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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Maritime panel to hold sessions on port congestion

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kHO85ITp

Bruce Smith

Maritime leaders were told Tuesday that a federal commission is planning a series of meetings on dealing with port congestion that has resulted from a rebounding economy and bigger ships calling at the nation's ports. They also learned that completion of the expanded Panama Canal, originally anticipated this year, has been pushed back to 2016.

Note: Haley told those attending that South Carolina is aggressively trying to attract foreign companies to locate in the state.

Note: "I lot of what I wanted was to see what we could do to bring companies back to America," she told reporters later. "We want good companies that understand that Made in America means something."

Post and Courier: Charleston could host Federal Maritime Commission meeting on port congestion

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140909/PC05/140909433/1177/charleston-could-host-federal-maritime-commission-meeting-on-port-congestion>

The Federal Maritime Commission plans a series of meetings to discuss port congestion, with the economy rebounding and larger container ships calling at the nation's ports.

Note: The annual trade conference runs through Wednesday at Wild Dunes Resort on the Isle of Palms. Gov. Nikki Haley also spoke briefly. She has declared this week as South Carolina Ports Week, said Jim Newsome, CEO of the State Ports Authority.

Associated Press: SC apartment shooting kills deputy, 2nd man

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=71XugiWQ

Bruce Smith

A spray of bullets fired from behind a closed apartment door killed a South Carolina deputy and wounded another and led more than 100 officers to descend on the complex before they determined the person inside was also dead.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley, who was attending a trade conference on the nearby Isle of Palms, said she had been in touch with SLED on Monday night as the incident unfolded.

Note: "When you look at days like today, when you look at the sacrifices made, there is not enough we can say or do to thank these officers," the governor said. "We need to hold them up because the entire family of law enforcement officers is grieving today."

Sun News: Myrtle Beach to reveal some Memorial Day safety plans at Tuesday's council meeting

http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/09/09/4462271_myrtle-beach-to-reveal-some-memorial.html?sp=/99/134/&rh=1#storylink=cpy

Maya T. Prabhu

Myrtle Beach City Council will hear plans for how the city will handle Memorial Day weekend next year during their 2 p.m. council meeting. Council members also will hear about the costs of implementing those plans, according to the City Council agenda.

Note: The violence caused Gov. Nikki Haley to call for an end to Bikefest though town officials say they have no plans to do so. City officials traveled to Columbia last week to meet with Haley. Kruea said he doesn't not know what was discussed in that meeting.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Post and Courier: Haley TV ad bashes Democratic opponent as being pro-union

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140909/PC1603/140909437/1031/gov-haley-campaign-hits-sheheen-over-boeing-in-new-tv-advertisement>

Jeremy Borden

Gov. Nikki Haley stood up to labor unions and the federal government in helping ensure that a dispute with a federal labor board didn't affect jobs or the manufacturing of planes at North Charleston's Boeing Inc., a new statewide television ad released Tuesday by Haley's campaign says.

Note: "When union bosses and Washington bureaucrats threatened South Carolina jobs, Governor Haley stood up for our workers, fought back and won," said Chaney Adams, a Haley campaign spokeswoman, in a statement. "But Vince Sheheen was silent."

The State: New Nikki Haley ad accuses Vincent Sheheen of failing to back Boeing

http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/09/3669515_elections-2014-new-nikki-haley.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/&rh=1#storylink=cpy

Andrew Shain

The Haley ad says Sheheen, a state senator from Camden, was silent when the National Labor Relations Board filed a complaint against aircraft maker Boeing for opening a new 787 jet manufacturing facility in South Carolina, a right-to-work state, rather in Washington state where union have a strong presence.

Post and Courier: U.S. Sen. Tim Scott endorsed by NRA

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140909/PC1603/140909416/1177/us-sen-tim-scott-endorsed-by-nra>

Schuyler Kropf

Republican U.S. Sen. Tim Scott was endorsed for re-election Tuesday by the National Rifle Association's political arm. Scott faces Democrat Joyce Dickerson and American Party candidate Jill Bossi on Nov. 4.

Post and Courier: S.C. House Rep. Goldfinch says federal criminal charge shouldn't be an election issue

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140909/PC1603/140909423>

Jeremy Borden

S.C. Rep. Stephen Goldfinch, R-Murrells Inlet, wants to settle the discussion surrounding a federal criminal charge from last year and make the race between him and Democrat Vida Miller about issues and his legislative record.

S.C. Agency News:

Greenville News: DSS makes changes to increase transparency

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/09/09/dss-makes-changes-increase-transparency/15335635/>

Tim Smith

The state's child welfare agency will begin publishing child death data on its website this month, one of a series of reforms aimed at improving the agency's handling of child abuse and neglect cases, two of the agency's top administrators told GreenvilleOnline.com this morning.

Associated Press: SC DSS officials lay out improvement efforts

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

Seanna Adcox

Department of Social Services officials say the agency's steps to improve include working more closely with South Carolina law enforcement, creating a second shift of child welfare workers and sharing caseloads between adjacent counties.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: 5 kids missing from SC; foul play suspected

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=s30Uuuul

South Carolina authorities are looking for five children who have been missing for a week and are believed to have been harmed. Lexington County deputies said in a news release the children were last seen with their father, who was detained Saturday in another state on unrelated charges. The children, ages 1 to 8, were not with him.

WIS: Five Lexington Co. children missing; foul play suspected

<http://www.wistv.com/story/26487955/lexington-county-sheriffs-deputies-investigating-five-missing-kids>

Jeremy Turnage

The Lexington County Sheriff's Department suspect foul play in the disappearance of five children who have been missing since Sept. 3. Investigators say the five children were last seen in Lexington County with their father, who was arrested in another state on charges unrelated to the missing kids.

Associated Press: SC senators discussing teacher dismissal process

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NVGM2mmr

Seanna Adcox

A Senate panel is considering whether changes are needed to make it easier to get rid of incompetent teachers. Sen. Paul Thurmond contends the formal evaluation process for dismissing teachers in "continuing contract" status can take several years, essentially robbing children of a good education.

Post and Courier: Clemson, other S.C. schools find good news in U.S. News & World rankings

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140909/PC1610/140909431/1177>

Robert Behre

Former Clemson President Jim Barker had the longtime goal of placing that school in the Top 20 of U.S. News & World Report's annual rankings for public universities, and on Tuesday, eight months after he retired, he succeeded. And several other South Carolina colleges and universities fared well in the magazine's annual analysis.

The State: Clemson reaches Top 20, USC program nation's best again <http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/09/3668763/clemson-reaches-top-20-usc-program.html>

Andrew Shain

Clemson University has reached its goal of becoming a Top 20 public college. Meanwhile, the University of South Carolina's international business school program was ranked the nation's best for the 16th consecutive year, according to U.S. News & World Report's annual college rankings, released Tuesday.

Associated Press: SC getting \$21M in transportation grants

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9tUq6oSU

South Carolina is receiving \$20 million for transportation projects in Columbia and at the Wando Terminal in Mount Pleasant. U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn on Tuesday announced the grants called Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery or TIGER. About \$10 million is going to Columbia to revitalize more than 1 mile of North Main Street.

Deputy Joseph Matuskovic News:

Post and Courier: Deputy killed, another wounded after suspect shoots through door of West Ashley apartment; standoff over

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140908/PC16/140909450/1177>

Andrew Knapp, Brenda Rindge

The standoff ended just before 4 a.m., according to Charleston County Assistant Sheriff Mitch Lucas. Lucas would not give any information on the suspect's condition, but said he hopes to be able to release details at a press conference has been scheduled for noon. Charleston County Coroner Rae Wooten is also expected to attend the press conference.

WCIV: Assistant sheriff IDs wounded and slain deputies in Charleston shooting

http://www.wach.com/news/story.aspx?id=1094266#.VA9wB_IdV1Z

At a press conference Tuesday, Assistant Sheriff Mitch Lucas identified the wounded deputy as 43-year-old Michael Ackerman, a member of law enforcement since 2004. He is expected to recover, officials said. The slain officer was identified by Lucas as Joseph Matuskovic, a former Charleston police officer.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Automotive supplier to add 50 jobs in North Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140909/PC05/140909435>

Warren L. Wise

A North Charleston automotive supplier will add 50 jobs over the next few months after being awarded new contracts. TorqTek Design and Manufacturing LLC, a supplier of timing gears to

automotive manufacturers, will invest \$12 million at its Leeds Avenue operation.

Island Packet: State officials, county resident removed from school board meeting

http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/09/3303126_state-officials-county-resident.html?sp=/99/100/&rh=1
Sarah Bowman

Two state representatives and a Jasper County resident were removed from Monday night's Jasper County school board meeting when board chairwoman Berty Riley ordered police to escort them out. Riley said she felt the resident, Barbara Bartoldus, was disrupting the meeting, and the chairwoman had told attendees several times that she would have them removed if they were not quiet.

Associated Press: Columbia hospital: Some information compromised http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=HwxDOVU4

The Dorn Veterans Administration hospital in Columbia says some personal information may have been compromised for about 2,000 patients. The hospital said Monday that four boxes of pathology reports were reported missing from a locked area in the laboratory. The missing records are from 1999, 2000 and 2002.

National News:

Wall Street Journal: White House Calls Cyberattacks Grave National Security Danger

<http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2014/09/09/white-house-calls-cyberattacks-grave-national-security-danger/>
Jeffrey Sparshott

The White House on Tuesday said cyberattacks pose a grave threat to U.S. national security and urged Congress to pass new laws to strengthen the nation's digital infrastructure. Mr. Earnest's comments follow the latest security breach at a major U.S. retailer. Home Depot Inc. confirmed Monday that its payment systems were hacked at nearly 2,200 U.S. and Canadian stores.

Washington Post: Ahead of prime time speech, Obama signals readiness to strike Islamic State in Syria

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2014/09/09/ahead-of-prime-time-speech-obama-signals-readiness-to-strike-islamic-state-in-syria/>

David Nakamura, Juliet Eilperin

President Obama appears prepared to authorize U.S. military airstrikes in Syria as part of a more intensive campaign to defeat the Islamic State, and the White House does not believe it needs formal congressional approval to take action, according to people who have spoken with the president in recent days.

Associated Press: Veterans Watchdog: VA managers lied about delays

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_VETERANS_AFFAIRS?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-09-09-15-21-37

Matthew Daly

Richard Griffin, the VA's acting inspector general, said his office is investigating allegations of wrongdoing at 93 VA sites across the country, including 12 reports that have been completed and submitted to the VA for review.

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