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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Sun News: Haley gets commemorative gun at Aynor ceremony

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/06/30/4327963/haley-gets-commemorative-gun-at.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1>

Steve Jones

Welder Jamieson Woodard leaned against a table a good way beyond the semi-circle of television cameras Monday as S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley got her commemorative, semiautomatic rifle from PTR Industries.

Note: During the ceremony Woodard watched, Haley said she promised PTR that South Carolina would never politicize gun ownership, and those are the kind of words that have helped the company and its employees feel they've been received with open arms.

WPDE: Gov. Haley welcomes gun maker, gets commemorative SC rifle

http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=1064226#.U7Kew_IdWSo

Joel Allen

Governor Nikki Haley is now the owner of a new, made-in-Horry County product. It's a South Carolina commemorative rifle, made by PTR Industries in Aynor. PTR officials say the limited edition rifle is a way for them to say thank you to the people of the state for what they felt was a warm welcome.

Note: "We are South Carolinians who love our guns, who love to hunt, who love to use it as a sport and we appreciate it, and any company that decides to manufacture here, we're going to welcome them," Haley said.

The State: USC, Texas A&M could pass new trophy

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/30/3540699/usc-texas-am-could-pass-new-trophy.html>

Andrew Shain

James Butler Bonham, the University of South Carolina-educated hero of the Alamo, will adorn a trophy that could be exchanged by the Gamecocks and Texas A&M starting this fall, according to a former S.C.

Republican party leader working with governors in both states.

Note: The trophy is a collaboration between Perry, a Texas A&M graduate and history buff, and S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The State: Vincent Sheheen releases 2013 tax returns

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/30/3539939/vincent-sheheen-releases-2013.html>

Cassie Cope

State Sen. Vincent Sheheen, the Democratic nominee for governor, saw his earnings rise nearly 50 percent in 2013 over what he reported a year earlier, according to income-tax returns he released Monday.

Note: Haley's campaign spokesman Rob Godfrey said the governor has released her tax returns for every year she's been an elected official since 2005. She will release her 2013 returns, he added.

Note: "We will know Vince is serious when he stops hiding the details of the income he's received as a trial lawyer defending violent criminals, drug dealers and child predators, and when he stops voting against ethics reforms that require legislators to disclose their income," Godfrey said.

Associated Press: Sheheen releases 2013 tax returns, calls on Haley

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=IELwk0yL

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina's Democratic nominee for governor released his 2013 tax returns Monday and again called on Gov. Nikki Haley to release more of hers. Sen. Vincent Sheheen's total income last year was \$333,000,

while his taxable income was \$306,000.

Note: Haley spokesman Rob Godfrey called Monday's release a political stunt.

Post and Courier: Koch Brothers' Americans for Prosperity opens branch in Mount Pleasant

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140630/PC16/140639940/1382&source=spreed>

Robert Behre

Those who believe in limited government and reducing taxes have a new ally in South Carolina. Americans for Prosperity, a national nonprofit that advocates on political issues but does not endorse candidates, already has opened offices in Columbia and Greenville and Monday night, opened its third field office in Mount Pleasant.

Associated Press: Texas Gov. Perry returns to South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xNlk08aW

Potential 2016 Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry is back in South Carolina this week. The Texas governor is the speaker at a Dorchester County GOP fundraiser Tuesday night. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is scheduled to introduce him.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Two court rulings for liberty

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140701/PC1002/140709985/1021&source=spreed>

Editorial

The Supreme Court on Monday struck two more welcome blows for the rights of individuals by curbing Obamacare's requirement that all employers must provide certain kinds of contraceptive coverage to women employees, and by ruling that home health care givers may not be required to pay union dues.

Post and Courier: Say 'no' to power line across the Santee Delta

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140701/PC1002/140709984/1021&source=spreed>

Editorial

Six route options have been presented for a towering electrical transmission line across the Santee Delta, but all are overly intrusive to this unspoiled area. Federal officials who will decide which project gets financing should consider another option that is far less destructive.

Aiken Standard: Offshore drilling bill isn't energy solution

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140701/AIK0201/140709996/1018/AIK02/editorial-offshore-drilling-bill-isn-t-energy-solution>

Editorial

A U.S. House bill approved last week to open up drilling along South Carolina's coast is thankfully a long-shot, but it's still troubling that Congress is once again considering such a measure. The bill was supported by nearly all of South Carolina's delegation, including House Rep. Joe Wilson, who represents Aiken County.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

WCBD: Report: SC among worst in nation in shooting violence

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/25910743/report-sc-among-worst-in-nation-in-shooting-violence>

South Carolina ranks among the worst in gun crimes in the nation, ranked 10th on a list recently compiled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and an analysis firm, 24/7 Wall St. According to the CDC, there are an average of 14.8 gun-related deaths per 100,000 people.

Note: Sanford says a number of factors play a role in the rise of gun violence, including economics and social structures within families.

South Carolina News:

The State: SC politicians respond to Supreme Court Hobby Lobby ruling

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/30/3540313/sc-politicians-respond-to-supreme.html>

Cassie Cope

The Supreme Court ruled on Monday that under the Affordable Care Act, some corporations do not have to provide employees with birth control they find objectional.

Post and Courier: Change comes to College of Charleston: McConnell takes over

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140630/PC16/140639992/1177&source=spreed>

Diane Knich

Glenn McConnell left the College of Charleston after graduating in 1969, but he's returning to campus Tuesday as the school's president. He has strong support among members of the school's Board of Trustees, but he'll also face many challenges over the next few years. Despite a rocky hiring process, the former lieutenant governor has said he's ready to hit the ground running.

Associated Press: Audit suggests creating SC adult abuse registry

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3cjpbu1j

Seanna Adcox

An audit of the agency that serves South Carolinians with disabilities finds the Legislature can curb abuse and neglect by requiring a central registry and allowing electronic monitoring of facilities' common areas.

Post and Courier: Boeing seals deal to deliver 1st stretch version of 787 Dreamliner

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140630/PC05/140639935/1382&source=spreed>

John McDermott

Boeing Co. has delivered the first extended version of its 787 Dreamliner. Air New Zealand signed the purchase documents for the 787-9 passenger jet Monday, allowing Boeing to book the sale under its second-quarter finances.

The State: Jury begins considering futures of Pinson, Robinson

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/30/3539714/jury-set-to-begin-considering.html>

John Monk, Clif LeBlanc

A diverse eight-woman, four-man federal jury will enter its second day of deliberations Tuesday morning after weighing for about six hours on Monday the futures of two Greenville businessmen accused of public corruption.

Greenville News: More people in S.C. living in poverty areas

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/south-carolina/2014/06/30/sc-shows-increase-people-living-poverty-areas/11787681/>

Ron Barnett

Even if you aren't poor, your chances of living in a poor neighborhood in South Carolina are greater than they were at the turn of the century, and by a larger margin than in all but five states, according to a U.S. Census report released Monday.

Greenville News: Pending home sales jump to highest level since 2010

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/06/30/pending-home-sales-jump-highest-level-since/11813021/>

Angelia Davis

May had the largest jump in signed contracts to buy homes since 2010. But Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors, said May's gain in pending home sales, which are contracts that have been signed but not closed, likely won't be enough to "compensate for the sluggish first quarter."

Local News:

Greenville News: Greenville schools may buy program to manage special ed

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2014/06/30/sc-questions-greenville-schools-interest-computer-program/11812783/>

Tim Smith

State education officials are concerned that the Greenville County School District may purchase its own computer software for managing special education programs even though the state is spending \$6.7 million on a software program designed to be used for that very purpose in every school district.

The State: Accused gambler cooperating with federal law agents in Lexington Co. case

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/30/3540633/accused-gambler-flynn-now-cooperating.html>

John Monk

Larry Flynn, facing federal charges of operating an illegal gambling business, has returned from Nicaragua

and is cooperating with federal law enforcement agents investigating public corruption in Lexington County, his attorney told a federal magistrate judge Monday.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Duncan council approves tax and sewer rate increases

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20140630/ARTICLES/140639951/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Duncan-council-approves-tax-and-sewer-rate-increases>

Felicia Kitzmiller

Duncan residents will see modest increases on their tax and sewer bills after the town council moved forward with a budget during a special meeting Monday evening. The budget includes a 1.8-mill tax increase, which will cost homeowners an additional \$3.02 on a median value home.

Rock Hill Herald: York Tech celebrates history, looks to future

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/06/30/6104753/york-tech-celebrates-history-looks.html>

Rachel Southmayd

In an event that served two purposes, York Technical College on Monday kicked off a year of celebration and made a symbolic gesture to kick off a new phase of transformation. Administration, staff and community members gathered to mark the institution's 50th year since opening to students in 1964.

Rock Hill Herald: Fort Mill fireworks business booming with Fourth on a Friday

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/06/30/6102007/fort-mill-fireworks-business-booming.html>

Rachel Adams-Heard

The doors to Fort Mill's fireworks stores stay open all night. "You never have to be without a sparkler," said Kim Pyles, manager of Red Rocket Fireworks, which stays open 24/7 in the weeks leading up to the Fourth.

National News:

Politico: Obama's immigration pivot

<http://dyn.politico.com/printstory.cfm?uuid=7A6BC2BF-F84D-455B-B0A2-428DE93589A9>

Edward-Isaac Dove

The White House's immigration reform ceasefire is over. President Barack Obama came to the Rose Garden Monday to lay out the case: he gave House Speaker John Boehner "space" to convince his members. He kept quiet about the Republicans he knew were open to an overhaul. He avoided talking about the issue much himself.

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