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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Pharmaceutical plant announces expansion, could add 65 jobs

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/17/3687432/pharmaceutical-plant-announces.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

Pharmaceutical products manufacturer The Ritedose Corp. announced Wednesday it plans to expand its Columbia facility and add 65 jobs over five years. The \$100 million expansion could add more than 80,000 square feet of space to the company's existing 120,000-square-foot manufacturing and packaging facility, the company said in a press release.

Note: Company representatives were joined by Gov. Nikki Haley and state and local officials in making the announcement its headquarters in the Carolina Research Park.

Times and Democrat: Ritedose Corp. announces Richland expansion

http://thetandd.com/business/ritedose-corp-announces-richland-expansion/article_cfe3c202-3e95-11e4-870e-971ea4aacfcb.html

The Ritedose Corp., a leading pharmaceutical products manufacturer, announced Wednesday that it has decided to expand its operations in South Carolina and add additional capacity to the company's Richland County facility.

Note: Company representatives were joined by Gov. Nikki Haley and state and local officials in making the announcement at the Columbia headquarters at 1 Technology Circle in the Carolina Research Park, where the company has operated for nearly 20 years.

WSAV: Government Officials Exploring Possibility of Off-Shore Oil Drilling

<http://www.wsav.com/story/26559717/government-officials-exploring-possibility-of-off-shore-oil-drilling>

Ashleigh Holland

It's a controversial topic now gaining momentum not only in the Coastal Empire and Lowcountry, but along the entire Atlantic coastline. Now, the Obama Administration is talking offshore drilling on the East Coast. But could it impact our tourist-driven economy? And is it worth the drill?

Note: Some believe it's worth a try, like Governor Nikki Haley. In a comment, she writes: "The 2017-2022 program should include statewide input on exploration buffer zones to balance industry needs against preservation of our coastal aesthetic.

Sun News: Startek boosts Myrtle Beach hiring as grand opening nears

http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/09/17/4479798_startek-boosts-myrtle-beach-hiring.html?sp=99/101/&rh=1

Steve Jones

Startek is ramping up its hiring in Myrtle Beach in anticipation of moving into its new building, but company officials have not yet confirmed an Oct. 13 grand opening date that's been publicly announced.

Note: Dendy said the reason for announcing the unconfirmed date is because S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley's office has given it as a date when she would be able to attend the ceremony.

S.C. Political News:

The State: 2016 in SC: Rand Paul hitting college campuses

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/17/3687434/2016-in-sc-rand-paul-hitting-college.html>

Andrew Shain

Republican Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, a 2016 White House hopeful, will visit a pair of South Carolina college campuses later this month, the state GOP party announced Wednesday. Paul has visited the first Southern state with a 2016 presidential primary several times in recent years. He headlined a fundraising

barbecue for U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-Indian Land, last month.

Post and Courier: Young Democrat Bakari Sellers seeks to make history as lieutenant governor

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140517/PC1603/140519389>

Cynthia Roldan

There are only a few weeks left in this year's legislative session and Bakari Sellers is running out of time. Sellers, D-Denmark, is not seeking re-election for his seat as a representative of Bamberg County and he's working against the clock to get legislation passed, while many of his colleagues have dropped their efforts in favor of trying again next year.

Associated Press: Pro-Hillary Clinton group helping Senate Democrats

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140917/PC1603/140919482>

Ken Thomas

A pro-Hillary Rodham Clinton super PAC is dispatching staffers to key states before the fall elections and helping Senate candidates with fundraising, laying the foundation for a potential Clinton presidential bid in 2016.

Note: The states include Alaska, Arkansas, Louisiana and North Carolina, home to competitive Senate campaigns, and the early presidential voting states of Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

McClatchy DC: Benghazi first hearing criticizes State Dept security

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/09/17/benghazi-hearings-begin-today/15769795/>

Mary Orndorf Troyan

The special House committee investigating the 2012 terror attack in Benghazi, debuted Wednesday in less confrontational style than previous congressional hearings on the issue. The panel's first public hearing focused mostly on whether the State Department has learned its lesson about security. U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy of South Carolina, the panel's Republican chairman, said the State Department has a history of resisting change.

Associated Press: Benghazi probe looks set to go deep in 2016 race

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

Bradley Klapper

The Republican chairman of a special House panel on Benghazi charted a course Wednesday for his investigation to stretch deep into a 2016 presidential election that former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton seems likely to enter.

Washington Examiner: Tea Party group pushes Gowdy for speaker

http://washingtonexaminer.com/tea-party-group-pushes-gowdy-for-speaker/article/2553548?custom_click=rss

Betsy Woodruff

The Tea Party Leadership Fund is starting its effort with a website and a Facebook page as well as an email soliciting petition signatures and donations on the same day that the South Carolina Republican is leading hearings on the attacks in Benghazi, Libya.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Ex-governors urge citizenship test for students

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=eR6NhCS8

Seanna Adcox

Three former South Carolina governors are pushing for high school students to take the same test that immigrants must pass to become a U.S. citizen. Former Gov. Dick Riley said civics education must become a higher priority, calling it critical for the country's future that teenagers gain a basic knowledge of American civics.

Greenville News: Proposal would ask students to take civics test.

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/09/17/law-proposed-require-students-pass-civics-test/15772205/>

Tim Smith

A group that is being led by three former South Carolina governors is asking lawmakers to ask high school students to take the same civics test required of those seeking citizenship. Taking the test would not be mandatory. And passage of the test would not be required but those scoring 60 or more on the 100-question test would get credit to their final grade point average, organizers said.

Post and Courier: S.C. high school students might be asked to take immigrant civics test
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140917/PC1610/140919504/1177/sc-high-school-students-might-be-asked-to-take-immigrant-civics-test>

Robert Behre

South Carolina's high school students could be urged to take the same United States civics test given to immigrants who are seeking citizenship, if three former governors get their way. South Carolina is one of seven states looking at legislation that would give students special incentive to take - and pass - the national citizenship test.

Post and Courier: South Carolina domestic violence reform committee begins work with 'no preconceived ideas'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140917/PC16/140919508>

Glenn Smith

A variety of experts lined up Wednesday to tell state lawmakers how to combat South Carolina's deadly toll from domestic violence. But a Lexington prosecutor said the major hurdle will be overcoming a culture that has allowed the problem to fester for decades.

Post and Courier: Beating victim hopes domestic violence panel yields reform

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140917/PC16/140919483>

Doug Pardue

Carrie Cassidy never traveled much more than 20 miles out of her Corbin, Ky., home in the heart of Appalachian coalfields until earlier this year when she moved to Myrtle Beach with her boyfriend. She confesses they had some fights in an up-and-down relationship over the past four years, but she thought the move, and his new job in maintenance at a Grand Strand hotel, would be a new beginning.

Associated Press: Univ of SC gets \$8M alternative medicine grant

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dNocasU4

The University of South Carolina has received a federal grant for its alternative medicine center. The school said Wednesday that its Complementary Alternative Medicine had received an \$8 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. South Carolina says the center is one of only 11 of its kind in the United States.

Post and Courier: Charleston's port chief gets 7-year contract extension, raise, bonus

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140917/PC05/140919473>

John McDermott

The State Ports Authority is giving its chief executive officer a raise, a performance bonus and a seven-year contract extension. Six other senior managers at the Charleston-based maritime agency also were approved for salary increases and incentive pay.

Local News:

Sun News: Horry delegation schedules meeting on HOAs

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/09/17/4480018/horry-delegation-schedules-meeting.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1>

Steve Jones

Horry County's legislative delegation has set a late October meeting to hear about concerns over homeowners associations. Delegation members hope to hear from both sides during the Oct. 29 meeting, but most already feel that the great majority of associations are well-run and that numerous problems come from those that aren't.

Island Packet: Beaufort plans to reduce enrollment, financial support to ACE

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/16/3317895/beaufort-plans-to-reduce-enrollment.html?sp=/99/257/266/>

Sarah Bowman

Although the Beaufort County School District has decided it wants to significantly expand its own technical-

education programs, it has been unclear how that would affect its participation in the vocational school it jointly runs with Jasper County.

National News:

Washington Post: Amid skepticism, House approves Obama's Iraq-Syria military strategy
http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/congress-poised-to-approve-obamas-iraq-syria-military-strategy-amid-skepticism/2014/09/17/c2494df2-3e85-11e4-b0ea-8141703bbf6f_story.html

Ed O'Keefe, Paul Kane

The House on Wednesday approved President Obama's plan to train and equip moderate Syrian rebels to counter the growing threat of the Islamic State terrorist organization even though lawmakers in both parties remain deeply skeptical about its chances for success.

New York Times: House Votes to Authorize Aid to Syrian Rebels in ISIS Fight
<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/18/us/politics/house-vote-isis.html>

Jonathan Weisman

A House divided along unusual and unpredictable lines voted Wednesday to authorize the training and arming of Syrian rebels to confront the militant group Islamic State, backing President Obama after he personally pleaded for support. The 273-to-156 vote was over a narrow military measure with no money attached, but it took on outsized importance and was infused with drama.

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