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S.C. Same-Sex Marriage News:

Associated Press: Gay marriage not immediately likely in SC

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

Jeffrey Collins

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday denied appeals from five states seeking to preserve gay-marriage bans. The move doesn't mean same-sex marriages will begin immediately in South Carolina, but experts say such unions probably aren't too far off.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley said she backs Wilson's decision to keep fighting. "Our voter-approved state law should be followed until a court rules on it directly," said Doug Mayer, Haley's spokesman.

Note: "Gov. Haley, like the majority of South Carolinians, supports traditional marriage as defined between one man and one woman, and in accordance with state law, will continue to uphold those values," Mayer said last year.

Greenville News: Q&Amy: How does the gay marriage ruling affect South Carolina?

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/10/06/qamy-gay-marriage-ruling-affect-south-carolina/16821535/>

Amy Clarke Burns

In August 2013, Tracie Goodwin and Katie Bradacs filed a case against South Carolina, naming Governor Nikki Haley and Attorney General Alan Wilson as defendants. The couple married in Washington, D.C., in 2012, and are seeking to have their marriage recognized by the state.

Note: The case, commonly referred to as Bradacs v. Haley, was put on hold earlier this year while an earlier case from Virginia, Bostic v. Schaefer, worked its way through the court system.

Post and Courier: Gay marriage in South Carolina: A question of when, not if

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141006/PC1610/141009607/1177>

Robert Behre

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision not to review the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal's ruling overturning Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage will make will such unions legal in South Carolina, legal experts said, but it's still a question of when.

Associated Press: Court clears the way for gay marriage expansion

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_289563/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=AYDYNknf

Mark Sherman

The Supreme Court unexpectedly cleared the way Monday for a dramatic expansion of gay marriage in the United States and may have signaled that it's only a matter of time before same-sex couples can marry in all 50 states.

Note: But South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson said he would continue to fight to uphold his state constitution's ban on gay marriage.

USA Today: High court ruling may lead to gay marriage in 30 states

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/10/06/supreme-court-gay-marriage/16546959/>

Richard Wolf

The Supreme Court refused to get involved in the national debate over same-sex marriage Monday, leaving intact lower court rulings that will legalize the practice in 11 additional states.

Note: It also will bring along six other states located in the judicial circuits overseen by those appellate courts: North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Colorado, Kansas and Wyoming. Lower court judges in those states must abide by their appeals court rulings.

Associated Press: State-by-state look at gay marriage bans

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3y7dsX10

State bans on same-sex marriages have been falling around the country since summer 2013, when the Supreme Court ordered the federal government to recognize state-sanctioned gay marriages. The high court Monday cleared the way for more expansion by turning away appeals from five states seeking to prohibit it.

Note: The Supreme Court refused to hear appeals from Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin in a ruling also affecting six states where same-sex marriages had been put on hold pending high-court review: Colorado, Kansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Governor Nikki Haley News:

Sun News: Big Break Myrtle Beach to debut Tuesday on Golf Channel

http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/10/06/4520244_big-break-myrtle-beach-to-debut.html?sp=/99/167/&rh=1

Alan Blondin

Myrtle Beach's time to be featured on the Golf Channel reality competition series Big Break has finally arrived. Big Break Myrtle Beach, the 22nd season of the series, will be broadcast at 9 p.m. Tuesdays for 11 episodes beginning this week.

Note: Big Break Myrtle Beach was produced in partnership with Golf Holiday and South Carolina Tourism, and Gov. Nikki Haley made the formal announcement of the show for Golf Channel on July 8 during the network's Morning Drive telecast.

CBS: South Carolina can keep redrawn districts, Supreme Court says

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/south-carolina-can-keep-redrawn-districts-supreme-court-says/>

The Supreme Court said Monday that South Carolina can keep its redrawn state house and congressional maps despite a challenge from black voters in the state. The justices offered no comment when they rejected the appeal from voters, who wanted the court to re-examine the newly drawn borders of state house and congressional districts.

Note: In 2012, six black voters from counties in the southern and eastern parts of the state sued Republican Gov. Nikki Haley and the Republican-controlled state legislature.

Post and Courier: Occupy v. Haley costs top half a million dollars

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141006/PC1603/141009608>

The state of South Carolina spent more than half a million dollars defending Gov. Nikki Haley against a lawsuit by members of Occupy Columbia. What's more, the attorneys hired to defend the governor were paid more than \$300,000 - one and a half times as much as the total settlement amount split by 14 Occupiers.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Island Packet (Video): Nikki Haley appearance – HHI Republican club

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/06/3356014/nikki-haley-appearance.html>

Island Packet: Haley to campaign in Beaufort County today

http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/06/3355560_haley-to-campaign-in-beaufort.html?rh=1

Zach Murdock

Gov. Nikki Haley will make three campaign stops in Beaufort County today. The Lexington Republican will visit with members of the Beaufort Republican Women's Club at 10 a.m. at Old Bay Marketplace's rooftop deck at 917 Bay Street in Beaufort.

Note: In the latest Winthrop University poll, released last week, Haley held a 10-percentage point lead over Sheheen -- twice as large as her margin of victory in the 2010 election.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Sun News (Guest Column): Keep South Carolina moving forward: Support Haley and Goldfinch

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/10/06/4521849/letter-keep-south-carolina-moving.html>

Randy Hollister

In South Carolina, voters don't register by political party as they do in many states, so anybody can claim to

be affiliated with a party without ever having supported it. It is against this backdrop that we see the Vida Miller campaign dust off the old misdirection trick from the Democratic party playbook.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Record-setting SC tourism continued in summer

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=zPx6AsAk

Bruce Smith

South Carolina's \$18 billion tourism industry continued its record-setting pace through the height of the summer season and another \$400 million is being invested in attractions, according to figures from the state Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Revenue per available room, a key indicator of the strength of the industry, is up 11 percent over last-year's record for the calendar year though the end of July, according to figures released last week.

Post and Courier: Appeals court to hear arguments for Berkeley County hospital case

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141006/PC16/141009578>

Lauren Sausser

The state health department, which regulates the number of hospital beds throughout the state, originally granted both Roper St. Francis and Trident Health permission to build 50-bed hospitals in Berkeley County. Currently, there is no hospital in the county.

Post and Courier: Army Corps to release Charleston Harbor deepening study this week

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141006/PC05/141009606>

John McDermott

The Army Corps of Engineers is preparing to release a preliminary study about the Charleston Harbor deepening project. The federal permitting agency is expected to make the feasibility report public Tuesday morning. The State Ports Authority said it will be discussing the findings afterward with the media.

Greenville News: Medical supplies distributor expects to grow in Greenville

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/10/03/medical-supplies-distributor-expects-grow-greenville/16668473/>

Rudolph Bell

A major wholesaler of medical supplies is finding Greenville a good place to do business. Henry Schein Inc., based in Melville, New York, collected \$9.6 billion last year distributing supplies, equipment and drugs and providing software and other services to dental, veterinary and doctor's offices around the world.

Post and Courier: Thomas Ravenel accused in incident report of harassing former consultant Will Folks

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141006/PC1603/141009603>

Schuyler Kropf

Independent candidate for U.S. Senate Thomas Ravenel was accused in a Lexington County Sheriff Department's report Sunday of sending harassing text messages to blogger and political consultant Will Folks. The report says that after telling Ravenel not to contact him, Folks received six more text messages from the candidate.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Awash in wastes; Study says tons of plastic in Charleston Harbor

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141006/PC16/141009599>

Bo Petersen

Those "pristine" Charleston estuary waters are in worse shape than most people think. At least 7 1/2 tons worse. That's how much plastic is estimated to be breaking down in the tide and waves of Charleston Harbor, its tidal rivers and creeks. The total comes from a study by a research team from The Citadel.

Sun News: Founder of mentoring agency accused of Medicaid fraud loses appeal for return of \$1 million in stolen money

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/10/06/4521467/founder-of-mentoring-agency-accused.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

David Wren

Harry Lewis, one of the founders of an area youth mentoring agency that was shut down because of

rampant Medicaid fraud, has lost his bid to get back four vehicles and more than \$1 million that federal investigators seized from him to help pay back the government-run health care program.

Post and Courier: Mt. Pleasant committee supports installing traffic light inside traffic-choked Park West
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141006/PC16/141009580>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

The town's Transportation Committee wants to put a traffic signal at the congested intersection of Park West Boulevard and Bessemer Road, although most residents said they prefer a roundabout. The two-lane Park West Boulevard is the major road through the mega-neighborhood and connects it to Dunes West and, beyond that, Highway 41.

National News:

Washington Post: Republicans hold small but steady edge in battle for Senate majority
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2014/10/06/republicans-hold-but-small-but-steady-edge-in-battle-for-senate-majority/>

Chris Cillizza

All three major election models give Republicans a six-in-ten (or better) chance of picking up the six seats the party needs to reclaim the Senate majority, with just 29 days left before voters head to the polls on Nov. 4. The Washington Post's Election Lab is the most bullish on Republicans' chances, pegging it as a 78 percent probability they win control of the chamber.

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