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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Press and Standard: Governor helps Crescent Dairy celebrate homecoming

http://www.colletontoday.com/news/governor-helps-crescent-dairy-celebrate-homecoming-business-the-press-standard/article_78d86f66-0d1d-11e4-bfb8-0019bb2963f4.html

George Salsberry

The Brache family, the owners and operators of Crescent, joined South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and South Carolina Agriculture Director Hugh Weathers to celebrate the opening of the ultra-pasturization plant that becomes the first resident of the Colleton Commerce Park.

Note: Haley told the Brache family, "Our commitment is to make sure that you realize that you are home, and when you are home, that means we are going to take care of each other."

Note: Haley suggested that celebrating Crescent's opening was special because the state is basically an agri-business community. "It has been so nice to go back to our roots," the governor offered.

Sun News: New website surveys S.C. residents on English, math academic standards

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/07/16/4356813/new-website-surveys-sc-residents.html>

Vicki Grooms

S.C. residents have the opportunity to comment on current academic content standards in English language arts and mathematics through a new website, <http://scstandards.org>, established by the S.C. Education Oversight Committee.

Note: The website will be operational until Sept. 30. Survey results will be given to Gov. Nikki Haley, the General Assembly, the State Board of Education, the EOC and the public.

Washington Post: Governors call on Congress to reauthorize Export-Import Bank

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/govbeat/wp/2014/07/16/governors-call-on-congress-to-reauthorize-export-import-bank/>

Reid Wilson

The Export-Import Bank is the subject of the latest battle between business and conservative factions within the House Republican Conference, two sides that take dramatically different views on the bank's value. But at least 15 Republican governors — including at least one considering a run for president — are siding with business interests in urging Congress to reauthorize the bank.

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (R) sent her own letter earlier this month, along with Sens. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and Tim Scott (R-S.C.). Boeing, which has a major plant in Charleston, S.C., is one of the top recipients of Export-Import Bank aid.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Post and Courier: Haley, DSS the target of Democratic Governors Association advertisement

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140716/PC1603/140719530/1177/haley-dss-the-target-of-democratic-governors-association-advertisement>

Cynthia Roldan

Gov. Nikki Haley and the Department of Social Services are the target of the Democratic Governors Association first TV ad in South Carolina.

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Greenville News: Ex-DSS attorney criticizes child protection efforts in ad

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/07/16/ex-dss-attorney-criticizes-child-protection-efforts-ad/12727745/>

Tim Smith

A South Carolina lawyer who once worked at the state Department of Social Services says she resigned because the agency was "leaving children in dangerous situations," according to a Democratic ad unveiled this morning.

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Associated Press: Democratic Governors releases ad critical of Haley

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2dl81cAq

The Democratic Governors Association's first TV ad of 2014 in South Carolina criticizes Gov. Nikki Haley's child welfare agency. The ad released Wednesday comes four months before Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen's rematch with Haley.

The State: Democratic Governors Association hits Haley

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/16/3567121/democratic-governors-association.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/>

Jamie Self

The Democratic Governor's Association released its first campaign ad criticizing Gov. Nikki Haley for the state's child-welfare agency and what critics have described as a culture of being more concerned about numbers than the welfare of children.

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The State: Vincent Sheheen backs helping Grand Strand remove beach stormwater pipes

http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/16/3567433/vincent-sheheen-backs-helping.html#utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter&utm_destination=buzzatthestate

Sammy Fretwell

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Vincent Sheheen said Wednesday the state should help the Grand Strand remove stormwater pipes that empty contaminated runoff onto beaches that attract millions of visitors and anchor the state's tourism economy.

The State: Sen. Marco Rubio coming to Congressman Jeff Duncan's fundraising BBQ

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/16/3567319/sen-marco-rubio-coming-to-congressman.html>

Andrew Shain

Another 2016 White House hopeful is returning to South Carolina, home of the South's first presidential primary. Rubio visited South Carolina for the state Republican party's Silver Elephant dinner in 2012.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina's State Ethics Commission restricts media policy, asks for review

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140716/PC1603/140719522/1031/south-carolinas-state-ethics-commission-restricts-media-policy>

Jeremy Borden

As the S.C. State Ethics Commission formulates a new policy aimed at how the body should deal with the media, the commission's chairman temporarily restricted Wednesday how the body deals with reporters. A prominent media attorney called the move unlawful.

The State: State Ethics chairman limits who can talk to media

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/16/3567229/state-ethics-chairman-narrows.html>

Jamie Self

The chairman of the State Ethics Commission said until the agency has an official policy for sharing information and commenting to the news media, all comments should come from Director Herb Hayden. The new policy, announced by Chairman James Burns at the Ethics Commission's meeting on Wednesday, changes the way the agency has previously dealt with the media.

Post and Courier: Boeing picks up more jet orders at Farnborough Airshow

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140716/PC05/140719518/1382&source=spreed>

Warren L. Wise

Boeing Co. landed orders for two more 787-9 Dreamliners Wednesday during the Farnborough Airshow in England, bringing its total since Monday to 18 of the wide-body jets partially made in North Charleston.

Greenville News: \$11M Clemson grant targets tissue research

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2014/07/16/m-clemson-gift-targets-tissue-research/12740331/>

Liv Osby

Clemson University will use an \$11 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to grow a research program that hopes to find treatments for a variety of conditions that plague humankind, from heart disease to spinal cord injuries.

Associated Press: SC receives more than \$1M in clean vessel funds

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WC7tJKkW

South Carolina is receiving more than \$1.1 million from the federal government to help handle wastewater from recreational boaters. The grant awarded Wednesday by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is part of almost \$17 going to 21 states under the federal Clean Vessel Act.

Post and Courier: Goldman Sachs to sell almost 2.9 million shares of Charleston software firm

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140716/PC05/140719515/1382&source=spreed>

John McDermott

The biggest shareholder in Charleston-based Benefitfocus Inc. has updated its plan to cut its ownership stake in the software developer. Goldman Sachs & Co. is proposing to sell up to 2.875 million shares it owns in the Daniel Island company, according to a statement filed Tuesday with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Post and Courier: Mary Lee a mom? Great white shark's track raises researcher's suspicions

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140715/PC1610/140719558/1177&source=spreed>

Bo Petersen

Yep, Mary Lee might just have given birth, researchers say. After lolling in the deep sea off the Georgia-South Carolina coast since November 2013, the Lowcountry's own pop icon shark came back and pinged about 20 miles southeast of Kiawah Island in late June. She hasn't pinged since.

Local News:

Sun News: Gun manufacturer apparently not moving to Myrtle Beach area

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/07/16/4356805/gun-manufacturer-apparently-not.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1>

Steve Jones

A firearms manufacturer that said it was going to expand its manufacturing operation to Horry County apparently will not. Ohio-based Ithaca Gun Co. did not reply to a county incentive offer by the Monday deadline, Brad Lofton, CEO of the Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corp., said at a Wednesday morning meeting of the group's executive committee.

National News:

Associated Press: GOP, Dems fight over legality of suing Obama

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140716/PC1603/140719511/1031&source=spreed>

Alan Fram

Constitutional lawyers backing a planned House Republican lawsuit against President Barack Obama told a congressional committee Wednesday that the action is justified because Obama has exceeded his powers in carrying out his health care law.

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