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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Sun News: Haley pledges additional officers, state resources for Bikefest in coming years
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/bike-rallies/article22613259.html#storylink=cpy>
Tonya Root

Gov. Nikki Haley pledged Friday to continue to send 600 officers to the Grand Strand for Memorial Day weekend, but she said officials will reach out to Atlantic Beach town officials, who host the weekend's annual Bikefest, and offer assistance to boost their tourism throughout the year if they will cancel the festival.

Bicycle Retailer: Kent plans supplier summit at its South Carolina factory
<http://www.bicycleretailer.com/international/2015/05/29/kent-plans-supplier-summit-its-south-carolina-factory#.VWjFAc9VhBd>

Kent International is hosting a two-day event in September for bicycle parts manufacturers from Asia. The event will be held at Kent's Bicycle Corporation of America (BCA) factory in Manning, S.C., about 80 miles from Charleston, S.C.

Note: "We are really excited to announce that the governor of South Carolina, Nikki Haley, will be visiting our factory on Sept. 22 to meet and greet visitors," said Arnold Kamler, Kent International's CEO.

WIS: Need to know what's happening in Palmetto State politics? Enter The Cheat Sheet!
<http://www.wistv.com/story/29192014/need-to-know-whats-happening-in-palmetto-state-politics-enter-the-cheat-sheet>

Will Whitson

Welcome to The Cheat Sheet! Need to know what's happening across the Palmetto State and the nation, but don't have time to read through every story? Want to sound like you know your stuff around the water cooler? Need to impress that Poli Sci major you're taking on a date this weekend?

Note: After months of back-and-forth, a major reform bill (which includes a gun ban for convicted offenders) is on it's way to Nikki Haley's desk.

Note: Anyone who wants road funding reform this year needs some tissues, a feel-good movie, and a pint of ice cream that isn't rocky road. With only three days left in the legislative session, it's looking very doubtful the road funding proposal (which the Senate gutted and reintroduced) will make it to Gov. Nikki Haley's desk.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Associated Press: SC legislators have full discretion over additional \$300M
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=f3Tckkw6
Seanna Adcox

A vote by South Carolina's economic advisers has provided legislators an additional \$300 million in discretionary spending. The Board of Economic Advisors voted unanimously Friday to recognize a total of \$415 million in higher-than-previously-expected revenues. But \$37.5 million of that must go toward property tax relief, and \$75.5 million is limited by law to certain expenses, primarily college scholarships and K-12 education.

S.C. Political News:

The State: Graham returns to his roots to say he'll run for president
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article22596684.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

Lindsey Graham's boyhood friends remember the once-scrawny kid who warmed the bench at high school football games and lived with his family at the back of their liquor store, beer joint and pool hall. They also talk of the Washington fixture who helped their relatives get federal benefits and calls childhood friends before heading off onto the world stage.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Associated Press: Lawmaker urges Gullah corridor leaders not to be discouraged

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=j8NS63o1

Bruce Smith

U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, who was key in establishing the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor in four Southeastern states, is urging corridor leaders not to be discouraged. Clyburn tells The Associated Press that in today's political climate, it will be tough to get resources to support the corridor's goal of preserving the culture of slave descendants of the sea islands from the Carolinas to Florida.

South Carolina News:

The State: Cloutier becomes 48th Fort Jackson commanding general

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article22608603.html#storylink=cpy>

Jeff Wilkinson

Cloutier assume command from Maj. Gen. Bradley A. Becker, who is leaving Fort Jackson to take command of the Military District of Washington. He will also serve as commander of Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region, Washington, D.C.

National News:

Associated Press: Cuba Removed from U.S. Terror List

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Andrea Rodriguez, Matthew Lee

The Obama administration on Friday formally removed Cuba from a U.S. terrorism blacklist, a decision hailed in Cuba as the healing of a decades-old wound and an important step toward normalizing relations between the Cold War foes.

Associated Press: Latest U.S. proposal for ethanol could have political fallout

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Mary Clare Jalonick

The Obama administration's latest plan on ethanol, the corn-based renewable fuel, probably will not have a major effect on pump prices, but could have political reverberations in Iowa and other farm states in the 2016 presidential campaign.

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