration violations, such as re-entering the country illegally after having been deported, failing to comply with a deportation order or missing an immigration court date.

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