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S.C. Same-Sex Marriage News

Greenville News: SC Supreme Court halts same-sex marriage licenses

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/10/09/know-gay-marriage-sc/16968551/>

Lyn Riddle

With the South Carolina Supreme Court holding off a Charleston judge who wanted to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, attention now turns to the federal court, where a lawsuit challenges the state's constitutional amendment that says marriage is between one man and one woman.

Note: South Carolina Attorney General Wilson, who along with Gov. Nikki Haley is a defendant in the case, denied all assertions.

The State: SC's top court orders gay marriage put on hold

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/09/3733962/breaking-sc-supreme-court-tells.html>

Clif LeBlanc

The state's highest court on Thursday halted the issuance of marriage licenses to same-sex couples until a federal court case in South Carolina challenging the constitutionality of the ban is settled. Even with that unanimous decision by the S.C. Supreme Court, the contentious issue left two local probate judges, who issue licenses, with opposing responses.

Post and Courier: S.C. Supreme Court puts gay marriage licenses on hold

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141009/PC1610/141009407>

Cynthia Roldan, Robert Behre

The S.C. Supreme Court's ruling came one day after Charleston County Probate Judge Irvin Condon said he would issue licenses to same sex couples in the wake of Monday's U.S. Supreme Court decision not to review a case overturning Virginia's gay marriage ban.

Associated Press: Supreme Court inaction leaves gay couples in limbo

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=p1Z8UYaU

Mitch Weiss

Days after the U.S. Supreme Court decided not to hear any appeals from states trying to uphold gay marriage bans, Diane Ansley and Cathy McGaughey waited for hours in a church basement for a federal judge's order that would finally allow them to exchange their vows.

Note: In South Carolina, which had not yet had its law overturned and where the attorney general vowed to keep fighting for it, there was even more confusion after a probate court judge on Wednesday accepted a marriage license application from a gay couple.

Note: The South Carolina Supreme Court on Thursday ordered state probate courts not to issue same-sex marriage licenses until a federal judge decides whether the state constitution's ban on the unions is legal.

Gov. Nikki Haley News:

Island Packet: Child who inspired cannabidiol law receives first doses

http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/09/3362222_child-who-inspired-cannabidiol.html?sp=/99/100/&rh=1

Matt McNab

It took only a simple phrase to see how Mary Louise Swing's life would improve from cannabidiol. On vacation with family in Myrtle Beach last weekend, Mary Louise stunned her mother, Jill, and a roomful of relatives with a simple "Hi everybody" as she got out of bed. For 6-year-old Mary Louise, who suffers from intractable epilepsy, it was a small, uplifting first step

Aiken Standard: Edward N. Giobbe named to state investment board

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141009/AIK0407/141009386>

Edward N. Giobbe has been elected chairman of the South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission which manages five state pension funds totaling \$29 billion. He was appointed to the commission by Gov. Nikki Haley.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The State: Tax deals reaped donations for SC Gov. Haley, opponent says

http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/09/3735040_exclusive-tax-deals-reaped-donations.html?rh=1

Andrew Shain

Gov. Nikki Haley has received about \$130,000 in campaign and inaugural contributions from two-dozen companies that received tax breaks, grants and other economic-development incentives from the state, according to one of her November election opponents.

Note: Haley's campaign said the business contributions are a sign of approval for the Lexington Republican's policies, including announcing 57,000 jobs that helped lower the state's jobless rate.

Note: "The governor's opponents can whine all they want, but the great news for South Carolina is ... we have one of the fastest growing economies on the East Coast," Haley campaign spokeswoman Chaney Adams said. "That didn't happen by accident. Gov. Haley's pro-jobs agenda is working for the people of our state."

Aiken Standard: Lt. Governor Candidate McMaster to speak at Republican Club meeting

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141009/AIK0101/141009401/1004>

The Aiken Republican Club will play host to lieutenant governor candidate Henry McMaster at its October luncheon. McMaster is the Republican nominee for the lieutenant governor seat after winning the GOP runoff in June. His opponent is Democratic S.C. Rep. Bakari Sellers.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Sellers endorsed by S.C. Realtors

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141010/PC1603/141019945/1031/palmetto-sunrise-sellers-endorsed-by-sc-realtors>

Cynthia Roldan

Democratic Lt. Gov. hopeful Bakari Sellers has received the endorsement of the South Carolina Realtors trade association. According to a press release, the group endorsed Sellers on Thursday. They also endorsed Gov. Nikki Haley earlier this month.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Gay marriage in S.C.

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141010/PC1002/141019948>

Editorial

There should be no surprise over the state Supreme Court's decision to block the issuance of marriage licenses for gay couples in South Carolina, at least until a U.S. District judge rules on a pending case here. Nor should there be any surprise over Attorney General Alan Wilson's request to that end.

Post and Courier: Why won't Graham debate T-Rav? Duh

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141010/PC16/141019984>

Brian Hicks

Lindsey Graham has shown a lot of guts over the years. The second-term U.S. senator has been one of the few Republicans unafraid to stand up to those hyper-critical tea partiers who have, shall we say, a less-than-passing acquaintance with political reality.

Post and Courier: Tiny plastic, big problem

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141009/PC1002/141009369>

Editorial

Most people don't spend much time thinking about trash. Whether waste ends up in a trash can, recycling bin or flushed down the drain, it's out of sight and out of mind. But the things that people throw away don't disappear. They pile up in landfills, turn into new products or break down in the environment.

Greenville News: Celebrate Greenville's Falls Park

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/10/09/editorial-celebrate-greenvilles-falls->

[park/16986987/](http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/09/3734765/bolton-should-columbia-sc-consider.html)

Editorial

Imagine, if you can, what downtown Greenville would look like without Falls Park and its signature Liberty Bridge. It's hard to do, even if you've lived in the area much more than a decade and have forgotten that you had never set eyes on the rushing falls below the concrete monster known as Camperdown Way Bridge until 10 years ago.

The State: Should Columbia, SC, consider tougher bar restrictions?

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/09/3734765/bolton-should-columbia-sc-consider.html>

Warren Bolton

COLUMBIA ISN'T alone in its struggle to respond to crime, neighborhood complaints and other concerns that come with robust entertainment districts such as Five Points that thrive due to a concentration of bars.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: S.C. Department of Insurance expects slight increase for 2015 health plans

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141010/PC16/141019966>

Lauren Sausser

Obamacare isn't driving health insurance premiums through the roof in South Carolina. In fact, individual plans sold through HealthCare.gov or directly by insurance companies should only increase by about 1 percent in this state next year.

Sun News: S.C. Rep. Clemmons: Myrtle Beach-based PAC not part of any State House investigation

http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/10/09/4528071_sc-rep-clemmons-myrtle-beach-based.html?sp=/99/134/&rh=1#storylink=cpy

David Wren

A Leadership PAC affiliated with state Rep. Alan Clemmons, R-Myrtle Beach, is not a part of any investigation into legislative ethics at the State House, Clemmons told The Sun News on Thursday, adding that he supports legislation banning the controversial political action committees and is in the process of shutting down his organization.

The State: How is SC prepared to deal with Ebola?

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/09/3734646/how-is-sc-prepared-to-deal-with.html>

Joey Holleman

With the first Ebola death in the U.S. dominating headlines, South Carolina health leaders on Thursday addressed the state Senate Medical Affairs Committee on the state's preparations for dealing with a potential outbreak of the deadly virus.

Greenville News: Petition drive starts for S.C. recall elections

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/10/09/petition-drive-starts-sc-recall-elections/16986539/>

Tim Smith

Voters on Wednesday filled a box with cards petitioning lawmakers for such elections at the State Fair in the first eight hours they had the chance, said Jim Rex, a former state education superintendent and the chairman of the American Party South Carolina, which is conducting the drive.

Anderson Independent: Trustees review Clemson's roles in economy, farming

http://www.independentmail.com/news/trustees-review-clemsons-roles-in-economy-farming_52474232

Michael Eads

Clemson's effect on the South Carolina economy was a hot topic of conversation between university administrators and the board of trustees Thursday. Work to consolidate and strengthen Clemson's economic development work around the state is progressing, according to John Ballato, vice president of economic development, who addressed an afternoon committee meeting.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Florence Morning News: Graham applauds Florence's efforts, addresses issues

http://www.snow.com/news/business/article_06e857b0-500f-11e4-ab29-001a4bcf6878.html

Gavin Jackson

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., applauded the efforts of the Florence community in a speech Thursday, calling it an example of what's worth fighting for as he gave a somber outlook on the domestic and international issues facing the country.

Aiken Standard: U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson talks national issues, Ebola response at Aiken meeting
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141010/AIK0101/141009390/1004/us-rep-joe-wilson-talks-national-issues-ebola-response-at-aiken-meeting>

Derrek Asberry

U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., brought his perspective on national issues to the residents of Aiken County during his address at Thursday night's Aiken Republican Party meeting. The meeting began with several students playing the national anthem, but transitioned into detail on job-related issues, including off-shore drilling.

Anderson Independent: Duncan: Quarantine travelers to stop spread of Ebola
http://www.independentmail.com/news/duncan-quarantine-travelers-to-stop-spread-of-ebola_07001556

Kirk Brown

U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan said Thursday that quarantining aid workers and others who have traveled from West Africa would be a sensible step to prevent the spread of Ebola. It can take up to three weeks for people infected with Ebola to develop symptoms, according to medical experts.

Local News:

Aiken Standard: Groceries not impacted by sales tax vote
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141009/AIK0101/141009389/1004/groceries-not-impacted-by-sales-tax-vote>

Dustin Turner

A group opposing the one percent education sales tax proposal on Wednesday pointed to the added cost of groceries as a reason to vote "NO." The only problem with that argument is that it appears to be untrue.

The State: Greenville developer pays \$1.5 million for 14 acres where Columbia's \$35 million stadium will stand

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/09/3735031/greenville-developer-pays-15-million.html#storylink=cpy>

Clif LeBlanc

Greenville developer Bob Hughes has bought the first of his long-optioned property on the Bull Street campus in downtown Columbia, some 14 acres that is to include the site for the city's new minor-league baseball stadium.

Anderson Independent: Urgent-care clinics, insurer resolve dispute
http://www.independentmail.com/news/urgentcare-clinics-insurer-resolve-dispute_35827781

Kirk Brown

The owner of an urgent-care clinic in Anderson and the state's top health-insurance company have resolved a dispute, officials said Thursday. As a result, MEDcare Urgent Care's six clinics will remain in BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina's networks of providers. One of MEDcare's clinics is located on North Fant Street across from AnMed Health Medical Center.

National News:

FiveThirtyEight: Senate Update: Republican Fortunes Rise In Alaska
<http://fivethirtyeight.com/datalab/senate-update-republican-fortunes-rise-in-alaska/>

Harry Enten

Since we launched our Senate forecast, one thing hasn't changed: Republicans have been favorites to win a majority. That's despite some craziness in Kansas and South Dakota, as well as Democrats remaining competitive in Georgia. A large part of this consistent Republican edge is due to increasing GOP chances in Alaska.

CNN: Obama: GOP immigration stance is political suicide
http://www.cnn.com/2014/10/09/politics/obama-gop-immigration-stance/index.html?hpt=po_t1

Eric Bradner

Republicans are committing political suicide and putting the support of an entire generation on the line by

opposing an overhaul of U.S. immigration laws, President Barack Obama said Thursday night. "It's anybody's guess how Republicans are thinking about this," Obama said during a town hall event in Santa Monica, California. "If they were thinking long-term politically, it is suicide for them not to do this."

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