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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Lexington hospital ordered to shut down heart units added during Certificate of Need suspension
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/24/3702188/lexington-hospital-ordered-to.html#storylink=cpy>

Joey Holleman

An administrative law court judge has ordered Lexington Medical Center to shut down the additional open heart surgery unit and catheterization lab it opened early this year without approval through the then-suspended Certificate of Need process.

Note: The case is one of several to arise in 2013 after Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed funding for the Certificate of Need program run by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. Catherine Templeton, director of the agency, then announced the agency was suspending the program on July 1, 2013.

USA Today: Ann Romney would love to see more women running for president

<http://onpolitics.usatoday.com/2014/09/23/ann-romney-president-2016-nikki-haley/>

Catalina Camia

Yes, Hillary Rodham Clinton is thinking about running for president. But Ann Romney wants to know: Where are the Republican women? "I wish I could see some women out there," Ann Romney said Tuesday in a Fox News interview on Your World with Neil Cavuto. "I love Nikki Haley ... I'd love to see more women participate."

Politico: Ann Romney: Dem rhetoric 'offensive'

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/09/ann-romney-dem-rhetoric-offensive-111266.html>

Lucy McCalmont

Ann Romney on Tuesday skewered Democrats' claim that there's a GOP "war on women," calling the accusation "offensive" and saying it won't work as a campaign tactic.

Note: "I wish I could see some women out there. I love [South Carolina Gov.] Nikki Haley. There's some others out there — [New Mexico Gov.] Susana Martinez — that I think are intriguing," Romney said. "I'd love to see more women participate. [New Hampshire Sen.] Kelly Ayotte, by the way, she's a wonderful, wonderful friend."

Post and Courier: South Carolina leaders launch new obesity initiative

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140924/PC16/140929683>

Lauren Sausser

South Carolina leaders unveiled their "first-ever" obesity action plan on Wednesday. Its centerpiece is a new website aimed at state residents and their ever expanding waistlines. The site is designed to give a road map for success and goals for both the public and the partner agencies in combating the state's top health concern.

Note: In 2013, Gov. Nikki Haley announced her intention to limit what food stamp recipients could buy with their vouchers - cutting out foods like soda, candy and chips that are commonly associated with obesity.

PRWeb: AAHOA Honors Gov. Nikki Haley with Friend of the Hotelier Award

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2014/09/prweb12196839.htm>

The Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA) today announced that South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley received its prestigious Friend of the Hotelier award at the AAHOA National Advocacy Conference. Since Gov. Haley entered office in 2011, the South Carolina Department of Commerce has given bonuses to project managers who bring new businesses to rural areas.

WBTW: Other Grand Strand municipalities won't increase taxes to pay for Memorial Day Weekend security
<http://www.wbtw.com/story/26617400/other-grand-strand-municipalities-wont-increase-taxes-to-pay-for->

[memorial-day-weekend-security](#)

Lauren Hinnant

Myrtle Beach property owners will pay more in taxes to help cover security during the Atlanta Beach Bikefest on Memorial Day Weekend. The property tax increase will amount to about \$16 on a \$200,000 home.

Note: Governor Nikki Haley plans to meet with Atlantic Beach officials Thursday, in Columbia, to discuss Bikefest.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Post and Courier: S.C. gubernatorial debate venues, ticketing set

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140924/PC1603/140929643>

Robert Behre

The Oct. 14 debate, which will focus on jobs, the economy and growth, will take place at Charleston Southern University in North Charleston. The Oct. 21 debate, which will focus on education and health care, will take place at Furman University in Greenville. Both debates will last an hour and begin at 7 p.m.

Associated Press: Sheheen deletes part of ad critical of DSS

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=W8EiHYaw

Seanna Adcox

Sen. Vincent Sheheen's campaign has deleted part of a Web ad attacking Gov. Nikki Haley's Department of Social Services because one of the three children it says the agency ignored had no involvement with the department before his death.

Note: Haley's campaign quickly pounced on the Web ad removal, with spokesman Rob Godfrey issuing a statement saying Sheheen's been "caught red-handed" in a lie.

Note: "He should absolutely be ashamed of himself - first for exploiting tragically murdered children for his political benefit, and second for lying while he does it," Godfrey said.

Politico: Morning Score

<http://www.politico.com/morningscore/0914/morningscore15416.html>

Kyle Cheney

--South Carolina Democratic gubernatorial nominee Vincent Sheheen had to pull a web ad Tuesday, too, after attacking Gov. Nikki Haley's handling of the state's child services agency, the Post and Courier reports:

<http://bit.ly/ZIxWoV>

Post and Courier: Campaign fact-checkers needed in gubernatorial race?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140924/PC1603/140929687/1005/>

Jeremy Borden

Another day, another mis-leading or inaccurate jab from one of the two major parties vying for governor. Democrats and Republicans have been going back and forth over the last week taking turns either spinning inaccuracies or simply getting it wrong.

Note: The latest comes from Democratic Sen. Vincent Sheheen who released a digital advertisement Tuesday that said, in part, a child's killing came after involvement with the Department of Social Services. It turns out that wasn't true, the Post and Courier's Cynthia Roldan reports, and Sheheen's campaign pulled the advertisement.

Island Packet: Haley event planned for Beaufort GOP women

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/24/3332713/haley-event-planned-for-beaufort.html?sp=/99/257/266/>

The Beaufort Republican Women will host a "Women for Nikki" event at 10 a.m. Oct. 6 on the rooftop of the Old Bay Marketplace on Bay Street. The public is invited, and light refreshments will be served at this free event. Membership forms and volunteer opportunities for the upcoming elections will also be available.

WIS: Tom Ervin offers a new wrinkle to the SC Governor's race

<http://www.wistv.com/story/26615261/tom-evin-offers-a-new-wrinkle-to-the-sc-governors-race>

Kyle Jordan

The sequel to the 2010 Gubernatorial showdown between Governor Nikki Haley and Democratic challenger, Senator Vincent Sheheen has followed a similar script to the original. But like all good sequels, it does have a twist. Independent candidate, Tom Ervin decided to skip the primary and jump into the race late in the summer.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Sen. Ted Cruz expected to attend event in Spartanburg County
<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20140924/ARTICLES/140929819/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Sen-Ted-Cruz-expected-to-attend-event-in-Spartanburg-County>

The Spartanburg and Greenville Republican parties are scheduled to host U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, for an ice cream social on Oct. 12. "Ted Cruz has made headlines across the country as a conservative leader who stands up for the taxpayer in Washington and we are thrilled to have a chance to welcome him to our area," Greenville GOP Chairman Chad Groover said in a written statement.

Post and Courier: Charleston Democrats' Blue Jamboree is Saturday
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140924/PC1603/140929681>

Schuyler Kropf

Charleston County Democrats will gather Saturday for their annual Blue Jamboree where former Michigan governor Jennifer Granholm is the headliner. Granholm is currently a senior advisor for Ready for Hillary, which is prepping for a Hillary Clinton run for the White House ahead of what supporters say is an awaited announcement.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Island Packet: Harrell shows need for ethics reform in SC

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/24/3332017/harrell-shows-need-for-ethics.html?sp=/99/342/>

Editorial

In a state with such weak ethics laws, it's remarkable the number of S.C. public officials who get in trouble for unethical activities. Thank goodness for quarterly financial reports that elected officials must file to show the amount of money they've raised, from whom, the amount they've spent and what they've spent it on.

S.C. Agency News:

Greenville News: State unveils obesity action plan

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/health/2014/09/23/state-unveil-obesity-action-plan/16113399/>

Liv Osby

The state unveiled a plan today that calls for improving access to fruits and vegetables for South Carolina's neediest residents, expanding farm-to-school programs for its children, and providing safe, accessible parks in its communities in an effort to reduce obesity.

Associated Press: SC officials issue plan to fight obesity problem

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=w3ubK9Ew

Susanne M. Schafer

In South Carolina, where obesity among young people ranks second in the nation, children can expect to live shorter lives than their parents if current obesity rates continue to plague the state, health officials said Wednesday as they introduced their new plan to attack the problem.

The State: Real action promised in state's new plan to lower obesity rates in SC

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/24/3701740/real-action-promised-in-states.html#storylink=cpy>

Joey Holleman

The South Carolina Obesity Action Plan released Wednesday takes the state's decade-old crusade against fat to a new level, focusing on specific improvements and setting achievable goals. The overriding goal is to improve the health of a state where nearly one-third of residents are obese and another third overweight.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Boeing bringing hundreds of new jobs to SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ow8qUg2x

Boeing is bringing hundreds of new jobs to South Carolina. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/1uGEq14>) the aerospace company has leased a 100,000-square-foot building in North Charleston for a new research center that will employ as many as 400 people.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Florence Morning News: Congressman Tom Rice visits Hartsville

http://www.snow.com/messenger/article_435fd0ce-4411-11e4-9fd7-001a4bcf6878.html

Ardie Arvidson

U.S. Rep. Tom Rice visited with constituents in Hartsville on Tuesday morning at the Midnight Rooster for coffee. It was the first of several stops on his "Coffee with Your Congressman" meetings in South Carolina's Seventh Congressional District. Rice said he represents the people and needs to stay in close contact with his constituents.

Local News:

Associated Press: Greenville gets \$3 million grant to fight dropouts

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=TvzQv89y

Greenville County is getting a \$3 million grant to try to reduce the number of school dropouts. The Greenville News reported (<http://gmol.co/1umj64w>) that the Corporation for National and Community Service is giving the money to the United Way of Greenville County.

Associated Press: Myrtle Beach tax hike to pay for Bikefest security

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Ij2eJ391

Myrtle Beach property owners will be paying more in taxes to help cover security during the Atlantic Beach Bikefest on Memorial Day weekend. The Sun News of Myrtle Beach reports (<http://bit.ly/1B6y3pP>) that the city council approved the tax increase Tuesday. The property tax increase will amount to about \$16 on a home worth \$200,000.

Post and Courier: Investigation casts shadow over Berkeley schools chief's accomplishments

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140924/PC16/140929642/1177/investigation-casts-shadow-over-berkeley-schools-chiefs-accomplishments>

Brenda Rindge

His planned departure next summer also could be an attempt to get out of the cross hairs of investigators looking into possible ethics violations by district officials, including Thompson, in connection with a referendum on a \$198 million bond issue for school construction and renovations passed by voters in 2012.

National News:

Politico: Republicans OK war money for Ebola fight

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/09/ebola-funding-republicans-111298.html>

David Rogers

A White House plan to tap into overseas war funds to help pay for the U.S. response to Ebola cleared an important hurdle in Congress Wednesday as Republicans on the House Appropriations Committee agreed it was an acceptable use of the contingency dollars.

New York Times: Obama, at U.N., Urges Allies to Join Fight Against ISIS

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/25/world/middleeast/obama-syria-un-isis.html?_r=0

Mark Landler

President Obama laid out a forceful new blueprint on Wednesday for deeper American engagement in the Middle East, telling the United Nations General Assembly that the Islamic State understood only "the language of force" and that the United States would "work with a broad coalition to dismantle this network of death."

Washington Post: President Obama's vision of an imperfect and still exceptional America

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2014/09/24/president-obamas-vision-of-an-imperfect-and-still-exceptional-america/>

Chris Cillizza

President Obama thinks America is exceptional. Just not in the way most people think. Obama outlined his view of what makes America unique in the world in a foreign policy speech delivered at the United Nations Wednesday.

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