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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Haley: DSS caseworkers need support, team approach for children in their care
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140828/PC1603/140829391>

Cynthia Roldan, Jeremy Borden

Department of Social Services workers will no longer bear sole responsibility for children under their care, Gov. Nikki Haley said Thursday, advocating a team approach in her most direct, public response to criticism of the embattled agency to date.

Note: Haley said Richland County's DSS office should now be the model office for the rest of the state, by involving other agencies so that "every single child" has a team protecting him or her. She said many agencies, including mental health, would work together to protect children.

Note: "But that takes all of us," Haley said. "And in order for us to do that, there's no passing the buck, there's no pointing fingers. There's saying: 'We're going to be responsible, every single one of us for every single case, for every single child.'"

Cola Daily: Child advocates rally at the Statehouse to celebrate anniversary of "I Have A Dream" speech
<http://coladaily.com/2014/08/29/child-advocates-rally-at-the-statehouse-on-50th-anniversary-of-i-have-a-dream-speech/>

Kelly Petty

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s iconic "I Have a Dream Speech" took on a greater meaning Thursday morning for the volunteers of the Richland County Court Appointed Special Advocates.

Note: Haley attended the rally and said it would take an all-encompassing approach including families, guardians, volunteers and social workers to ensure the safety of children. She called the actions of RC CASA "God's work."

Note: "We've got to have as many eyes on these cases as we can. We've got to have as many opinions on these cases as we can," she said. "We've got to agree that the only person that matters is the child."

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The State: Political season kicks off with candidates for SC governor trading barbs
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/28/3646294/political-season-kicks-off-with.html>

Jamie Self, Andrew Shain

The Gamecocks and Aggies were not the only foes battling Thursday in Columbia. South Carolina's gubernatorial rivals, Republican incumbent Nikki Haley and Democratic challenger Vincent Sheheen, traded barbs on gameday, too.

Note: "We've had to deal with an issue that I never thought that I would deal with, and that was: How do you protect children from their own parents?" Haley said in brief remarks at the rally.

Note: Haley said Social Services has made improvements to help its caseworkers by forging partnerships with the state's alcohol, drug abuse, mental health and law enforcement agencies.

Note: She also said politics should be put aside. "We've all got to agree that the only person that matters in this is that child," she said. "And, in order for us to do that, there's no passing the buck, there's no pointing fingers."

WBTW: Sheheen aims more attacks against Gov. Haley over DSS, Welfare to Work

<http://www.wbtw.com/story/26399685/sheheen-aims-more-attacks-against-gov-haley-over-dss-welfare-to-work>

Robert Kittle

Democratic candidate for governor Vincent Sheheen aimed more attacks Thursday at Gov. Nikki Haley over problems at the state Department of Social Services and her claims about the number of DSS clients who've

gotten off welfare by getting jobs.

Note: Haley for Governor spokesperson Chaney Adams says, "Only a hopeless liberal like Vince Sheheen would rather keep people on welfare then help them move into the workforce. This successful program that has added to our state's massive reduction in unemployment in the last four years is great news for South Carolina and bad news for Vince's endless political ambitions."

Associated Press: Network working to get SC's uninsured to the polls

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

Seanna Adcox

The South Carolina Progressive Network is going door-to-door to persuade poor, uninsured voters to turn out in November to oppose Gov. Nikki Haley's refusal to expand Medicaid eligibility. The network of activists launched the "Healthy Democracy Road Show" Thursday at the Statehouse.

Note: Haley has remained steadfastly opposed. At the launch of her re-election campaign last August, Haley said, "When it came to Obamacare, we didn't just say 'no,' we said 'never.'"

The State: Medicaid expansion effort focuses appeal on low-income voters

http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/28/3646702_medicaid-expansion-effort-focuses.html?rh=1

Joey Holleman

The South Carolina Progressive Network plans to focus its get-out-the-vote efforts this year on the 176,530 people who didn't get health care coverage because the state's political leaders turned down federal Medicaid expansion.

U.S. News & World Report: The Reality Show Senate Candidate

<http://www.usnews.com/news/blogs/washington-whispers/2014/08/28/the-reality-show-senate-candidate>

David Catanese

On a recent evening in Anderson, S.C., with glistening sweat on his brow, Ravenel, locally known as T-Rav, is working the room hard at a local GOP fundraiser trying to convince a partisan crowd to buck their instincts and select an alternative to the two-party system this November.

Post and Courier: Candidate Thomas Ravenel says nothing improper in TV show payments

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140828/PC1603/140829356>

Schuyler Kropf

Independent U.S. Senate candidate Thomas Ravenel said he plans to accept the \$5,000 per episode he's being paid to appear on "Southern Charm" and that nothing in federal election law prohibits it.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Greenville News: Ensure VA reform is truly effective

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/08/28/editorial-ensure-va-reform-truly-effective/14759131/>

Editorial

A report from the Department of Veterans Affairs inspector general seems to confirm what many Americans feared: There was a systemic problem in the VA hospital system that may have infected 93 VA healthcare sites across the country that are being investigated for potentially falsifying scheduling records to hide delays in veterans' care.

Florence Morning News: Will this week mark a new beginning for Rubio?

http://www.scnow.com/opinion/article_0cc233f0-2ef3-11e4-a99b-001a4bcf6878.html

Editorial

The reddest of red South Carolina Republicans met a new possible entry in the 2016 presidential election this week. It was Florida Sen. Marco Rubio. After getting browbeat by hardline conservatives over his support of deep immigration reform last year, Rubio has abruptly changed courses.

Aiken Standard (Guest Column): The Internet is a silent platform for predators

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140829/AIK02/140829390/1018/AIK02/column-the-internet-is-a-silent-platform-for-predators>

Attorney General Alan Wilson

There are many things we can control as parents, but even more that we cannot. Today, predators do not have to lurk on the playground; instead they are able to use the Internet to seek out victims without revealing

their true identity.

Post and Courier: Keep it down - or get out

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140828/PC1002/140829346/1022/keep-it-down-or-get-out>
Editorial

Libraries have long served as serene sanctuaries from the noisy hubbub outside their walls. And even in this era of libraries providing Internet access and videos while (horrors!) reducing their numbers of books, they should remain places of reading, study, reflection - and quiet.

Post and Courier: Russian boots on Ukraine ground

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140828/PC1002/140829345>
Editorial

Rebel separatists continue to battle Ukrainian troops, but the war can no longer be considered solely a rebellion. As Russian troops have invaded the sovereign territory of Ukraine, the U.S. and its European allies have to ramp up every means short of military intervention to make Russia relent.

The State: Columbia, SC's failed drug lab should be absorbed into Richland County's stellar one

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/28/3645843/editorial-columbia-scs-failed.html#storylink=cpy>
Editorial

COLUMBIA POLICE Chief Skip Holbrook wisely shuttered the department's drug lab amid disturbing news that its lone analyst wasn't properly trained and that evidence might have been mishandled, putting nearly 200 cases in jeopardy.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

New York Times: Democrats Wary of Benghazi Inquiry Stretching Into '16 Election Season

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/29/us/politics/democrats-wary-of-benghazi-inquiry-stretching-into-16-election-season.html?_r=0

Jonathan Weisman, Jennifer Steinhauer

A House Republican-led investigation of the 2012 terrorist attack on an American diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, will extend well into next year, and possibly beyond, raising concerns among Democrats that Republicans are trying to damage Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential prospects.

Times and Democrat: U.S. needs to 'seal our borders,' Wilson says

http://thetandd.com/news/u-s-needs-to-seal-our-borders-wilson-says/article_faa6e548-2f39-11e4-9d44-001a4bcf887a.html

Martha Rose Brown

Second District Congressman Joe Wilson says the United States must do its best to "seal our borders" to prevent further terrorist acts. Wilson said it was over a year ago that he stood on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and warned of the creation of al-Qaida-associated safe havens "all over North Africa, the continent of Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia."

Local News:

Rock Hill Herald: Rock Hill gas prices lowest in the nation

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/08/28/6272406_rock-hill-gas-prices-lowest-in.html?rh=1
Don Worthington

Gasoline prices in Rock Hill are the lowest in the country, and the cost in South Carolina could average about \$3 per gallon this fall, some analysts say. Rock Hill gas prices generally range from \$3.01 to about \$3.10 per gallon of regular unleaded. For a couple of weeks this month, the price at several Rock Hill gas stations stayed well below \$3 per gallon, with some approaching \$2.90.

Rock Hill Herald: Records show where York County hospitality tax money goes

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/08/28/6271902/records-show-where-york-county.html>
John Marks

Since York County began collecting its hospitality tax in 2007, a challenge has been making sure the correct restaurants are paying the right amount. "We think we're finally, maybe, where we need to be," said Beth Latham, county treasurer and finance director.

Post and Courier: Dorchester District 2 parents cope with overcrowding while waiting for new schools
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140828/PC16/140829355>

Brenda Rindge

At Knightsville Elementary, the biggest elementary school in the state, two of every five students attend classes each school day in trailers, and it's just getting bigger. However, this could be the last year the mobile units take up space on the campus.

Greenville News: GHS to build elder care facility off Grove Road

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/health/2014/08/28/ghs-build-elder-care-facility-grove-road/14750675/>

Liv Osby

Greenville Health System plans to build an elder-care center on about four acres of a 24.5-acre site it owns off Grove Road. The facility will offer medical care as well as an adult day-care center, and is expected to open by early 2016, said Mark Loukides, executive director of facilities development at GHS.

Florence Morning News: Florence organization looks to decrease homelessness

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_60071da2-2ef6-11e4-9f4a-001a4bcf6878.html

Shamira McCray

A new organization has stepped up to the plate to try to decrease the number of homeless, indigent and hungry children in Florence School District 1. Shelter and Nutrition for All Children (SNAC) is an organization founded by a group of local business owners, concerned citizens and parents.

National News:

Associated Press: Obama sets no timeline for actions on immigration

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_OBAMA_IMMIGRATION?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-08-28-18-52-45

Jim Kuhnhen

With a self-imposed deadline looming, President Barack Obama said Thursday he still intends to act on his own to change immigration policies but stopped short of reiterating his past vows to act by end of summer.

Politico: Obama wants immigration action

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/08/obama-immigration-plan-110427.html?hp=I1>

Jennifer Epstein

President Barack Obama still intends to take executive actions on immigration, he said Thursday, at the tail end of a summer in which his administration has been reviewing options for moves he can take on his own.

Associated Press: Obama cautions against using force to solve crises

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/obama-cautions-against-using-force-solve-crises>

Julie Pace

Faced with deepening crises in the Middle East and Ukraine, President Barack Obama is putting the brakes on the notion that American military power can solve either conflict. That stance is in keeping with Obama's long-standing aversion to military entanglements.

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