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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Rock Hill Herald: South Carolina heralds unemployment stats; some economists see numbers differently
<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/business/article35867436.html>

Don Worthington

South Carolina officials trumpeted the latest unemployment figures Friday, noting a 0.4 percent month-to-month drop was the largest one-month decline in more than 30 years during August. The Department of Employment and Workforce reported Friday that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from 6.4 percent in July to 6 percent in August.

Note: “These numbers reflect the fact that more South Carolinians are working than any time in history,” Gov. Nikki Haley said in a statement.

S.C. Political News:

The State: Most S.C. GOP voters favor a non-politician for president

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article35845356.html>

Andrew Shain

South Carolina GOP primary voters are throwing more support behind the three non-politicians in the Republican field – New York business mogul Donald Trump, retired Maryland neurosurgeon Ben Carson and former California chief executive Carly Fiorina – than voters in other early primary states and nationwide.

Post and Courier: Two more women poised to join South Carolina’s ‘men’s club’

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150919/PC1603/150929953/1177/two-more-women-poised-to-join-south-carolina-x2019-s-x2018-men-x2019-s-club-x2019>

Cynthia Roldan

Margie Bright Matthews recently won the Democratic primary for the vacant Senate District 45 seat formerly held by slain pastor and state Sen. Clementa Pinckney. State Rep. Mia McLeod, a Columbia Democrat, has announced her intention to seek the District 22 seat held by Joel Lourie, who does not plan to seek re-election in 2016.

Post and Courier: Age isn’t a virtue when it comes to voting machines

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150919/PC1603/150919326/1031&source=RSS>

Robert Behre

New York University School of Law’s Brennan Center for Justice released a report last week saying when Americans head to the polls for next year’s presidential election, 43 states, including South Carolina, will be using electronic voting machines that are at least a decade old.

Social media darling: A new study found that Sen. Tim Scott is the most responsive of all U.S. senators when it comes to answering tweets and Facebook posts.

Straw poll winners and losers: Lowcountry Republicans who joined together to fill one of Cinebarre’s theaters for last week’s second GOP presidential debate have spoken.

Putting on the green: The Conservation Voters of South Carolina, one of the state’s leading environmental groups, presented its Green Tie Awards last week to recognize conservation leadership.

Presidential candidate visits: GOP contender and businesswoman Carly Fiorina will visit Charleston on Monday, with appearances at The Citadel and then the Greater Lowcountry Republican Club, which meets at the Charleston County Club, at 1:30 p.m.

The State: The Buzz: A secret Myrtle Beach interstate meeting?

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article35848671.html>

Cassie Cope

S.C. Department of Transportation Commissioner Mike Wooten sent an email on Aug. 14 to Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce head Brad Dean requesting a private presentation Aug. 25 on the results of an Interstate 73 study.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Charleston has already won by inspiring others

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150920/PC16/150929992>

Brian Hicks

Illinois state Sen. Donne Trotter was in Charleston this past week to remember an old friend. He had known the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, also a state senator, for many years. Although they lived 800 miles apart, they ran into each other often at national legislative conventions. They shared a common interest in health care — particularly for women, children and the poor.

Post and Courier: Residential solar power options expanding in South Carolina

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150920/PC05/150929994>

David Slade

South Carolina homeowners who are thinking about putting solar panels on their roofs are getting more choices, as leasing becomes an option. Residential solar became an attractive option in the state just this year, when investor-owned utilities, primarily SCE&G and Duke, reached agreements that settled longstanding issues about costs.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Waiting too long for answers

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20150920/OPINION/150919651/1128?Title=Waiting-too-long-for-answers>

Editorial

Paul and Angie Hammond are correct when they say they've waited long enough to see the dashboard video taken when their son was killed by a Seneca police officer. It was July 26 when Lt. Mark Tiller shot Zachary Hammond, 19, in a Hardee's parking lot.

Times and Democrat: SCSU has reason to tout numbers on starting pay

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/scsu-has-reason-to-tout-numbers-on-starting-pay/article_aed94411-f33b-54a5-afc1-8b9bc5d80e8f.html

Editorial

Earning a college degree can increase a person's skill set, job prospects and net worth. But with rising college costs, from where the student chooses to get the degree can make a big difference. SmartAsset, a New York financial technology company, looked at five factors to determine the best value colleges and universities: tuition, student living costs, scholarship and grant offerings, retention rate and starting salary.

The State: What Costco means to Richland County (hint: It's not just the prices)

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scopepe/article35839977.html#storylink=cpy>

Cindid Ross Scopepe

TWO YEARS AGO, the Richland County Council was poised to pay Costco \$3 million to open one of its popular warehouse stores in the Midlands, people raised objections, and an amazing thing happened: The talks broke down, apparently because council members started to recognize their own folly.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Charleston church hosts PBS town-hall conversation on aftermath of Emanuel AME killings

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150919/PC16/150919249>

Christina Elmore

Standing to his feet with hunched shoulders drawing him closer to a microphone inches from his face, a white man looked into the eyes of a black journalist on Saturday and said he had been "taught wrong" about race. The grief that overcame him in the fallout of what has come to be known by some as the deadliest hate crime in South Carolina made that much clear, he said.

Greenville News: Law enforcement claims cost state \$17 million

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2015/09/19/law-enforcement-claims-cost-state->

[million/72488562/](#)

Tim Smith

Stanley Brown lay on the ground on a Charleston street for about two minutes following a police chase in 2010 when he felt "something hit me in the back" and he blacked out, he later testified. Police testified an officer had made a "knee strike" aimed at Brown's upper thigh that ended up near his rib cage after Brown moved.

Associated Press: Legal issues in Episcopal split going to SC Supreme Court

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=nQ0D8rAB

Bruce Smith

South Carolina's highest court this week hears arguments in the legal fight stemming from the acrimonious split in the Episcopal Church in eastern South Carolina. The conservative Diocese of South Carolina, dating to 1785 and one of the original dioceses that joined to form the Episcopal Church, left the national church in 2012 amid differences over theological issues, including the authority of Scripture and the ordination of gays.

Post and Courier: Communities should support 'left behind' schools, district leaders say

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150919/PC16/150919325>

Jennifer Berry Hawes, Adam Parker

Outside North Charleston High's first football game of the school year, people line up to get into an event few normally attend. Inside, blue and yellow balloons bobble around stands crammed with a blend of white and black fans. They look like the Park Circle community beyond the stadium, quite unlike the school itself.

The State: Sharper picture emerges of suspected Charleston shooter Dylann Roof

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article35836482.html>

Avery Wilks, John Monk, Harrison Cahill

Friends who opened their home to Dylann Roof this spring are painting a sharper picture of Roof as well as his actions the June morning before he allegedly gunned down nine parishioners in a historic black church in downtown Charleston.

Greenville News: Mobile team bridges the health-care gap

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2015/09/18/mobile-team-bridges-health-care-gap/72406270/>

Liv Osby

Roger Dobbs and Darin Thomas pull their white SUV into the driveway of a modest wood-frame home in Greenville's Dunean community. Grabbing their medical bags and laptops, they head inside where Ray Ponder greets them with a warm smile and words of welcome.

Local News:

Florence Morning News: Otis Elevator sees growth in Pee Dee

http://www.scnow.com/news/business/article_fa16ec3c-5f1b-11e5-ba64-575bdc2612b3.html

Joe Perry

Otis Elevator is having a good problem. The internationally known people - moving experts recently announced 50 new jobs and an expansion of office space that will bring the company's all-in-one facility here to 440,000 square feet. New hires might not have their own workspace yet, but that's OK.

Island Packet: Beaufort County schools chief accused of nepotism before

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/education/article35860992.html>

Erin Heffernan

The recent hiring of Superintendent Jeff Moss' wife by the Beaufort County School District is not the first time she has been hired for a high-level position in a district where her husband served in a top post, nor is it the first time questions have been raised about its appropriateness.

Island Packet: GOP club calls on Moss to resign

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/education/article35675535.html>

The president of the Greater Republican Club called on Beaufort County School Superintendent Jeff Moss to resign today. In an emailed statement, club president Joseph Iaco said: "Today, there were more allegations revealed in the Island Packet that Dr. Jeffrey Moss employed his wife as a contractor for 5

months earlier this year.

Associated Press: Greenwood mayor charged with DUI after wife's birthday party

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Y4z7r05s

The mayor of Greenwood is accused of driving drunk after his wife's birthday party. The Index-Journal of Greenwood reports (<http://bit.ly/1Kt3G0Q>) that Welborn Adams was arrested early Saturday and charged with driving under the influence after being stopped at a Highway Patrol checkpoint.

National News:

MSNBC: Scott Walker implodes, Carly Fiorina soars in new CNN poll

<http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/scott-walker-implodes-carly-fiorina-soars-new-cnn-poll>

Benjy Sarlin

The first major national poll since the second GOP debate finds Carly Fiorina surging into a second place and Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker's campaign in total collapse. The survey by CNN of 444 registered Republican voters put Donald Trump in first place with 24% support, a drop of 8 points since their last poll, and Fiorina in second place with 15%.

Associated Press: GOP candidate Ben Carson: Muslim shouldn't be elected president

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20150920/AIK0104/150929984/1004/gop-candidate-ben-carson-muslim-shouldn-x2019-t-be-elected-president>

Hope Yen

Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson says Islam is antithetical to the Constitution, and he doesn't believe that a Muslim should be elected president. Carson, a devout Christian, says a president's faith should matter to voters if it runs counter to the values and principles of America.

Associated Press: Trump's latest policy paper marks departure on gun control

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Inm5sOow

Jill Colvin

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, who once advocated certain gun control measures, says he is a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment and that gun rights should not be infringed upon.

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