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Governor Nikki Haley makes wager on Capital One Bowl:

Associated Press: Gov. Haley bets barbecue and beer on bowl game

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South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is betting some barbecue and beer that the Gamecocks will win their bowl game. Haley placed the friendly wager Tuesday with her colleague in Wisconsin. The South Carolina Gamecocks face the Wisconsin Badgers in the Capital One Bowl in Orlando, Fla., on Wednesday. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker put beer, brats and cheese on the line. Haley says she's confident she'll be enjoying that fare as the Gamecocks (10-2) end their season with a win. South Carolina is ranked No. 8. Wisconsin is No. 19.

Huffington Post: Nikki Haley, Scott Walker Wager Brats, Barbecue On Capital One Bowl

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/12/31/nikki-haley-scott-walker_n_4524222.html?utm_hp_ref=politics

Paige Lavender

Two GOP governors are waging a friendly bet on the Capital One Bowl, which will pit the Wisconsin Badgers against the South Carolina Gamecocks on New Year's Day. In a post on her Facebook page, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said she wagered with Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, and "on the table is Wisconsin beer, brats, and cheese or SC beer and great southern BBQ."

Greenville News: Gov. Haley bets barbecue and beer on USC bowl game

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131231/SPORTS/312310029/Gov-Haley-bets-barbecue-beer-USC-bowl-game>

Tim Smith

Gov. Nikki Haley is betting South Carolina barbecue that the University of South Carolina Gamecocks will beat the Wisconsin Badgers in Wednesday's Capital One Bowl. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, meanwhile, is betting beer, brats and cheese that the Badgers will win in the friendly wager, Haley's office said today.

Note: "We are proud of our state's college football success this season, but the season isn't over," Haley said. "As Carolina takes on Wisconsin in the Capital One Bowl, we're excited to place a friendly wager on the game with Governor Walker and look forward to enjoying Wisconsin beer, brats and cheese when the Gamecocks close out another great season with a victory over the Badgers."

The State: Nikki Haley bets barbecue for brats on bowl game but Buckeye state boss backs down

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/12/31/3184146/buzz-nikki-haley-bets-barbecue.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

Gov. Nikki Haley hopes to add to South Carolina's population of encased meats in a wager with Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker on the Capital One Bowl. Haley has bet barbecue and beer to Walker's bratwursts, cheese and beer in Wednesday's clash between the Gamecocks and Badgers. The Palmetto State gov is already bragging -- just look at the opening line of her office's news release: Confident that the University of South Carolina will win their New Year's Day matchup with the University of Wisconsin in the Capital One Bowl ...

Note: Being the diehard Clemson fan that I am, I did challenge my friend Gov. John Kaisich to a wager on the Orange Bowl. He kindly declined. I find that quite telling. Go Tigers!

Post and Courier: Capital One Bowl nutshell: Will Clowney leave in a limo? Will Nikki Haley win cheese?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131231/PC20/131239890/1177/capital-one-bowl-nutshell-will-clowney-leave-in-a-limo-will-nikki-haley-win-cheese>

The wager: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has a bet with Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker. If the Gamecocks win, Haley gets beer, bratwursts and cheese. If the Badgers win, Walker gets beer and barbecue.

WCSC: Gov. Nikki Haley confident in a USC win; bets beer and BBQ

<http://www.live5news.com/story/24335161/gov-nikki-haley-places-friendly-wager-on-usc-bowl-game>

Brittany Vollmer

Gov. Nikki Haley is confident that University of South Carolina will win their New Year's Day matchup with the University of Wisconsin in the Capital One Bowl that she placed a friendly wager with Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker. Haley has bet some of South Carolina's famous barbecue and beer that the Gamecocks will win.

Note: "We are proud of our state's college football success this season, but the season isn't over," said Gov. Nikki Haley. "As Carolina takes on Wisconsin in the Capital One Bowl, we're excited to place a friendly wager on the game with Gov. Walker and look forward to enjoying Wisconsin beer, brats and cheese when the Gamecocks close out another great season with a victory over the Badgers."

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Sun News: Myrtle Beach-area nonprofits face challenges in new year

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/12/31/3932765/editorial-myrtle-beach-area-nonprofits.html#storylink=cpy>

Editorial

Nonprofit agencies throughout Horry and Georgetown counties will need to be increasingly creative in 2014 as they seek new sources of funding and more volunteers to serve thousands of people in a variety of ways. The challenge boils down to finding "ways to serve more with less," says Anne Parker, chairman of the board of North Strand Helping Hand. That's one of her volunteer positions; she is treasurer of the board for North Strand Housing Shelter, which is set to expand, and also founding president of the Blue Star Mothers Grand Strand chapter.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: MUSC sues over patent for cholesterol drug Crestor

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

The Medical University of South Carolina is accusing a drug manufacturing giant of ripping off an MUSC scientist's intellectual property. The Post and Courier of Charleston reports (<http://bit.ly/JHdV9U>) that MUSC's Foundation for Research Development and Charleston Medical Therapeutics sued Delaware-based AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals in December for patent infringement. The federal Food and Drug Administration approved the use of cholesterol drug Crestor to treat vascular inflammation in 2010. The lawsuit says the FDA approval infringes on patents first obtained by MUSC's Dr. Inderjit Singh in 2003.

Greenville News: AAA: South Carolina had cheapest gas in 2013

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013312310042>

David Dykes

South Carolina had the lowest average gas prices in 2013, at \$3.24 a gallon, the travel group AAA said Tuesday. AAA officials said drivers nationwide last year paid an average of \$3.49 a gallon, making 2013 the least expensive year to fill up since 2010. Last year's average was significantly lower than in 2012 when consumers paid an average of \$3.60, which was the most expensive ever, AAA officials said. Gas prices in 2011 were the second highest on record at \$3.51, while 2013 holds the rank of third most expensive, the officials said.

Associated Press: SC's Sword of State missing for more than 70 years

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/12/31/5541594/scs-sword-of-state-missing-for.html#storylink=cpy>

Jeffrey Collins

For more than 230 years, a silver sword with an unusually wavy blade was a symbol of power in South Carolina. It was passed down from colonial assemblies through secessionist leaders, kept safely in its place in the state Senate chamber. But that sword — carried by the sergeant-at-arms, adding solemnity to state occasions — hasn't been seen in over 70 years. In February 1941, Sergeant-At-Arms Zed Hope couldn't find it to lead the Senate into a joint legislative session with the House.

Local News:

Greenville News: State traffic fatalities down but Greenville County's up

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013312310030>

Tim Smith

Greenville County's traffic fatalities are up over last year with one day left in 2012, even as the rest of the state has seen a "very significant" drop in road deaths. According to preliminary data provided to GreenvilleOnline.com by the state Department of Public Safety this morning, Greenville County reported traffic fatalities totaling 68 as of Monday night, up from 66 for the same time period last year. Meanwhile, statewide traffic deaths have dropped by 125 with one day left in the year, state figures show.

National News:

Associated Press: Speaker Boehner ends rough year on a high note

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0P31dn9m

Alan Fram

It says a lot about House Speaker John Boehner's rough 2013 that even friends debate when the low point hit. Some say it was Jan. 3, the first day of the 113th Congress. With the Ohio Republican's family watching from the House gallery, a dozen defiant GOP lawmakers refused to back his bid to be re-elected speaker. The mini-rebellion fell short but it delivered an embarrassing rebuke from conservatives. To others the nadir came in September. That's when Republicans ignored his advice and embraced a politically disastrous strategy of partially shutting down the government in a futile effort to force repeal of President Barack Obama's prized health care law.

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