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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: SCE&G to develop solar farms in North Charleston, Cayce

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140821/PC05/140829894/1177/sceg-to-develop-solar-farms-in-north-charleston-cayce>

Warren L. Wise

South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. is letting the sunshine in. The Cayce-based utility will work with developers to build a solar farm off Leeds Avenue in North Charleston and a second one in Cayce. The SCANA Corp. subsidiary asked for bids Thursday.

Note: In June, Gov. Nikki Haley signed the Distributed Energy Resource Program Act, opening the door for increased solar installations across the state. The new legislation includes a provision that would allow SCE&G to add both utility-scale and customer-installed solar energy to its system, in addition to the 20 megawatts announced last year.

Times and Democrat: Apex Tool Group to expand in Sumter with 150-200 new jobs

http://thetandd.com/business/apex-tool-group-to-expand-in-sumter-with--/article_8189f344-2967-11e4-9440-001a4bcf887a.html

Apex Tool Group, LLC, a leading manufacturer of power and hand tools with more than 30 brands, is expanding its Sumter County workforce, adding between 150 and 200 jobs by the end of 2015.

Note: "Apex Tool Group's products are synonymous with quality, and as they continue to grow in Sumter County, we commit to continuing to provide a top quality workforce. We welcome Apex's workforce expansion that will bring more than 150 new jobs to Sumter," Gov. Nikki Haley said.

Greenville Business Magazine: Mannan Pharmaceuticals LLC establishing research and development operations in Greenville County

<http://www.greenvillebusinessmag.com/View-Article/ArticleID/6799/Mannan-Pharmaceuticals-LLC.aspx#sthash.GgHYPgH9.dpuf>

Mannan Pharmaceuticals LLC, an organization dedicated to developing and delivering effective pharmaceutical solutions to various muscular dystrophies and metastatic cancers, will establish operations at the Institute for Translational Oncology Research (ITOR) of Greenville Health System (GHS) in Greenville County.

Note: "Mannan's decision to come to Greenville County is another example of our growing research and development sector – and the fact their company focuses on combatting some of the most debilitating cancers and diseases is great news for our state. We welcome them to South Carolina and celebrate the 34 new jobs they are creating in Greenville," said Gov. Nikki Haley.

WMBF: NAACP holds Bikefest press conference outside Myrtle Beach City Hall

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/26336672/naACP-holds-bikefest-press-conference-outside-myrtle-beach-city-hall>

Mickey James, the chapter president, said he is against the violence, but believes government response by Governor Nikki Haley is unnecessary. He wants to push for more transparency and knowing what the future plans are. "Why didn't you call us in?" James asked about the meeting between Governor Nikki Haley and Atlantic Beach officials.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Post and Courier: Sheheen hits Haley on hacking in new TV ad

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140821/PC1603/140829899/1031/sheheen-hits-haley-on-hacking-in-new-tv-ad>

Jeremy Borden

The Democrat running for governor launched a new statewide television ad Thursday, hitting Gov. Nikki Haley on the 2012 hacking of the Department of Revenue.

Note: At the time, Gov. Haley and other state officials said that law enforcement officials requested time before making the hacking public. "Even a politically desperate trial lawyer like Vince Sheheen should know better than to obstruct a criminal investigation," said campaign spokesman Rob Godfrey, in a statement. It's shocking that Vince, as governor, would disregard the request of SLED and the Secret Service and compromise the effort to arrest the criminal hacker."

The State: FIRST ON BUZZ: Sheheen ad says Haley 'hid' hacking from SC taxpayers

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/21/3631577/first-on-buzz-sheheen-ad-says.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

Gov. Nikki Haley hid the hacking of 3.6 million South Carolinian's Social Security numbers for two weeks, according to a new campaign ad by her Democratic rival, S.C. Sen. Vincent Sheheen.

Note: Haley campaign spokesman Rob Godfrey called Sheheen a "politically desperate trial lawyer" who "should know better than to obstruct a criminal investigation. It's shocking that Vince, as governor, would disregard the request of SLED and the Secret Service and compromise the effort to arrest the criminal hacker."

Post and Courier: Texas Gov. Rick Perry to headline Columbia fundraiser on football gameday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140821/PC1603/140829848/1177>

Jeremy Borden

Is it 2016 already? Sounds that way from a press release Thursday from the state Republican Party, which announced recently-indicted Texas Gov. Rick Perry would be in Columbia to headline a state GOP fundraiser on Wednesday, Aug. 27. Tickets are \$25 for the 5:30 p.m.

Post and Courier: Cash-strapped Democrat Hutto has web-only ad out in Senate race

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140821/PC1603/140829841>

Schuyler Kropf

Democrat Brad Hutto's campaign for U.S. Senate has released its first web video of the November race against Republican incumbent Lindsey Graham. How deep the Internet-aimed ad will reach the electorate is debatable, a local political scientist said, given that TV remains the chosen medium of most well-heeled politicians.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Revenues at SC ports up sharply last fiscal year

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0rqUxnDK

Revenues at South Carolina's ports were up sharply during the fiscal year that ended June 30th. The South Carolina Ports Authority reports that revenues for the fiscal year were \$164 million, a 17 percent increase over the previous year. Operating earnings were about \$14 million. That's about 20 percent above the agency's projections.

Associated Press: SCE&G plans solar farms in Cayce, North Charleston

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=6xEx57cM

South Carolina Electric & Gas is moving ahead with plans to put two solar farms on land it owns in the Lowcountry and the Midlands. The utility announced Thursday that it is seeking requests for proposals to put solar arrays in North Charleston and next to its corporate headquarters in Cayce.

Rock Hill Herald: York Tech offering scholarships for manufacturing certification course

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/08/21/6251922_york-tech-offering-scholarships.html?rh=1

Anna Douglas

York Technical College joins other schools across South Carolina this fall to offer a manufacturing job-training course. School officials say the specialized training opportunity is crucial for the workforce as the state continues to enjoy an increase of manufacturing jobs.

Local News:

Anderson Independent: Local school districts in top half of state on ACT scores

http://www.independentmail.com/news/local-school-districts-in-top-half-of-state-on-act-scores_42124658

Sarah Freishtat

Average scores on the ACT college entrance exam in all local school districts were within the top half of school districts statewide for 2014. Students in District 1 and the Pickens County school district were within the top five highest-scoring traditional public school districts in the state.

Sun News: Horry County Schools ACT scores see slight slip, but more students taking test

[http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/08/21/4425645_horry-county-schools-act-scores.html?](http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/08/21/4425645_horry-county-schools-act-scores.html?sp=/99/209/&rh=1#storylink=cpy)

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Vicki Grooms

The number of Horry County Schools' students taking the 2014 ACT increased nearly 9 percent over the previous year and yielded a composite score of 20.7, a slip of one-tenth of a point from 20.8 in 2013, according to a news release from the district.

Aiken Standard: District ACT scores above state, national average

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140821/AIK0101/140829902/1004/district-act-scores-above-state-national-average>

Rob Novit

While ACT scores statewide scored just below the national average, Aiken County School District high school graduates scored well above the state and slightly above the national average when they took the test last spring,, District officials said.

Post and Courier: Inc. 5,000 list ranks Charleston's PureCars fastest-growing firm in South Carolina

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140821/PC05/140829849>

John McDermott

A Charleston-based company that analyzes and sells data about used-car values was the front-runner among the South Carolina businesses named to the annual Inc. 5,000 list of fastest-growing U.S. firms.

National News:

Associated Press: US judge strikes down Florida gay marriage ban

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_289563/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=taZd9Od3

Curt Anderson

A federal judge on Thursday declared Florida's ban on same-sex marriage unconstitutional, joining state judges in four counties who have sided with gay couples wishing to tie the knot. U.S. District Judge Robert L. Hinkle in Tallahassee ruled that the ban added to Florida's constitution by voters in 2008 violates the 14th Amendment's guarantees of equal protection and due process.

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