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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley: To recruit business, think like a business leader
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150612/PC05/150619722>

David Wren

For Gov. Nikki Haley, something as simple as the way someone answers the telephone can make a difference in recruiting industry.

Note: “As silly as it sounds, we had all of our public servants in South Carolina start answering the phones with ‘It’s a great day in South Carolina, how may I help you?’ ” Haley said this week before a federal panel of business leaders looking to improve foreign trade.

Note: “They hated that so much,” Haley said of state employees’ reaction to the mandate. “But the whole point was that we wanted them to enjoy where they work and to remind them who it was they work for.”

GSA Business: S.C. pays off nearly \$1B federal loan to cover jobless benefits

<http://gsabusiness.com/news/54772-s-c-pays-off-nearly-1b-federal-loan-to-cover-jobless-benefits>

South Carolina has paid off a nearly \$1 billion federal loan used to help cover unemployment benefits since 2008. The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce made the final \$120 million payment today to the U.S. Department of Labor, ahead of the scheduled November deadline.

Note: “Restoring solvency to the state’s unemployment trust fund is another step in our state becoming debt free,” said Gov. Nikki Haley, who announced the news at a Statehouse news conference along with DEW executive director Cheryl Stanton and members of the General Assembly. The early payoff “is quantitative proof that our citizens are finding work, businesses are strengthening our workforce and economy, DEW is cracking down on fraudulent claims and South Carolina is open for business,” Haley added.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Associated Press: Much work remains before a state budget is possible

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3PNw94tS

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina legislators' chief responsibility when they reconvene Tuesday for a special session will be passing a state budget for the fiscal year that starts just two weeks later. But with parts of the budget package still up for debate on both chambers' floors, it appears highly unlikely a final spending plan will be possible before July 1. A six-member committee of House and Senate members must reach a compromise on the chambers' differing spending plans.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: As bachelorhood questioned, Lindsey Graham reveals he almost married

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150612/PC1603/150619770>

Schuyler Kropf

Lindsey Graham, whose bachelorhood became the focal point of his presidential campaign in the past week, nearly got married in his late 20s while serving in the Air Force in Europe, South Carolina’s senior U.S. senator said Friday. The woman, whom Graham identified only as Sylvia, was a flight attendant for the German airline Lufthansa. She was of Hungarian descent but opted to stay with her ailing mother in Austria rather than join Graham in returning home to South Carolina, he said.

The State: As his bachelorhood goes viral, SC’s Graham shares details of his personal life

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article23861602.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

He may not be polling high in his bid for the White House, but U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham's bachelorhood is getting him a lot of national media attention. The Seneca Republican has faced questions about his unmarried status in previous campaigns. But requests for details about his personal life have picked up since Graham said he would seek the GOP nomination for president earlier this month.

The State: Hillary Clinton headed to Charleston area for 2nd SC stop

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

Jamie Self

Hillary Clinton is heading to the Lowcountry on Wednesday for her second visit to South Carolina since announcing her White House bid. The 2016 Democratic frontrunner will hold a forum in the Charleston area focused on youth job training and apprenticeship programs, a campaign aide said, adding that more details about the stop will be released later.

Associated Press: Clinton campaign holding watch parties in South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=UsL9F5fl

South Carolina supporters are getting ready for the official launch of Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton's campaign. While Clinton enters the campaign with a speech late Saturday morning at Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Park on Roosevelt Island, New York, her campaign says supporters will gather in Greenville, Charleston and Columbia to watch her remarks live.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Florence Morning News: Gov. Haley should work with leader of the Senate

http://www.scnw.com/opinion/article_70c098b6-1141-11e5-9752-4b020232ae51.html

Editorial

The legislature has the power in South Carolina government. Now in her second term and fifth year as governor, Nikki Haley still doesn't seem to have gotten that memo. She wants to be a dictator. She needs to be an orchestrator. Once upon a time, the governor's role was to broker compromises between Republicans and Democrats in the S.C. Senate and the S.C. House.

Post and Courier: Dems derail Obama on trade

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150613/PC1002/150619700>

Editorial

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi led her Democratic troops Friday in a stinging, misguided rebuff to President Barack Obama's trade agenda. They did so by paradoxically opposing help for workers displaced by imports.

Post and Courier: Don't give up on free trade: Pass the TPA

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150613/PC1002/150619707>

Mark Sanford

On Friday, I voted for Trade Promotion Authority, the so-called TPA, and given the number of concerns I have heard, wanted to write about it. For me, the vote boiled down to several questions. Is my belief in the concept of free trade bigger than my concerns with this president? Is TPA something out of the ordinary? What is at stake here beyond trade itself?

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Post and Courier: Rep. Jeff Duncan takes issue with migratory bird protections

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150612/PC16/150619746/1006/>

Bo Petersen

The bald eagle and countless other species of birds are protected by a century-old federal law that a South Carolina congressman is trying to alter. Bird conservation groups are horrified. The National Audubon Society, among others, is fighting the appropriations bill amendment proposed by U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan, R-S.C.

Aiken Standard: Rep. Wilson drafts cybersecurity bill after federal data breach

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20150612/AIK0101/150619810/1004/rep-wilson-drafts-cybersecurity-bill-after-federal-data-breach>

Derrek Asberry

As many as 14 million past and current federal employees have fallen victim to the recent cyberattack incident, prompting a measure from U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., that asks the federal government to conduct a study on cyberattack standards of measurement.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Panel: Affordable housing a growing problem in Charleston region

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150612/PC05/150619747>

Warren L. Wise

Everyone at a housing summit in North Charleston Friday agreed affordability is a growing problem in the Lowcountry. Solutions proved more elusive. "More than 50 percent of the households in the region spend about 50 percent of their income on housing," said Michelle Mapp, executive director of the South Carolina Community Loan Fund.

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