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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: SC data security efforts, monitoring may cost \$27M

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

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina may spend \$27 million next fiscal year on continued efforts to secure taxpayers' personal data and provide another year of credit protection following the 2012 hacking at the state's tax-collection agency.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley said she believes the mandate is essential. She has required her Cabinet agencies, which include the Department of Revenue, to collaborate with the board's IT division since November 2012, a month after she announced what was the nation's largest hacking of a state agency.

Note: "There is no excuse for any agency to not have IT protection at the very top of their list," Haley said. "To not have learned the lesson from the Department of Revenue would be a huge mistake."

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Aiken Standard: Emma's law passage a vitally important step

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140421/AIK0201/140429992/1018/AIK02/editorial-emma-s-law-passage-a-vitally-important-step>

Editorial

There are certainly too many frivolous bills that weave their way through the South Carolina legislature. But Emma's law – a recently approved proposal aimed at curbing the state's soaring number of drunken driving deaths – isn't one of them. It was a needed fix that can save lives. The law, signed by S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley on April 15, undoubtedly deserved the overwhelming support it received.

Post and Courier: Fix hospital certificate of need dilemma

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140421/PC1002/140429946/1021/fix-hospital-certificate-of-need-dilemma>

Editorial

Ask any two hospital administrators and you'll probably get two answers. Members of the Legislature are just as likely to be of two minds. But Gov. Nikki Haley's 2013 veto of the money to support the program (about \$1.4 million), DHEC Director Catherine Templeton's subsequent suspension of the program, and the S.C. Supreme Court's recent ruling that DHEC must operate it all demand that the Legislature examine the issue and fix it.

Times and Democrat: Aging advocate is now top role of Lt. governor

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/aging-advocate-is-now-top-role-of-lt-governor/article_f65af342-c848-11e3-b895-0019bb2963f4.html

Editorial

THE ISSUE: Aging South Carolina; OUR OPINION: Winthrop Poll is indicator of 'gray tsunami'. The April polling of South Carolinians by Winthrop University offers insight into the popularity of politicians and the opinions of people on a variety of social issues. Not to be ignored in the Winthrop Poll released this past week is information about what is happening in South Carolina as the population ages.

Legislative Session News:

Times and Democrat: Bill lets trustees alone approve tax

http://thetandd.com/news/bill-lets-trustees-alone-approve-tax/article_50fa06fc-c908-11e3-a8c7-0019bb2963f4.html

Dale Linder-Altman

State law says that any loan exceeding 8 percent of the district's property value must be approved by voters, but a bill introduced by Rep. Bakari Sellers, D-Denmark, would authorize trustees to "impose a capital millage to provide school buildings in the district, including any associated lease payments." The bill has already been passed by the S.C. House and is under consideration by the Senate.

Aiken Standard: Senate bill could give librarians tool against the unruly patrons

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140421/AIK0102/140429945/1004/senate-bill-could-give-librarians-tool-against-the-unruly-patrons>

Teddy Kulmala

A bill making its way through the state legislature could make libraries a lot quieter if it becomes law. Senate Bill 813 would make it a misdemeanor for someone to refuse to leave a library after being asked to do so by a library staff member, or to return to the library after being banned. Violators could face a fine of up to \$200 or 30 days in jail.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Growth drives the need for new schools in Mount Pleasant

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140420/PC16/140429952/1177/growth-drives-the-need-for-new-schools-in-mount-pleasant>

Amanda Kerr

Wando High School was 500 students under capacity when its doors opened 10 years ago at the new campus off of U.S. Highway 17. Today, Wando is the state's largest high school with about 3,700 students and is projected to reach an enrollment of 3,800 students in the fall.

The State: SC veterans plan 'last hurrah' to D-Day beaches

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/20/3399025/sc-veterans-plan-last-hurrah-to.html?sp=/99/205/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Jeff Wilkinson

A month after World War II ended, Jeanne Palyok, an American raised in France by her grandparents, sailed back to Paris to work as a translator at the U.S. Embassy. In 1947, she and her husband, John, a veteran of the war in Italy, were transferred to graves registration at the new U.S. cemetery overlooking the D-Day beaches in Normandy.

Local News:

Greenville News: Funding spat puts Upstate bus systems at impasse

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/04/21/funding-spat-puts-upstate-bus-systems-impasse/7952507/>

Anna Lee

What has been described as a strained relationship between the region's two public transit systems has reached a new impasse with millions of federal dollars at stake. Since being included in the Greenville urbanized area last June, Clemson city officials say funding for their bus system, Clemson Area Transit, has been cut because of a "take it or leave it" deal that favors the bigger Greenlink bus system.

Associated Press: Charleston dedicating park to abuse prevention

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ga2qrjEt

The City of Charleston is joining with child protection groups in dedicating a small park in the South Carolina city's historic district. Mayor Joe Riley joins representatives of the Lowcountry Children's Center and the Children's Trust of South Carolina on Monday in dedicating the park to an effort to prevent child abuse.

National News:

New York Times: Health Law Fund-Raising Is Detailed

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/21/us/politics/health-law-fund-raising-is-detailed.html?ref=todayspaper>

Robert Pear

The Government Accountability Office provided new details on Sunday of how the Obama administration raised money from outside organizations to promote enrollment in health insurance under the health care law. Republicans said such solicitations were meant to circumvent limits on government spending imposed

by Congress.

Washington Free Beacon: The Black Book of Tom Steyer

<http://freebeacon.com/politics/the-black-book-of-tom-steyer/>

Lachlan Markay

The former hedge fund of one of the Democratic Party's most important donors was allegedly involved in a scheme to defraud foreign investors out of tens of millions of dollars, according to documents filed in a Texas court.

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