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S.C. Political News:

Associated Press: U.S. congressmen Joe Wilson, Jim Clyburn both have challengers in June primary
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140525/PC1603/140529511/1005/us-congressmen-joe-wilson-jim-clyburn-both-have-challengers-in-june-primary>

Bruce Smith

Two of South Carolina's incumbent congressmen face challenges in next month's party primaries. But considering the money Republican Joe Wilson and Democrat Jim Clyburn have in the bank - and how little their opponents have - neither seems to be in danger.

Post and Courier: Tim Scott running full bore campaign against minimal opposition
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140526/PC1610/140529689/1031/tim-scott-running-full-bore-campaign-against-minimal-opposition>

Schuyler Kropf

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott says he's about to launch a statewide media blitz worth "hundreds of thousands of dollars" toward promoting his name identification even as his opponent in the June Republican primary has been a virtual no-show on the trail so far.

Post and Courier: U.S. Senate candidates: Republicans say "hands off" to D.C.; Democrats say "let's work together"

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140525/PC1610/140529510/1031/us-senate-candidates-republicans-say-hands-off-to-dc-democrats-say-lets-work-together>

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The Republicans running for U.S. Senate this year sound very similar when it comes to answering the question of how Washington can best help South Carolina. In a nutshell: most all say the federal government should get out of the way, and that D.C. should do more to mirror life in the Palmetto State.

Post and Courier: Greenville nonpartisan change triggers fight
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140526/PC1610/140529666/1177/greenville-nonpartisan-change-triggers-fight>

Robert Behre

This city recently decided to join South Carolina's other large cities by removing political parties from its municipal elections. But the way the change was made - by two consecutive 4-3 votes that pitted City Council's only two black members against its GOP majority - has caused some ill will that might cause the city to end up in court.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Greenville News: SC needs independent ethics panel
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/05/26/editorial-sc-needs-independent-ethics-panel/9515039/>

Editorial

Even if the South Carolina Legislature passes some needed ethics reform in the waning days of this legislative session, its results are likely to fall short by one essential step — accountability to an independent body.

Post and Courier: They 'gave their all' for us
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140526/PC1002/140529542/1021/they-gave-their-all-for-us>
Editorial

Memorial Day Weekend isn't just about hot dogs, beaches, ballgames and a late May Monday off. It's about paying annual tribute to the more than 1 million Americans who have died serving in wars for the U.S. military. And this Memorial Day should also serve as a reminder that we owe our veterans quality health care.

Post and Courier: NSA reform falls short

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140526/PC1002/140529541/1021/nsa-reform-falls-short>

Editorial

A large bipartisan majority of the House of Representatives last week passed a bill, the USA Freedom Act, to end the bulk collection of American telephone records by the National Security Agency. The bill also would throw a modest amount of light on the decisions of a secret federal court that oversees intelligence collection by the executive branch.

Rock Hill Herald: Take a moment to remember

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/05/25/5996022/take-a-moment-to-remember.html?sp=/100/105/121/>

Editorial

Memorial Day has come to represent a unified national commemoration of all those in uniform who sacrificed their lives for their country. Such unity of purpose is something we could use more of these days.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: World War II vets who cheated death twice honor their fallen brothers

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/05/26/world-war-ii-vets-cheated-death-twice-honor-fallen-brothers/9584993/>

Ron Barnett

Ralph Warren didn't expect to make it out alive when he jumped off the deck of a burning aircraft carrier into the icy waters off the coast of Japan in March 1945. After surviving the war, he never expected to see his 90th birthday, which will be coming up in August.

Post and Courier: Charleston County helps veteran aim for paid job

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140525/PC16/140529507/1177/charleston-county-helps-veteran-aim-for-paid-job>

Prentiss Findlay

New Charleston County workers turn to Terrance Smalls for orientation and training. One day, Smalls hopes to be a rookie employee himself. He is one of 11 participants in a county and Veterans Administration program aimed at giving those who have served their country a leg up in the job market.

Greenville News: SC prison holds writing program for prison inmates

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=eR7ltV00

Lyn Riddle

On a recent Tuesday morning, a couple of men in prison-issue khaki uniforms, stripes down each leg and SCDC emblazoned on the shirt back, sat in folding chairs, books propped in their laps. Others used one of the three computers for reports and such, since there's no Internet access.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Berkeley County among top 100 for housing growth, Census says

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140526/PC05/140529662/1177/berkeley-county-among-top-100-for-housing-growth-census-says>

The sea of new housing developments in Berkeley County has placed the area in the Top 100 fastest-growing counties in the U.S., according to a new report by the Census Bureau. The federal agency estimated 75,846 homes were in the county as of July, a gain of 2,472 from April 2010, or 3.4 percent more.

Post and Courier: Coastal communities to be forced to pay for beach renourishment in Charleston, Southeast?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140524/PC16/140529611/1006/paying-for-the-sand-beach-renourishment-costs-might-be-left-to-communities>

Bo Petersen

Laying out a beach towel this Memorial Day weekend? Take a long look at the spread of sand and decide

how much it's worth. The bill is coming due. Folly Beach, like other oceanfront communities across the region, might soon be faced with renourishing its eroding beach sand on its own and finding new ways to pay for it.

Index-Journal: Greenwood considers stop-and-identify law

<http://www.indexjournal.com/Content/News/News/Article/Greenwood-considers-stop-and-identify-law/4/40/25718>

Chris Trainor

Greenwood City Council took the first step last week in passing an ordinance that would require residents to disclose their name, address and date of birth to police officers during specific scenarios. Council passed first reading on an ordinance that is being referred to as a "stop-and-identify" ordinance. The vote on first reading was 5-2, with Councilwomen Betty Boles and Linda Edwards dissenting.

National News:

Associated Press: GOP seeks election edge with Benghazi, IRS probes

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=hENpQhSa

Charles Babington

Republican strategy for the fall elections seemed set: hammer Democrats on the health care law and "jobs, jobs, jobs." As Democrats show increasing confidence on those fronts, however, House Republicans are gambling that ramping up new inquiries into old controversies involving the Internal Revenue Service and Libya will energize conservative voters without turning off moderates.

Associated Press: Lawmakers call for tighter grip on VA hospitals

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=wLOVeHHG

Tom Raum

The chairmen of House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees on Sunday decried long waits and backlogs at the nation's VA hospitals but stopped short of calling for the resignation of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki.

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