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S.C. Same-Sex Marriage News:

The State: State asks S.C. Supreme Court court to halt same-sex marriages

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/08/3731915/richland-charleston-counties-issuing.html#storylink=cpy>
Wilson acted after Richland and Charleston counties started accepting marriage license applications from same-sex couples Wednesday, despite the state's constitutional ban against the marriages and Wilson's pledge to defend that ban.

Note: Haley said Wednesday that she thinks marriage only should be between a man and a woman, adding she took an oath to uphold the state Constitution, which bans same-sex unions. But she said the courts left the issue a mess.

Note: "We have to figure out what that is right now," Haley said. "That's the big question of the day for everyone in South Carolina. Where does the rule of law stand after this and where does that leave South Carolina?"

WCBD (Video): News 2 asks Governor Nikki Haley if she believes SC should issue same-sex marriage licenses

<http://www.counton2.com/story/26740140/raw-video-news-2-asks-governor-nikki-haley-if-she-believes-sc-should-issue-same-sex-marriage-licenses>

Raymond Owens

Governor Nikki Haley held a press conference after a ribbon cutting today at the Nexans plant in Berkeley County. News 2's Raymond Owens asked her whether she believes South Carolina should be issuing same-sex marriage licenses.

Greenville News: County denies today's same-sex marriage license requests

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/10/08/county-denies-todays-sex-marriage-license-requests/16905713/>

Lyn Riddle

They've got their rings, a date and a venue, but what Lindsey Crumbley and Halley Page don't have is a marriage license. They applied for one on Wednesday morning in Greenville County Probate Court, and unlike those who applied in Charleston County, were denied once again.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley supports Wilson's decision to defend the state's constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

Rock Hill Herald: Probate judges in York, Chester, Lancaster counties not ready to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/10/08/6403375_probate-judges-in-york-chester.html?rh=1#storylink=cpy

Anna Douglas

Probate judges in Richland and Charleston counties accepted marriage license applications on Wednesday from same-sex couples, but judges in York, Chester and Lancaster counties likely will not until a federal lawsuit is resolved. Probate court officials who took the applications in Charleston and Richland counties were responding to a U.S. Supreme Court decision earlier this week.

Note: Wilson's office issued a statement on Monday saying that he sees the fight as one to "uphold our state constitution." Haley's office issued a statement backing Wilson's decision and saying that South Carolina's constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage should be followed until a court directly rules otherwise.

Associated Press: Race against the clock for SC gay marriage backers

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

Jeffrey Collins

Supporters of same-sex marriage in South Carolina are watching the clock. A 24-hour wait for the first same-sex marriage license in the state ends at 9:15 a.m. Thursday. State Attorney General Alan Wilson has asked the South Carolina Supreme Court to step in and block the licenses. The justices have given no indication when they might rule.

Post and Courier: First same-sex marriage license granted in Charleston County

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141008/PC1603/141009465>

Robert Behre

Colleen Condon and her fiancée, Nichols Bleckley, showed up Wednesday at Charleston County's Probate Court to make a statement after a court decision seemed to clear the way for same-sex marriage in South Carolina. They could end up making history, as the state's first same-sex couple to receive a marriage license.

Associated Press: Supreme Court inaction leaves gay couples in limbo

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=p1Z8UYaU

Mitch Weiss

Brianna Watts and Rachel Duncan hoped that this time it would be different - this time the clerk behind the counter wouldn't say no. Three months ago, the Greenville, South Carolina, couple had gone to the probate judge's office with paperwork in hand, knowing there was no way the clerk would accept their application for a marriage license because of the state's ban on same-sex marriage.

Note: In South Carolina, which had not yet had its law overturned and where the attorney general vowed to keep fighting for it, couples weren't quite sure what would happen.

WCSC: Sen. Lindsey Graham and Rep. Mark Sanford discuss same sex marriage, ISIS

<http://www.live5news.com/story/26740009/sen-lindsey-graham-and-rep-mark-sanford-discuss-same-sex-marriage-isis>

Meaghan Wallace

Sen. Lindsey Graham thanked his campaign volunteers at a republican headquarter in Mt. Pleasant on Wednesday. He got some extra support from Rep. Mark Sanford who showed up and joked he was there for the free Chick-Fil-A lunch. Both politicians took time to weigh in on hot topics around the country, starting with gay marriage.

Times and Democrat: Local judges upholding gay marriage ban as legislators look for changes

http://thetandd.com/news/local/local-judges-upholding-gay-marriage-ban-as-legislators-look-for/article_a53bf1da-4f6d-11e4-b79c-2b198c71213e.html

Martha Rose Brown

Probate judges in both Orangeburg and Bamberg counties said Wednesday that they'll continue to uphold South Carolina's constitutional ban on same-sex unions, even as several local lawmakers said the state law should change. Orangeburg County Probate Judge Pandora Jones-Glover said, "While the matter is pending, we're going to uphold the S.C. Constitution."

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Upstate probate courts not issuing marriage licenses for same-sex couples

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20141008/ARTICLES/141009640/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Upstate-probate-courts-not-issuing-marriage-licenses-for-same-sex-couples>

Felicia Kitzmiller

Probate courts across the state are divided on accepting marriage licenses for same-sex couples after a Charleston County judge decided to accept an application from a gay couple Wednesday morning. Spartanburg County Probate Judge Ponda Caldwell said she rejected a same sex couple's marriage license application Wednesday morning, and she has told several other couples by phone that she could not accept their application.

Seneca Journal: Pickens, Oconee not issuing same-sex licenses yet

<https://upstatetoday.com/2014/10/pickens-oconee-not-issuing-same-sex-licenses-yet/>

Norman Cannada

As state officials continue to debate allowing same-sex marriages, probate judges in Oconee and Pickens counties said they do not expect to begin accepting marriage applications from same-sex couples anytime soon. The U.S. Supreme Court decided Monday not to hear an appeal of a ruling allowing same-sex marriage by the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in a Virginia case.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Scary activists at the AG's office

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141009/PC1603/141009413/1177/palmetto-sunrise-scary-activists-at-the-ags-office>

Cynthia Roldan

On Wednesday, a few marriage equality activists made their way from the steps of the Statehouse to Attorney General Alan Wilson's office to drop off 5,000 signatures that requested he stop defending the state's ban on same-sex marriage. But someone else also responded: the Capitol Police. Four of them. One of the activists was told their presence had frightened a staffer, who called police.

Governor Nikki Haley News:

WCBD: Governor Nikki Haley helps Nexans officials cut ribbon at their brand new Berkeley County plant

<http://www.counton2.com/story/26740063/governor-nikki-haley-helps-nexans-officials-cut-ribbon-at-their-brand-new-berkeley-county-plant>

Raymond Owens

A big day for jobs in Berkeley County. French cable manufacturer Nexans held the ribbon cutting for their new 350,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Goose Creek. Music filled the air as executives from Nexans mingled with their customers and suppliers Wednesday afternoon.

Note: Governor Nikki Haley was on hand to help cut the ribbon for the new facility. She told the CEO that she will do what she can to help make the plant a success. "My commitment is I work for you. So anything you want or need, that is our job to make sure you are well taken care of. For all of the customers, we want to thank you for supporting Nexans. We have their back."

Area Development: Germany-Based Hengst of North America Invests \$8 Million To Expand Its Camden, South Carolina, Manufacturing Facility

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/10-8-2014/hengst-of-north-america-production-facility-expansion-kershaw-county-south-carolina892894.shtml>

The company, which located its North American headquarters in Camden in 2005, will invest an additional \$8 million, create 20 new jobs, and expand its warehousing and distribution activities in the former Steeplechase Spec Building in Camden.

Note: "I was excited to meet with Hengst's team at the International Auto Show in Frankfurt last year, and it's even more exciting to see them continue to grow in our state. Our international companies play a vital role in the economic success of our state, and I applaud Hengst for making their third major expansion since establishing in Kershaw County in 2005," said Gov. Nikki Haley.

Index-Journal: A message to share and a contest to win

<http://www.indexjournal.com/opinion/editorial/A-message-to-share-and-a-contest-to-win>

Whether your high school son or daughter is participating in the statewide "It Can Wait" anti-texting-and-driving essay contest is not as important as ensuring the intent of the contest is not lost on that son or daughter.

Note: Encourage your teen to go to ItCanWait.com and take the pledge. Maybe even visit the site together. It'll help show how much you really do care. A statewide ban on texting while driving became law this year with the stroke of Gov. Nikki Haley's pen, but that alone will not be a deterrent. Besides, teens already know of the dangers.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

WCIV: Sheheen, Haley spar over domestic violence solutions in SC

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/26740686/haley-and-sheheen-spar-over-domestic-violence-solutions>

With South Carolina's ranking as one of the worst in the country for women who die from domestic violence, the issue is now on the radar of those who want to be governor. Two people who are running for governor weighed in Wednesday.

Note: "I find it comical that Vince Sheheen talks anything about domestic violence when he's the one that actually defends the men who do this to women. So he has no room to talk when it comes to domestic violence," said Haley, a Republican.

Note: Haley lashed back at her challenger. She insists private money and stronger legislation are better ways to provide help for those affected by domestic violence.

Note: "So we have always supported tougher domestic violence laws. What we don't do is we don't support private entities that do that. There's a lot of private entities that give to domestic violence or give to other

things. We let the taxpayers decide who they're going to donate to," said Haley.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

The State: SC leaders must overhaul crumbling DSS

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/08/3732417/editorial-sc-leaders-must-overhaul.html>

Editorial

THE CRISIS at the S.C. Department of Social Services isn't as bad as we thought. It's worse. The child-welfare agency is incapable of providing consistent, reliable, credible protection of our state's children. That's the regrettable takeaway from a Legislative Audit Council report released last week.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley and the Legislature must make overhauling the agency a priority.

Island Packet: Voters deserve to see televised Senate debate

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/08/862339/sen-graham-opposes-obamas-plan.html?sp=/99/342/>

Editorial

The latest poll by Winthrop University shows Graham is the favored candidate of 46.3 percent of likely voters, while challenger Sen. Brad Hutto, D-Orangeburg, is drawing 28 percent of support and independent candidate Thomas Ravenel, a former state treasurer, is at 8 percent.

Post and Courier: Bringing in the ships

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141008/PC1002/141009421>

Editorial

Some things you do because you want to. Some things you do because you need to. Deepening the shipping channel in the Charleston Harbor needs to happen for the economic health of the state and the region. Officials at the S.C. State Ports Authority are extremely pleased at the progress that has been made toward getting that project under way - and how quickly it has happened.

Post and Courier: Job report spurs optimism, but more needs to be done

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141008/AIK0201/141009486/1018/AIK02>

Editorial

Recent news that the unemployment rate has fallen below 6 percent may signal a rebounding U.S. jobs situation, but the economy still isn't as rosy as we would hope. Granted, the latest jobs report shouldn't be seen as bad news - almost a quarter of a million jobs, for instance, were created in September alone. Also, unemployment is at its lowest since President Barack Obama took office.

Post and Courier: Good moves for VA accountability

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141009/PC1002/141009423>

Editorial

In a welcome move, the new head of the Department of Veterans Affairs, former Proctor & Gamble CEO Bob McDonald, has taken swift advantage of new powers granted to him by Congress to announce he will fire four senior executives for poor performance and wrongdoing. More disciplinary moves are expected.

S.C. General Assembly News:

The State: Leader of suspended SC House speaker's PAC denies misusing money

http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/09/3733123_exclusive-leader-of-suspended.html?rh=1

Andrew Shain

The head of the political-action committee with ties to suspended S.C. House Speaker Bobby Harrell denied accusations Wednesday that the group ran a separate fund under the control of the Charleston Republican. India Null, executive director of the Palmetto Leadership Council, also denied that PAC's money was used to influence legislators in this year's legislative election of an S.C. Supreme Court chief justice.

The State: Reform advocate suggests abolishing SC ethics laws

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/08/3732775/reform-advocate-suggests-abolishing.html>

Cassie Cope

The leader of the limited-government organization that brought allegations leading to the indictment of House Speaker Bobby Harrell suggested Wednesday that lawmakers should abolish the state's ethics laws. Landess suggested making ethics violations part of the state's criminal code, where they could be policed by law enforcement.

Associated Press: Lawmakers to discuss SC dealing with Ebola

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1tCMnmBf

South Carolina lawmakers want to make sure the state is prepared to deal with Ebola. The State Senate Medical Affairs Committee is scheduled to meet in Columbia on Thursday to discuss if the state is ready to handle a patient who may arrive in the state suffering from the disease.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Florence Morning News: Scott listens to business issues during Florence visit

http://www.snow.com/news/local/article_9180b598-4f51-11e4-adfc-001a4bcf6878.html

Gavin Jackson

U.S. Senator Tim Scott, R-S.C., listened Wednesday to concerns from black business owners in Florence at a meeting hosted by the Pee Dee Black Chamber of Commerce. A little more than 20 people gathered at the Charles W. Gould Business Incubator at the Florence-Darlington Technical College campus to talk to the senator about the current business environment in the state, federal issues as well as state issues.

WBTW: U.S. Senator Tim Scott talks business during campaign stop in Florence

<http://www.wbtw.com/story/26741499/us-senator-tim-scott-talks-business-during-campaign-stop-in-florence>

U.S. Senator Tim Scott campaigned Wednesday in the Pee Dee. The Charleston Republican met with members of the Pee Dee Black Chamber of Commerce. Senator Scott spoke about the importance of small business and its role in the community.

Note: In 2012, Governor Nikki Haley appointed then-Congressman Scott to fill the Senate seat given up by Jim DeMint.

Times and Democrat: Words to live by: Citing Bible, Clyburn says children need good foundation to succeed

http://thetandd.com/news/words-to-live-by-citing-bible-clyburn-says-children-need/article_70fada04-4f53-11e4-aae7-9380f565fd67.html

Dale Linder-Altman

Clyburn shared his views about education on Wednesday at Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five's fourth annual State of the Schools Luncheon, which was held at Edisto Fork United Methodist Church. As a young man, two experiences shaped his view on life, according to Clyburn.

South Carolina News:

The State: SC education board votes to allow unhealthy foods fundraisers in schools

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/08/3732290/sc-education-board-votes-to-allow.html>

Joey Holleman

With state Superintendent of Education Mick Zais referring to anti-childhood obesity forces as "the Twinkie police," the state Board of Education voted Wednesday to give schools exemptions to sell unhealthy snacks during in-school fundraisers during 90 of 180 school days each year.

Aiken Standard: DOE to conduct assessment for military land use at SRS

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141008/AIK0101/141009491/1004>

Derrek Asberry

The Department of Energy is seeking an environmental assessment to review a proposal that, if granted, would permit the South Carolina Military Department to use 750 acres at the Savannah River Site for military training.

The State: City of Columbia asks community to take a stand against domestic violence

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/08/3732801/city-of-columbia-asks-community.html#storylink=cpy>

The Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence on Saturday is the city of Columbia's effort to bring more awareness to the problem. The walk will begin and end at Finlay Park, 930 Laurel St., downtown. Mayor Steve Benjamin, Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine, domestic violence advocates, supporters and survivors will attend.

Associated Press: Cole being inaugurated as 7th president of MUSC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Kb5z7MLS

The Medical University of South Carolina is inaugurating its new president. Dr. David Cole was selected earlier this year to become the seventh president of the Charleston medical school. The inauguration ceremony is scheduled for Thursday afternoon on campus.

Post and Courier: Halloween spending to pump billions into retail industry

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141008/PC05/141009436>

Abigail Darlington

Halloween likely will be a treat for retailers this year. Americans are expected to spend \$7.4 billion on the Oct. 31 festivities, about 6 percent more than they were willing to spend last year, according to a consumer survey reported by the National Retail Federation.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Charleston schools superintendent urges school board to slow down on tech program move

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141008/PC16/141009431/1177>

Amanda Kerr

Charleston schools Superintendent Nancy McGinley is urging the school board to consider slowing down plans to move Lowcountry Tech Academy to three other schools, citing space, funding and timing issues.

Greenville News: Greenville County: Sales tax foes wrong on ordinance

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/10/08/greenville-county-sales-tax-foes-wrong-ordinance/16944215/>

Rudolph Bell

Greenville County officials say foes of a 1 percent sales tax are misinterpreting the language of an ordinance authorizing a referendum on the question next month. Americans for Prosperity, an anti-tax group leading opposition to the sales tax plan, said in a recent news release that a close reading of the "fine print" shows County Council could spend the tax money "on any project the council chooses."

Anderson Independent: Superintendent makes sales tax pitch

http://www.independentmail.com/news/superintendent-makes-sales-tax-pitch_89270955

Sarah Freishtat

Less than a month before a 1-cent sales tax for education uses will appear on the ballot, Anderson School District 5 Superintendent Tom Wilson is encouraging his staff to beat the crowds and vote before the Nov. 4 election. Wilson said the district would be allowed to provide transportation to a polling place for eligible students during the early-voting period.

Anderson Independent: Computer problems temporarily shut down AnMed ER

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/computer-problems-shut-down-anmed-er>

Computer problems caused AnMed Health officials to turn patients away from the emergency room for over an hour Wednesday night. AnMed vice president Michael Cunningham said network problems led officials to shutdown their system around 7:30 p.m.; patients already admitted to the hospital were not affected by the "hour to hour and 15 minute" delay.

Rock Hill Herald: Rock Hill among worst places subjected to NC political ads

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/10/08/6403519/rock-hill-among-worst-places-subjected.html>

Bristow Marchant

If you've turned on a TV this fall, you would likely agree that Rock Hill is one of the worst places in America to live during campaign season. The website Media Post listed Rock Hill as one of the top 10 worst places based on the amount of out-of-state political advertising its citizens are subjected to.

National News:

Washington Post: Amid voter anger, Democrats struggle to lock down Northeast governorships

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/govbeat/wp/2014/10/09/amid-voter-anger-democrats-struggle-to-lock-down-northeast-governorships/>

Reid Wilson

Four years ago, Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley (D) was the favorite in a January special election to replace the late Sen. Ted Kennedy (D). She lost to a state senator named Scott Brown (R), the

first siren that alerted Democrats nationally to an angry midterm electorate that year.

Associated Press: Obama allies getting harder to find these days

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[SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-10-08-23-17-47](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_OBAMA_FEW_FRIENDS?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-10-08-23-17-47)

Julie Pace

President Barack Obama is finding himself with few friends in Washington. His former Pentagon chief is criticizing his foreign policy. Longtime political advisers are questioning his campaign strategy. And Democrats locked in tough midterm campaigns don't want Obama anywhere near them between now and Election Day.

Associated Press: New healthcare.gov improved, but with a glitch

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_HEALTH_OVERHAUL_VERSION_2?

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Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

The Obama administration unveiled a new version of HealthCare.gov on Wednesday, with some improvements as well as at least one early mistake and a new challenge. Officials also said that HealthCare.gov won't display premiums for 2015 until the second week of November. Open enrollment season runs Nov. 15 through Feb. 15. Coverage can start as early as Jan. 1.

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