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Governor Nikki Haley News:

WPDE: Atlantic Beach Town Council to hear Bikefest report

<http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=1066969#.U7sAlfidWSo>

The Town of Atlantic Beach will host its regular town council meeting Monday night and one of the only items on the agenda is Bikefest. The agenda features only two items, a report from the town manager and a Bikefest Report.

Note: Many, including Governor Nikki Haley, have called for Bikefest to come to an end after violence over this past Memorial Day Weekend, which is also Bikefest weekend, resulted in three deaths.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: The impact of tires at the Port of Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140707/PC1603/140709576/1031/palmetto-sunrise-the-impact-of-tires-at-the-port-of-charleston>

Cynthia Roldan

The Post and Courier's Jeremy Borden and Tyrone Richardson [noted Sunday](#) part of the deal Giti and the state struck to bring an estimated 1,700 jobs to Chester County, includes a \$35.8 million closing fund that will help officials ready the site of the plant for construction.

Rubber News: Giti seeks to strengthen global supply chain with U.S. plant

<http://www.rubbernews.com/article/20140707/NEWS/306309992/giti-seeks-to-strengthen-global-supply-chain-with-u-s-plant>

Bruce Davis

Giti Tire Group's journey to this rural, sparsely populated corner of the South Carolina Piedmont started roughly five years ago, when the company's management started looking at the firm's potential for global supply. During that time, Giti was forced to deal with a global recession and three years of elevated U.S. tariffs on imports of passenger and light truck tires from China, where it sources the majority of the tires it sells.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Post and Courier: Sen. Tim Scott to recognize Vietnam veterans

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140707/PC1603/140709571/1382&source=speed>

Schuyler Kropf

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott will host a special ceremony Aug. 2 in Columbia to honor South Carolina's Vietnam War-era veterans. The event will be held at First Baptist Church of Columbia, 1306 Hampton St., beginning at 10 a.m. Retired Marine Maj. Gen. James Livingston, a Medal of Honor recipient, will deliver the keynote address.

Washington Post: An immigration-reform silver lining?

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/right-turn/wp/2014/07/07/an-immigration-reform-silver-lining/>

Jennifer Rubin

Conventional wisdom has it that the border calamity has doomed immigration reform. There is, however, a potential silver lining to the crisis. Until now, there has been an incentive for all sides to act in counterproductive ways. GOP hardliners thought they could do nothing on reform and please their base.

The State: 6th District slated for \$7 million in federal grants

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/07/3551444/6th-district-slated-for-7-million.html>

Jamie Self

More than \$7 million in federal grants are flowing to the 6th congressional district, U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn's

office announced Monday. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security awarded \$391,238 to the S.C. Office of State Fire Marshal for a state fire training academy and \$95,665 to Jamestown Rural Fire Department for operations and safety, according to a news release from the U.S. House assistant Democratic leader's office.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: South Carolina State president gets \$50,000 bonus

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=u0h394ua

South Carolina State University President Thomas Elzey has been given a \$50,000 bonus that is in his contract if he gets a satisfactory evaluation. The Times and Democrat of Orangeburg reports (<http://bit.ly/1kvPjwQ>) that university trustees voted 8-1 last month on a satisfactory evaluation for Elzey is his first year.

The State: Mayor Benjamin no longer with Columbia law firm Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/07/3551687/mayor-benjamin-no-longer-with.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

In May 2012, when Benjamin joined the firm with the title "special counsel," the firm made the announcement with great fanfare, saying its lawyers were "ecstatic" and calling Benjamin an "exceptional lawyer and civic leader," according to a news release at the time.

Associated Press: Split among Episcopalians reaches SC courtroom

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NGX0YIN8

Jeffrey Collins

The national Episcopal church wants about \$500 million in land, buildings and other property back after a group of about 50 churches calling itself the Diocese of South Carolina split from the national church in 2012.

Post and Courier: Multimillion dollar S.C. Episcopal split heads to trial Tuesday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140707/PC16/140709560/1177&source=speed>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

Like many divorces, this one began with small tiffs that escalated. After years of arguing over theology and administrative control, disputes among Episcopalians boiled over in 2012 when the local bishop and a majority of parishes left the national church.

Associated Press: Study: Fossil soaring bird had huge wingspan

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Md2jlsoB

Malcolm Ritter

A fossil found in South Carolina has revealed a gigantic bird that apparently snatched fish while soaring over the ocean some 25 million to 28 million years ago. Its estimated wingspan of around 21 feet is bigger than the height of a giraffe.

Aiken Standard: Group to inform SRS retirees about benefits

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140707/AIK0101/140709578/1004/group-to-inform-srs-retirees-about-benefits>

Derrek Asberry

Cold War Patriots believes Savannah River Site retirees may be eligible to receive payments of up to \$400,000 that they didn't even know about, which is why the nonprofit is holding four town hall meetings next week.

Local News:

Greenville News: Greenville names police chief finalists

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/07/07/greenville-names-police-chief-finalists/12303459/>

Lyn Riddle

City of Greenville officials announced this afternoon that six men had made the final cut from 87 applications received. Three now work for the Greenville Police Department: Interim Chief Mike Gambrell, Capt. Mike Harmon and Capt. Gerald Hunt.

Florence Morning News: Timmons ville climbing out of its deep hole

http://www.snow.com/news/local/article_23f7d77a-049e-11e4-a79d-0017a43b2370.html

Gavin Jackson

The Timmons ville Town Council passed the first reading of the \$886,304 budget without even having a complete budget in hand. Members of the community haven't seen a copy, and the Morning News itself only has the expenditures of the budget. But it's something.

Greenville News: Artisphere sculpture taken away

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/07/07/artisphere-sculpture-taken-away/12291955/>

David Dykes

Crews on Monday took away the sculpture put in place for the 10th anniversary of Artisphere, a temporary move until a permanent base can be installed. The base wasn't completed in time for the unveiling in May. The sculpture was removed so a permanent lower part can be put in place, according to Kerry Murphy, Artisphere's executive director. That is expected by the end of the month.

National News:

The Hill: New Obama Initiative Stresses Equal Access To Good Teachers

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/07/07/excellent-educators-for-all_n_5562269.html?&ncid=tweetlnkushpmg00000016

Joy Resmovits

The Obama administration will announce plans on Monday to enforce a long-ignored federal mandate: a decade-old requirement that states give students of all ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds equal access to good teachers.

New York Times: When Senate Polls Start to Matter

http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2014/07/07/upshot/polling-table.html?_r=0

Josh Katz

At the risk of oversimplifying, this can be thought of as a function of two things: How big the lead is and how much time there is until the election. With this in mind, the table above displays the winning percentages for Senate candidates since 2004 broken down by their lead in the polls.

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