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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Washington Post: Following marriage ruling, neighboring states weigh whether that opens their doors to same-sex marriage

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/govbeat/wp/2014/10/07/following-marriage-ruling-neighboring-states-weigh-whether-that-opens-their-doors-to-same-sex-marriage/>

Hunter Schwarz

Following the Supreme Court's decision Monday that allowed some states to begin issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, six neighboring states are considering whether that opens the doors for same-sex marriage in their states.

Note: Other governors disagreed. Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback (R), North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory (R), South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (R), and Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead (R) said they would continue to defend their state's marriage bans.

Associated Press: Federal judge wants briefs in SC gay marriage case

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

Jeffrey Collins

A federal judge is asking lawyers for a couple that want South Carolina to recognize their same-sex marriage and attorneys for the state to submit briefs next week after a federal appeals court ruling appeared to clear the way for gay marriage in the state.

GSA Business: State urges firms to participate in clean energy proposal

<http://www.gsabusiness.com/news/52655-state-urges-firms-to-participate-in-clean-energy-proposal>

Ashley Boncimino

Representatives from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, along with other stakeholders, urged a round table of business owners to get involved in shaping a federal proposal that would require the state to reduce its carbon emissions rates by more than 51% by 2030.

Note: The EPA proposes that the state reduce that to 772 pounds per MW. South Carolina has the third-highest demand reduction, a fact that has led electric cooperatives as well as Gov. Nikki Haley to speak out against the regulations.

Horry News: StarTek opening still set for Oct. 13, investor reports show net losses since 2012

http://www.myhorrynews.com/news/business/article_c1875e72-4e57-11e4-9ca5-001a4bcf6878.html

Tom O'Dare

First it was on, then it was off and now it's back on again. The ribbon cutting for the StarTek call center in Carolina Forest is scheduled to move forward Monday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m., said Morgan Dendy, spokeswoman for the Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corp.

Note: There were some reports of postponing the ceremony until November, but Dendy said the event is still on for Oct. 13. Gov. Nikki Haley is expected to attend, though a spokesman for the governor could not be reached as of press time.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina ETV's gubernatorial debate cancelled

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141007/PC1603/141009539>

A debate scheduled for Oct. 20 by S.C. ETV between the candidates for governor will not be held, according to a story posted Tuesday on The State newspaper's website. Also, a second debate - between candidates for superintendent of education - will have to be rescheduled.

Department of Social Services News:

Post and Courier: Closure in some child deaths unlikely

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141007/PC1603/141009551/1177/closure-in-some-child-deaths-unlikely>

Cynthia Roldan

A massive audit released Friday revealed major gaps in reporting child deaths in South Carolina and rendered the state's Child Fatality Advisory Committee statistics inaccurate. It also left a well-known victim's advocate "flabbergasted."

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Corps: Deepening Charleston Harbor to cost \$500M

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=w3RnLmO2

Bruce Smith

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposed Tuesday that the Charleston Harbor shipping channel be deepened to 52 feet in a project costing just over a half billion dollars. The Corps' tentative plan suggests deepening the inner harbor from its current 45 feet to a depth of 52 feet. The entrance channel would be extended and deepened from its current 47 feet to 54 feet.

Post and Courier: Army Corps recommends Charleston's shipping lanes be deepened to 52 feet

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141007/PC05/141009552/1177>

John McDermott

The Army Corps of Engineers is recommending in a new study that the Port of Charleston's main shipping lanes be deepened at a cost of more than a half a billion dollars to 52 feet to accommodate larger cargo ships. The estimated cost is \$509 million. The federal government and the State Ports Authority would contribute \$166 million and \$343 million, respectively.

Associated Press: South Carolina SAT scores up

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=F8e1hLBJ

South Carolina high school seniors averaged higher scores on the SAT college admissions test for the second year in a row. Multiple media outlets reported that the overall average increased six points from 2013 to 2014. This year's average score was 1429. The maximum score is 2400, 800 points each for reading, math and writing.

CNBC: Top 10 states for charitable giving

<http://www.cnn.com/id/102061922>

Robert Frank

An analysis from The Chronicle of Philanthropy, which uses data on tax returns, found that Utah was the most charitable state in 2012, as measured by giving as a percentage of adjusted gross income. Utah's giving percentage was 6.56 percent—more than twice the rate for New York and California. That means that for every \$1,000 Utah residents earned, they gave \$65.60 to charity.

Note: South Carolina is ranked #6 and its citizens give 4.13% of their gross income to a charitable cause.

Associated Press: Solemn event as SC grapples with domestic violence

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0Kg5EOGt

Jeffrey Collins

Outside South Carolina's Statehouse on Tuesday, hundreds of people stopped to honor the 46 men and women killed by loved ones in South Carolina in 2013. Inside a building on the capitol grounds, lawmakers were trying to figure out how to reduce the rates of domestic violence in a state that too often leads the nation in those statistics.

Post and Courier: Ceremony honors people killed in domestic violence as committee works to reverse tide of abuse in South Carolina

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141007/PC16/141009541>

Doug Pardue

Billy DuBose blew into his bagpipe as he prepared to play Amazing Grace in honor of all of those killed in domestic violence in South Carolina last year. Just before he walked in front of 46 people holding up human silhouettes in memory of the 46 who died, he thought about how many times he's played for the ceremony

and whispered: "Too many."

Post and Courier: SLED contacting concealed weapons permit holders

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141007/PC1610/141009536>

Robert Behre

A Concealed Weapons Permit holder in Charleston County must surrender his or her permit or face charges, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division said. The permit holder is one of about 350 in 27 counties across South Carolina that have been sent letters saying that their permits have been revoked.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Kingstree News: SC Senator Tim Scott makes Kingstree part of countywide visit

<http://www.kingstreenews.com/article/20141007/KTN01/141009897/1058/KTN>

Michael Duke

On October 3, US Senator Tim Scott stopped by the Grand Central Station restaurant in Kingstree for an informal chat with members of the community. The South Carolina Republican has been visiting counties across the state, meeting with the people he serves, sharing his views and answering questions.

Local News:

Sun News: Myrtle Beach awarded \$1.25 million federal grant to pay for more police

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/10/07/4521954/myrtle-beach-awarded-125-million.html?sp=/99/134/142/#storylink=cpy>

Maya T. Prabhu

Myrtle Beach will receive a \$1.25 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice that will be used to add 10 more year-round full-time police officers to the force. The grant money is in addition to revenue generated by a 3-mill property tax increase passed by Myrtle Beach City Council earlier this year to fund 10 police officers.

Post and Courier: Competing systems argue about proposed Berkeley County hospitals in court

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141007/PC16/141009529>

Cynthia Roldan, Lauren Sausser

Berkeley County residents may be kept waiting for another two months before a panel of judges decides who can build the county's first - or first and second - hospital. The state health department previously granted both Roper St. Francis and Trident Health permission to build 50-bed hospitals in Berkeley County.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Test scores mixed in local school districts

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20141007/ARTICLES/141009719/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Test-scores-mixed-in-local-school-districts->

Zach Fox

Three local school districts saw average composite SAT scores above the state average while only three local districts saw scores increase from last year, according to data released by the S.C. Department of Education on Monday. The state average composite score was 1429, a 6-point increase from 2012-13.

The State: District Five alerts parents of student hospitalized with Enterovirus

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/07/3729384/district-five-alerts-parents-to.html>

Harrison Cahill

Parents received the statement via text message which said even though it is unclear if the student had contracted the more severe strain of the virus, known as Enterovirus-68, district officials felt it was important to contact parents to warn them of the signs, symptoms and prevention methods for the virus.

Associated Press: Beaufort County moving to tighten jellyfish rules

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=EWDa4vL8

Beaufort County is moving to tighten its regulations on the fledgling jellyfish industry. The county planning commission approved a zoning change Monday requiring more review for companies that unload, process and ship jellyfish, The Beaufort Gazette (<http://bit.ly/Zbo9qF>) reported. The changes must be approved by the county council

Island Packet: Beaufort High to hold meeting with parents about drug concerns

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/07/3357698/beaufort-high-to-hold-meeting.html?sp=/99/257/266/>

Sarah Bowman

A week after drug problems cropped up at Beaufort High School, principal Corey Murphy has called a meeting with parents to inform them of the situation -- and even more, to ask for their help in solving it. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. tonight in the school auditorium.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Housing board accused of violating open meetings law

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20141007/ARTICLES/141009705/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Housing-board-accused-of-violating-open-meetings-law->

Lynne Shackleford

The Spartanburg Housing Authority violated state law twice recently when it failed to vote on appointing an interim executive director during an open meeting and when an administrative assistant polled commissioners, a media law expert said Tuesday.

Island Packet: Port Royal Shrimp Docks lose more than \$280,000 over 4 years

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/07/3357492/port-royal-shrimp-docks-lose-more.html?sp=/99/257/266/#storylink=cpy>

Erin Moody

Port Royal taxpayers have spent more than a quarter of a million dollars over the past four years to keep the town's shrimp docks open. And some are wondering whether the expense is worth town officials' oft-stated goal of preserving the community's cultural fishing heritage.

National News:

CNN: Will same-sex marriage become a 2014 issue?

http://www.cnn.com/2014/10/06/politics/gay-marriage-2014/index.html?hpt=po_t1

Ashley Kilough

Deciding not to weigh in on the debate, the high court refused to hear cases in five states that are trying to maintain their same-sex marriage bans. That move effectively cleared the way for same-sex couples to legally wed in Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin and Indiana.

CNN: Former defense secretary lays out disagreements with President Obama

http://www.cnn.com/2014/10/07/politics/panetta-disagreements-obama-borger-interview/index.html?hpt=po_c1

Gloria Borger

A former senior member of President Barack Obama's national security team is panning the administration's decision to rule out the use of ground troops to fight ISIS and questioning Obama's leadership style.

Associated Press: Walmart Cuts Health Care Coverage For Most Part-Timers In Wake Of Obamacare

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/10/07/walmart-health-care-coverage-obamacare_n_5945338.html?&ncid=tweetlnkushpmg00000067

Anne D'Innocenzio

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. plans to eliminate health insurance coverage for some of its part-time U.S. employees in a move aimed at controlling rising health care costs of the nation's largest private employer. Wal-Mart told The Associated Press that starting Jan. 1, it will no longer offer health insurance to employees who work less than an average of 30 hours a week.

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