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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WHNS: Haley speaks to women philanthropists in Greenville, presents state's highest honor to Belton man
<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/30104398/haley-in-greenville-belton#ixzz3memR6D6m>
Dal Kalsi

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will visit the Upstate to honor women philanthropists at a Greenville conference and to present a Belton man with the state's highest civilian honor, the Order of the Palmetto, on Thursday. Haley will deliver the keynote address at the annual Women Make a Difference luncheon, which will be held at noon at the TD Convention Center.

Greenville News: SLED finds no wrongdoing in investigation of former Pickens County administrator
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/09/23/sled-finds-no-wrongdoing-investigation-former-pickens-county-administrator/72699166/>

Ron Barnett

Allegations of illegal use of county resources by former Pickens County Administrator Matthew Delk were "unfounded," an investigation by the State Law Enforcement Division determined. Separate allegations of misconduct involving county employees and County Council members that became a part of the investigation also were unfounded, a SLED report says.

Note: After receiving a briefing on the SLED report in an executive session Monday night, the council voted to send letters to SLED, Gov. Nikki Haley, state Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Letherman, state Attorney General Alan Wilson and the state Ethics Commission, complaining about "SLED being used for political purposes."

S.C. Political News:

Associated Press: Dominant in polls, Donald Trump still sniping at rivals
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=74PQ3o2l

Meg Kinnard, Bill Barow

Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump is boasting about keeping his lead in the polls, but that isn't deterring him from sniping at rivals and complaining about the media. Eclipsed this week by Pope Francis' tour of the U.S., the billionaire developer and former TV reality show star spent Wednesday slinging insults.

The State: Trump heavy on one-liners, light on details in Columbia visit
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article36350916.html>

Andrew Shain

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott sees Donald Trump as many of his supporters do – the 2016 presidential campaign's plain-spoken, opinionated candidate. "It's hard to misunderstand what he's saying," the North Charleston Republican said of the GOP front-runner Wednesday.

Post and Courier: Trump rally in North Charleston baffles black entrepreneurs
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150923/PC1603/150929690/trump-rally-in-north-charleston-baffles-black-entrepreneurs>

Schuyler Kropf

What was billed as an opportunity for Donald Trump to connect with minority voters at a gathering of black entrepreneurs Wednesday in North Charleston, instead left many in the audience baffled to be attending a campaign rally for the Republican presidential front-runner.

MSNBC: Donald Trump rebounds in Columbia, SC: 'I'm crushing it'

<http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/donald-trump-rebounds-columbia-sc-im-crushing-it>

Jane C. Timm

After speaking to a half-empty ballroom in the afternoon in South Carolina, 2016 GOP front-runner Donald Trump found firmer footing again on Wednesday night in the state capital. More than a thousand people turned out to see Republican presidential candidate speak with the state's Sen. Tim Scott for his Presidential Town Hall at a theater Columbia, where earlier in the day he formally filed to be on the ballot in the key early voting state's primary early next year.

WIS: Trump wraps up busy day of campaign visits in Midlands

http://m.wistv.com/wistv/db_330790/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=COvLpiDJ

Chad Mills

South Carolina's coveted First in the South Primary is still about five months away but the campaign stops are picking up in the Midlands. Four of the Republican contenders visited the Midlands Wednesday, including the two frontrunners. Donald Trump's town hall with Senator Tim Scott at the Koger Center wrapped up the day.

Rock Hill Herald: Fiorina moving up the ranks in Rock Hill

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article36340962.html>

Bristow Marchant

Republican primary voters in South Carolina are introducing themselves to a candidate who only a month ago, couldn't talk her way onto the main stage at the first GOP debate. Carly Fiorina, the former chief executive officer of IT firm Hewlett-Packard, fell outside the top 10 of a crowded GOP field and was relegated to what some pundits dismissed as the "kids table" debate of also-rans.

Post and Courier: Rand Paul rips into rivals during college rally in Columbia

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150923/PC1603/150929735/1006/mulvaney-joins-gop-candidate-paul-on-south-carolina-tour>

Cynthia Roldan

Republican presidential candidate Rand Paul ripped into Donald Trump for posing as a conservative and criticized another rival, Jeb Bush, for his "hypocrisy" on marijuana during a college campus rally Wednesday. Accompanied by U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C., and state Sen. Tom Davis, R-Beaufort, the Kentucky senator attended a rally at the University of South Carolina before a crowd of about 200 students.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Sen. Tom Davis on Rand Paul rally at USC

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150924/PC1603/150929659>

Cynthia Roldan

Republican presidential candidate Rand Paul has been among the few candidates who have stumped through the state's higher education institutions. On Wednesday, he stopped by the University of South Carolina because he believes students, which are in an age group that is notoriously difficult to get involved in politics, are paying attention to the upcoming election, said his state director Sen. Tom Davis, R-Beaufort.

Rock Hill Herald: In Rock Hill, Rand Paul is 'talking to people who have been ignored'

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article36285162.html#storylink=cpy>

Bristow Marchant

But Derrick, a Winthrop student, ensured there was at least one. He was one of about 200 people who filled the old American Legion hall in Rock Hill for a visit from the Kentucky senator who picked up a prominent local endorsement for his White House bid during Wednesday's visit.

Associated Press: Kasich presidential campaign returning to South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=T9OK0GDU

Ohio Gov. John Kasich (KAY'-sik) is returning to South Carolina as he tries to gain needed national traction for his 2016 presidential campaign. Kasich, a two-term governor and former congressman, plans stops in Charleston and Hilton Head on Friday.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Rock Hill Herald: State must reduce domestic violence

<http://www.heraldonline.com/opinion/editorials/article36312795.html>

Editorial

South Carolina once again has ranked worst in the nation for deadly violence against women. This is the fourth time that the state has ranked first and the 18th consecutive year it has ranked in the top 10. But South Carolina cannot accept this as our destiny. And, with significant changes in state law regarding penalties for domestic violence and ongoing attention to the problem, the state finally appears to be taking steps to reduce the violence against women.

Index-Journal: State must focus on domestic violence

<http://www.indexjournal.com/opinion/editorial/State-must-focus-on-domestic-violence>

Editorial

In the midst of GOP presidential hopefuls flocking to the state and bombarding us with their talking points in televised debates, in the midst of democratic frontrunner-apparent Hillary Clinton finally saying she's sorry for flowing her government emails through a private server while secretary of state, in the midst of distractions large and small in the Palmetto State came a nugget of news last week that is both devastatingly sad and all too often repeated.

The State: New rule will help us judge SC's economic incentives

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/editorials/article36323139.html>

Editorial

DID STATE OFFICIALS pay too much to lure Volvo to South Carolina? What about smaller companies, the ones whose recruitment doesn't make front-page news across the state? Are the jobs that those companies bring worth the tax breaks we provide and the property we purchase and the roads we build to the companies' specifications?

Post and Courier: Pass bill to stop unions' undermining of employee rights

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150924/PC1002/150929678>

Catherine Templeton

Until February, South Carolina has the focus of the nation. Candidates from both parties are canvassing our state and asking for your support in their efforts to become the next president of the United States. While we have the floor, let's make sure we use it!

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Panel rules it can't force state to pay SC State's debts

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=yHaHq3yZ

Seanna Adcox

An attorney for South Carolina State University's property manager, DTZ Inc., said Wednesday the state is shirking its responsibility to pay the public school's debt. The financially troubled university has acknowledged it owes DTZ more than \$5 million. But a legal panel ruled Wednesday it can't force the state - and therefore taxpayers - to be responsible for SC State's debt.

Associated Press: Charleston announces fund distribution after church slayings

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=yMWR6z6D

Bruce Smith

Charleston officials are announcing the distribution of money raised by a memorial fund following the shootings of nine parishioners at Emanuel AME church earlier this year. Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. on Thursday is announcing the formula of how several million dollars donated to the Mother Emanuel Hope Fund are being distributed.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Jesse Jackson to speak at the College of Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150923/PC16/150929688>

Deanna Pan

Veteran civil rights leader Jesse Jackson will address students at the College of Charleston on Thursday evening. His talk will focus on "the significance of students voting in elections," according to a C of C press release. The event, hosted by the college's political science club, will be held at 5 p.m. at Randolph Hall. It is free and open to the public.

Associated Press: Boeing to hold grand opening for research, technology center

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=eH65x1aW

Boeing is celebrating still another expansion in South Carolina. The aeronautics giant on Thursday marks the grand opening of its new research and technology center in North Charleston. The company has said the center, which will focus on advanced manufacturing technology to make aircraft fuselages of composite materials, will employ as many as 400 people.

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