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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Rapid decline in SC jobless rate likely over for now

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/18/3570787/sc-jobless-rate-held-steady-in.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

South Carolina's unemployment rate, after reaching a 13-year low in April, may have bottomed out in June. For the third consecutive month, the jobless rate was stuck at 5.3 percent, according to a report from the S. C. Department of Employment and Workforce.

Note: "The fact that South Carolina's unemployment rate is at a historic 13-year low is a tremendous testament to our state's strong business environment and the hard-working people who make their home here," her spokesman, Doug Mayer, said. "The success our state has seen since 2011 – announcing nearly 57,000 jobs and over \$13 billion in new investment – is exactly the kind of economic growth Governor Haley promised to bring to our state and what she will never stop working to build upon."

Greenville News: Export-Import bank renewal debated

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/07/18/sc-politicians-debate-merits-renewing-export-import-bank/12872435/>

Mary Troyan

More than 50 South Carolina companies used the U.S. Export-Import Bank in the last seven years to help finance their international sales but there is some criticism in the congressional delegation about whether the institution is still needed.

Note: All of that business is enough for Gov. Nikki Haley and the state's two Republican senators, Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott, to support reauthorization. "Ex-Im is a vital export finance tool to the businesses in our state at no cost to American taxpayers," the three of them wrote to House and Senate leaders in late June.

Automotive News: Tire makers roll into South Carolina

State, already the top U.S. producer, adds plants

<http://www.autonews.com/article/20140719/OEM10/307219991/tire-makers-roll-into-south-carolina>

David Sedgwick

South Carolina is cementing its reputation as North America's tire capital. Five tire plants have opened or are in the works in that state, as suppliers race to alleviate a tire shortage in North America's booming automotive market. South Carolina became the nation's leading tire producer in the fourth quarter last year with estimated daily output of 89,000 tires.

Note: Another key factor, which Etzel declined to discuss, was the state's financial generosity. According to news reports, Gov. Nikki Haley earmarked a \$31 million grant to Continental for its plant.

Times and Democrat: OCSD 4 eyes expanding free lunch program

http://thetandd.com/news/ocsd-eyes-expanding-free-lunch-program/article_7c21c370-0ef8-11e4-9a0e-0019bb2963f4.html

Dale Linder-Altman

Orangeburg Consolidated School District Four is considering entering the federal Community Eligibility Provision program, which provides free lunches for all students.

Note: Additionally, Turner said there's a concern about how Gov. Nikki Haley's new poverty weighting will affect the district's poverty level. She noted that there are some indications the entry-level poverty rating will hold for three years.

The State: Political group to hold immigration protest at I-26 overpass

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/19/3572279/political-group-to-hold-immigration.html>

The anti-immigration political group Americans for Legal Immigration will hold a protest in Columbia on Saturday as part of a series of demonstrations taking place nationwide this weekend.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley announced Thursday that none of the youth are being sheltered in S.C. facilities.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Greenville News: Democratic leader calls for action on roads

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/07/18/democratic-leader-calls-action-roads/12871739/>

Angelia Davis

The leader of the state Democratic Party called Friday in Greenville for Gov. Nikki Haley to “stop the secrets” and fix roads and bridges. The Greenville News reported earlier this month that Haley said she plans to give lawmakers a proposal for new road funding, but the details wouldn’t be released until after the election, in January.

Note: Chaney Adams, a spokesman for Haley, said, “Vince Sheheen’s roads plan is simple — raise the gas tax and add more tolls and fees on the backs of South Carolina families.

Note: “Governor Haley rejects that, and she proved this year that we can move \$1 billion into road projects without raising the gas tax. She will continue to push for more road funding without a gas tax increase when the Legislature reconvenes in January.”

WIS: Political ads point out flaws for gubernatorial candidates

<http://www.wistv.com/story/26057814/political-ads-point-out-flaws-for-gubernatorial-candidates>

Will Whitson

After a short break from the airwaves, political campaigns are gearing up for the sprint to November. Now the ads are back, and the mud is flying. Attack ads on both sides of the political spectrum have hit our airwaves here in South Carolina for the governor's race.

Note: And, yes, DSS has been heavily criticized for child deaths, but Governor Haley doesn't have direct control over its daily operations.

Associated Press: SC Dems share food, politics in new headquarters

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Uz4nnpCt

Politics and prose are on the agenda as South Carolina's Democrats celebrate the opening of Sumter County's new party headquarters. Sumter County Democratic Party chairman Allen Bailey says the public is invited to Saturday's event beginning at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Another round on bar issue

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140719/PC1002/140719291/1021&source=speed>

Editorial

The city of Charleston's controversial plan to impose a midnight closing time on new peninsula bars got another look on Thursday because some City Council members have had second thoughts. It was a good idea to hear from those who will be affected by the ordinance.

Post and Courier: Time to get tough with Putin

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140719/PC1002/140719290/1021&source=speed>

Editorial

The destruction of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 over rebel-held territory of Ukraine may be the outrage that will spur closer cooperation between Europe and the United States in punishing Russia for its aggression in that area. It also could eventually serve as a wake-up call to Russian President Vladimir Putin that he has overplayed his expansionist hand.

Greenville News (Guest Column): Lawmakers' refusal to expand Medicaid hurts residents

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/contributors/2014/07/19/lawmakers-refusal-expand-medicaid-hurts-residents/12871747/>

Rep. James Clyburn

During his lifetime, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made many timely and noteworthy speeches. He is quoted frequently, and often persuasively. In a 1966 speech during the National Convention of the Medical Committee for Human Rights, Dr. King said, “Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most

shocking and inhumane.”

Index-Journal: High court takes low road — again

<http://www.indexjournal.com/Content/Opinion/Opinion/Article/High-court-takes-low-road---again/8/154/26589>
Editorial

Baffling. That is how we can best describe the state Supreme Court’s latest ruling to remove from the public eye that which should be public. Then again, perhaps it stands to reason that the same high court that determined agendas are optional for public bodies’ meetings would also rule that no one needs access to an autopsy report.

South Carolina News:

Index-Journal: SC jobless figure unchanged for 3rd month

<http://www.indexjournal.com/Content/News/News/Article/SC-jobless-figure-unchanged-for-3rd-month/4/40/26627>

Colin Riddle

South Carolina’s unemployment rate remained unchanged for the third month in a row, holding steady at 5.3 percent in June, state officials said Friday. But the state Department of Employment and Workforce reported slight increases in unemployment rates in Greenwood, Abbeville, Saluda and McCormick counties.

Greenville News: Seismic testing OK’d off SC coast

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/environment/2014/07/18/seismic-testing-okd-sc-coast/12871917/>

Mary Troyan

A controversial method for surveying oil and gas deposits under the ocean floor will be allowed along the Atlantic coastline, according to an announcement Friday by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

Associated Press: Feds approve oil exploration off US Eastern Coast

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Tqw8nrfA

Jason Dearen

The Obama administration has sided with energy developers over environmentalists, approving the use of underwater blasts of sound to pinpoint oil and gas deposits in federal Atlantic Ocean waters.

Note: While some states have passed drilling bans, Virginia and the Carolinas asked for the surveys, bureau officials explained Friday.

Associated Press: Finding oil with sound blasts, by the numbers

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=owWiW6Ns

Jason Dearen

The Obama administration on Friday approved using sonic air cannons to map offshore oil and gas in the Atlantic Ocean by measuring sound reverberating through waters shared by whales and other marine life. Some numbers to help explain it:

Times and Democrat: S.C. State budget makes cuts

http://thetandd.com/news/s-c-state-budget-makes-cuts/article_1e3fb9a6-0efd-11e4-8ba4-0019bb2963f4.html

Dale Linder-Altman

South Carolina State University trustees approved a \$75.9 million budget on Friday that spares Felton Laboratory School and the basketball program, but includes a seven-day furlough for employees. Eight of the trustees voted for the 2014-2015 budget, with Chairman Dr. William Small casting the sole dissenting vote.

Aiken Standard: Lt. Gov. McGill visits seniors’ agency

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140719/AIK0101/140719300/1004/lt-gov-mcgill-visits-seniors-agency>

Rob Novit

He said he won’t have time in the next few months to visit them all. However, McGill did visit the nonprofit Aiken Area Council on Aging on Friday, meeting with Director Scott Murphy and some senior congregants at the agency’s community room.

The State: Fort Jackson's commanding general promoted

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/18/3571923/fort-jacksons-commanding-general.html>

Fort Jackson's commanding general, Bradley A. Becker, on Friday was promoted to major general, also known as a two-star general, from the rank of brigadier general. The ceremony was held on Victory Field. Becker's new ranking is the third highest from the top position in the Army.

Local News:

The Item: Bigger workforce means bump in jobless rate

<http://www.theitem.com/stories/bigger-workforce-means-bump-in-jobless-rate,228038>

Braden Bunch

Despite an increase in jobs, the Sumter unemployment rate climbed dramatically in June, as a large number of people returned to the area workforce. According to the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce, Sumter's unemployment rate climbed 0.7 percentage points to 6.7 percent as more than 400 additional people began actively looking for work.

Rock Hill Herald: York County Council likely to defer bond referendum

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/07/18/6154625/york-county-council-likely-to.html>

Don Worthington

The York County Council will likely defer action Monday on asking residents whether to borrow \$60 million for building projects. The council wanted to hold a referendum in November for a new county government center in York, an east judicial center near Rock Hill – possibly in the Riverwalk area – and improvements to the Moss Justice Center in York.

Times and Democrat: Denmark crossroads named for Jim Harrison

http://thetandd.com/news/denmark-crossroads-named-for-jim-harrison/article_cd12cb00-0efb-11e4-9fc4-0019bb2963f4.html

Martha Rose Brown

Rep. Bakari Sellers, D-Denmark, officially presented Harrison with a framed resolution Friday which was concurrently approved by the state House of Representatives and Senate. The presentation was made in the first floor lobby of the State House.

Greenville News: Deputy fired for assisting criminals, documents show

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2014/07/18/high-level-greenville-sheriffs-deputy-fired-fbi-tip/12846851/>

Lyn Riddle

The third-highest ranking officer in the Greenville County Sheriff's Office has been fired after an internal affairs investigation concluded that he assisted criminals and didn't keep Sheriff's Office business secure, The Greenville News has learned.

Greenville News: Clemson tobacco ban to begin next July

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2014/07/18/clemson-trustees-vote-budget/12824029/>

Ron Barnett

A plan to ban tobacco use on the campus of Clemson University next July will go forward without the board of trustees taking a vote on the issue, the chairman said Friday. Also Friday, the board approved the university's 2014-15 budget totaling \$956.2 million for operations, an increase of 6 percent from 2013-14 with \$9.7 million expected to come from an increase in tuition and student fees.

National News:

New York Times: Central American Leaders to Meet Obama on Migrants

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/19/us/politics/obama-to-meet-with-central-american-leaders-about-migrant-children.html?_r=0

Michael D. Shear

President Obama has summoned the presidents of Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras to the White House next week in an effort to demonstrate high-level cooperation to stanch the flow of migrant children from Central America through Mexico and into the United States.

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