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2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The State (Video): Gov. Nikki Haley campaign launches anti-bullying ad

http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/25/3639541_gov-nikki-haley-campaign-launches.html?rh=1

Andrew Shain

Gov. Nikki Haley's latest re-election advertisement was inspired by a 2011 letter that she received at the Governor's Mansion from a Pendleton 8th-grader fed up with being bullied. Haley called Amanda Crawford after receiving the letter and told the teen she should return to school with her head held high. Amanda says in the ad the governor told her that she "had her back."

The State: Morning Buzz: Haley's new campaign ad, 2016 White House hopefuls attend SC barbeques

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/26/3640554/morning-buzz.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

First on Buzz: Gov. Nikki Haley's re-election campaign [launches anti-bullying advertisement](#). The campaign's four ads have not gone after Democratic challenger Vincent Sheheen, though ones from the Republican Governors Association criticized some of his legal work.

Anderson Independent: 1,200 people attend fundraiser in Anderson for U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan

http://www.independentmail.com/news/1200-people-attend-fundraiser-in-anderson-for-us-rep-jeff-duncan_38427882

Kirk Brown

Speaking in Anderson on Monday night, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio warned that the nation is at a critical crossroads. To prevent a national decline, Rubio said, the tax code must be changed to encourage business and workers must receive the training they need.

Note: During her speech at Monday's event, Gov. Nikki Haley said that the state's unemployment rate has dropped from 11.1 percent to under 6 percent since she took office in 2011. The Republican governor, who is seeking a second term, also said nearly 25,000 people have transitioned from welfare into the workforce.

Note: "We have more people working in South Carolina than ever before in the history of the state," Haley said.

Greenville News: Jeff Duncan's BBQ becoming premier S.C. GOP event

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/08/25/jeff-duncans-bbq-becoming-premier-sc-gop-event/14579503/>

Rudolph Bell

The first year U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan organized his Faith & Freedom BBQ, several hundred people from Anderson and environs came to hear a South Carolina political personality, former U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint.

Note: State Attorney General Alan Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance, Agriculture Secretary Hugh Waters sang the national anthem and former Attorney General Henry McMaster introduced Gov. Nikki Haley.

CNN: In South Carolina, Rubio heals wounds on the right

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/08/26/politics/rubio-sc-fundraiser/>

Peter Hamby

Marco Rubio came to South Carolina this week hoping to win over the kind of conservative hardliners who turned on him last year as the Senate immigration reform bill he sponsored hit a roadblock in the Republican-controlled House.

Note: After a succession of speeches from South Carolina Republican notables like Sen. Lindsey Graham and Gov. Nikki Haley, Rubio took the stage in Anderson to applause, but was quickly interrupted by a group of protestors.

Associated Press: Florida Sen. Marco Rubio boosts SC Republicans

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=uVboXJ3g

Meg Kinnard

Confronted several times by hecklers demanding immigration reform, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio told attendees at a Republican fundraising barbecue that no country has been more generous to people from elsewhere than the United States.

WIS: Midwestern transplant's maps could provide insight to 2014 SC elections

<http://www.wistv.com/story/26364991/midwestern-transplants-maps-could-provide-insight-to-2014-sc-elections>

What started as a hobby for one South Carolina man could shed some light on which party will get the vote this November. Matt Weil is a Midwestern transplant who was eager to learn more about his new home state.

Note: Weil's maps don't include any of the current election poll results, which have Gov. Nikki Haley ahead of state Sen. Vincent Sheheen and Tom Ervin.

Rock Hill Herald: Rand Paul visits Rock Hill, calls for 'bigger, better, bolder' Republican Party

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/08/25/6261635/sen-rand-paul-calls-for-bigger.html#storylink=cpy>

Don Worthington

Rand Paul was a man of the people Monday in Rock Hill. The Republican U.S. senator from Kentucky grabbed a plate of barbecue and sat down with Ron and Marge Wilson of Rock Hill and Nancy Anderson of Chester for some dinner chit-chat.

WCIV: Ervin returns to political spotlight with run for governor

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/26366602/ervin-returns-to-political-spotlight-with-run-for-governor>

A former Upstate lawmaker with Lowcountry connections is pushing forward with his plans to become South Carolina's next governor. Tom Ervin describes himself as an independent Republican.

Governor Nikki Haley News:

Greenville News: Boom or bust: offshore liquid gold rush

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/08/25/boom-bust-offshore-liquid-gold-rush/14604255/>

Nathaniel Cary

When Billy Keyserling scans the horizon off the coastal city of Beaufort, he doesn't see a place for oil rigs. As mayor of the city of Beaufort, he fears the impact offshore drilling operations could have on South Carolina's coastal tourism.

Note: Other key policymakers in South Carolina have thrown their support behind the industry. Gov. Nikki Haley has joined a coalition of coastal-state governors in favor of offshore drilling. And Duncan, U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham and U.S. Sen. Tim Scott have authored pro-drilling bills in Congress.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

The State: Scoppe: Sheheen's problem with critiquing Haley? It's complicated

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/25/3639546/scoppe-sheheens-problem-with-critiquing.html?sp=/99/168/>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

I'M NOT particularly impressed by Sen. Vincent Sheheen's new TV ad criticizing Gov. Nikki Haley for waiting two weeks to tell us that hackers had breached her Revenue Department, making off with the Social Security numbers and other sensitive financial information of 6.4 million current and former individuals and businesses.

Times and Democrat: Voters can make needed changes to constitution

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/voters-can-make-needed-changes-to-constitution/article_8aa613e6-2c9f-11e4-a71d-001a4bcf887a.html

Editorial

THE ISSUE: S.C. amendments. OUR VIEW: Allowing raffles, appointing adjutant general sensible. South Carolina voters will cast ballots on two very different but worthwhile amendments to the state constitution this November.

Post and Courier (Guest Column): Export Import Bank powers S.C. prosperity

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140826/PC1002/140829570>

Cherod Webber

To grow our economy in South Carolina small businesses have had to think outside the box. For my Greenville-based company, Innovative Global Supply, that means thinking outside the country. IGS started in 2008, just as the financial crises got underway, as an all-export business, selling nutritional products to emerging markets in Eastern Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East.

Greenville News (Guest Column): Veterans deserve reliable healthcare

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/contributors/2014/08/25/tim-scott-veterans-deserve-reliable-healthcare/14573003/>

Sen. Tim Scott

The brave men and women who have worn our nation's uniform deserve our honor and our kept promises. South Carolina's approximately 400,000 veterans rely on the services provided by the William Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia, Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston and the 11 community based outpatient facilities around the state.

Aiken Standard: Equability is needed in S.C. education funding

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140826/AIK0201/140829610/1018/AIK02/editorial-equability-is-needed-in-sc-education-funding>

Editorial

The way we fund education in South Carolina needs to be changed, and thankfully that seemed to be the consensus at a superintendent of education candidate forum in Myrtle Beach this weekend. The system our state currently has in place is too varied and too complicated for it to be effective and equitable.

Post and Courier: Spy on enemies, not Senate

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140826/PC1002/140829567>

Editorial

Revealing too much about the Central Intelligence Agency's activities would undermine national security. But that doesn't mean the CIA shouldn't have to answer to Congress. And it certainly doesn't mean the CIA should spy on Congress.

Post and Courier: Even with tight budgets, space exploration still inspires

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140826/PC1002/140829568>

Editorial

For those not driven inside by the August heat, there was a lot going on in the sky this month. A "supermoon" on Aug. 10 combined with torrential rains to wreak tidal havoc on anyone unfortunate enough to have to drive through the Charleston peninsula, but it offered a spectacular show for plenty of people outside of the Lowcountry.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: College of Charleston considering accepting top 10 percent from some Lowcountry counties

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140825/PC16/140829580>

Diane Knich

In a dramatic move to increase diversity and the number of Lowcountry students who enroll, the College of Charleston is considering accepting all students in certain counties who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school classes. President Glenn McConnell said college leaders are discussing launching a pilot program, which could begin as early as the 2015-16 school year.

Associated Press: Cristobal strengthens into hurricane off Bahamas

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KK3FTnUW

David McFadden

Cristobal strengthened into a hurricane in the Atlantic as it moved away from the Bahamas on Monday, leaving behind flooded communities across a swath of soaked Caribbean islands and at least five fatalities. The National Hurricane Center in Miami said that by Monday evening the hurricane was centered about 660 miles (1,065 kilometers) southwest of Bermuda.

Greenville News: Statewide home sales increase in July

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/08/25/statewide-home-sales-increase-july/14586419/>

Angelia Davis

The number of pre-owned homes that were sold across the state rose in July. The total number of existing residential units sold last month was 0.3 percent higher than the July 2013 total, according to Multiple Listing Service statistics from South Carolina Realtors. Sales last month were also up 2 percent year to date, SC Realtors said.

Rock Hill Herald: Winthrop board asks foundation to pay for next presidential search

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/08/25/6261472_winthrop-board-asks-foundation.html?rh=1

Anna Douglas

Winthrop University trustees want the school's fundraising arm to foot the bill for its next presidential search to replace fired President Jamie Comstock Williamson. Trustees voted unanimously Monday to begin talks with the Winthrop University Foundation about paying for the search.

Rock Hill Herald: Winthrop prof: 'Enough is enough,' pay faculty more

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/08/25/6261754/winthrop-prof-enough-is-enough.html>

Anna Douglas

Faculty members on Monday asked Winthrop University trustees to make raises for Winthrop employees a higher priority. Economics professor Gary Stone spoke on behalf of nearly 20 Winthrop employees who attended the meeting, urging the board to address the university's salary "compression" problem.

Local News:

The State: Sheriff Lott says \$1.6 million Lexington jury verdict against his department "excessive," lacks evidence

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/25/3639967/sheriff-lott-says-16-million-lexington.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

A lawyer for Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, who lost a \$1.6 million Lexington County civil verdict in July, has asked the trial judge to toss out the verdict or reduce it to \$300,000 or below.

Berkeley Independent: Manufacturer eyes Berkeley County

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140825/PC16/140829565>

Lindsay Street

More technician jobs could be coming to Berkeley County. A manufacturer, known only by the moniker "Project Douglas," is in economic development talks with the county. On Monday, Berkeley County Council read into record the first of three readings to offer Project Douglas a fee-in-lieu-of-tax agreement.

The State: Columbia police chief: Drug analyst resigns; nearly 200 cases may be in jeopardy

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/25/3639732/columbia-police-chief-drug-analyst.html#storylink=cpy>

Harrison Cahill

Columbia Police Chief Skip Holbrook said Monday that the department's only drug analyst has resigned and that 188 criminal drug cases in which her tests were crucial evidence are now in jeopardy.

Island Packet: County Council raises school tax rate, district officials contend it still won't be enough

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/08/25/3275861/office-space-in-myrtle-business.html?sp=/99/257/266/#storylink=cpy>

Zach Murdock

State-owned utility Santee Cooper has approved a \$4 million loan to help Beaufort County build a 40,000-square-foot building in the Myrtle Business park in Bluffton. The undeveloped lot behind the county's government center on Bluffton Parkway near S.C. 46 already has utilities installed there by a previous owner.

National News:

Associated Press: Report: No proof veterans died because of delays

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_VETERANS_HEALTH_CARE?](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_VETERANS_HEALTH_CARE?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-08-25-20-04-11)

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Stephen Ohlemacher

The Veterans Affairs Department says investigators have found no proof that delays in care caused any deaths at a VA hospital in Phoenix, deflating an explosive allegation that helped expose a troubled health care system in which veterans waited months for appointments while employees falsified records to cover up the delays.

New York Times: Obama Approves Air Surveillance of ISIS in Syria

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/26/world/middleeast/obama-syria-ISIS.html?_r=0

Mark Landler, Helene Cooper

President Obama has authorized surveillance flights over Syria, a precursor to potential airstrikes there, but a mounting concern for the White House is how to target the Sunni extremists without helping President Bashar al-Assad.

New York Times: Syria Declares Its Readiness in Backing Efforts to Fight Jihadists

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/26/world/middleeast/syria-declares-its-readiness-in-backing-efforts-to-fight-jihadists.html?_r=0

Ben Hubbard

Syria's foreign minister said Monday that his government was ready to cooperate with international efforts to fight the extremists of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. But in a nod to the possibility of expanded American airstrikes, he warned that any action inside Syria without the government's approval would be considered "aggression."

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