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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: What SC owns: Building space for 30 Empire States

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/11/3560188/what-sc-owns-building-space-for.html>

Andrew Shain

The state of South Carolina owns a mansion, several stadiums and arenas, enough forested land to cover about half of Rhode Island and a bunch of buildings to store stuff, train workers and hold prisoners. But until recently, South Carolina did not have a complete list of state-owned buildings and property.

Note: Haley issued an executive order in October requesting the state's 107 agencies report what they held to see if they could find any excess property to sell.

Note: "It's time to simplify the books, it's time to clean it up," Haley said after signing the order.

Florence Morning News: Florence native set to lead SC Department of Revenue

http://www.scnow.com/news/politics/article_6728df46-094c-11e4-8682-0017a43b2370.html

Gavin Jackson

A Florence native will soon take the helm of the South Carolina Department of Revenue as the agency seeks to integrate lessons from the data breach controversy of 2012 while leaving its shadow behind.

Note: In a statement announcing the move last month, Haley praised Blume for his leadership.

Note: "During a very trying time, his strong leadership and professional experience set the department in a new direction — making it the most secure agency in the state," Haley said. "The reforms he helped put in place have made us stronger."

Seneca Journal: State DOE seeks nominations for Common Core task force

<https://upstatetoday.com/2014/07/state-doe-seeks-nominations-for-common-core-task-force/>

Greg Oiliver

The South Carolina Department of Education is seeking nominations for people who want to serve or know someone they would like to serve on a statewide task force to address the controversial Common Core standards. State Senators Larry Martin, R-Pickens, and Thomas Alexander, R-Walhalla, were among those that in May voted 42-0 on a bill that replaces Common Core education standards with those established in South Carolina. The bill was later signed by Gov. Nikki Haley.

Post and Courier: Charleston competing with New Jersey for 395-job nuclear reactor plant

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140711/PC05/140719806/1010/charleston-vies-with-nj-for-395-job-plant>

Warren L. Wise

A power plant supplier looking to build components for small nuclear reactors is expected to announce Monday whether it will select Charleston or New Jersey, as the manufacturing site with nearly 400 workers.

Note: Singh, whose family has roots in the same part of India as Gov. Nikki Haley's father, has ties to the Palmetto State. In 2011, he contributed \$3,500 to Haley's campaign and once, with business partners, considered building a smaller-model nuclear power plant at the federal Savannah River Site near Aiken, according to The Philadelphia Inquirer.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Associated Press: Sheheen posts \$1.7M on hand, Haley has \$4.5M

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=iECcVz4z

Seanna Adcox

Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen has \$1.7 million for his rematch with Gov. Nikki Haley, who touts a campaign-record fundraising quarter that boosted her available cash to nearly \$4.5 million. Campaign

reports filed late Thursday show Sheheen's campaign raised more than \$500,000 in the quarter that ended July 1, while Haley raised twice as much.

Note: Haley spokesman Rob Godfrey said the governor's campaign is excited to have the resources to tell voters about her first-term accomplishments.

Note: "The governor is so grateful for the incredible support she's gotten from across South Carolina," he said.

WCSC: Gubernatorial candidates have plenty to spend ahead of November election

<http://www.live5news.com/story/26000447/gubernatorial-candidates-have-plenty-to-spend-ahead-of-november-election>

Will Whitson

With just five months left before the gubernatorial election, expect to see and hear a lot more on the governor's race. Governor Nikki Haley wants to keep her office at the State House and both Vincent Sheheen and Tom Ervin want to take it from her and they're willing to pay big bucks to get their message out there.

The State: Primary battle leaves Henry McMaster with less cash than Bakari Sellers

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/11/3559987/primary-battle-leaves-henry-mcmaster.html>

Andrew Shain

After winning a Republican primary runoff, Henry McMaster is starting his November race for S.C. lieutenant governor with less money in the bank than his Democratic opponent, state Rep. Bakari Sellers.

Haley money coming from outside: Gov. Nikki Haley, a possible national Republican player, continues to receive about half of her contributions from outside South Carolina, according to analysis of contribution data submitted late Thursday.

Associated Press: Sellers has \$194K for lieutenant governor's bid

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=speVrgZ2

Democratic Rep. Bakari Sellers has nearly three times more cash available than his Republican foe, former Attorney General Henry McMaster, in their bid for lieutenant governor. Second-quarter campaign filings show McMaster had \$69,600 in the bank July 1, following a four-way GOP primary and run-off election that drained his account.

The State: Lexington County coroner race caps primary ballots

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/11/3559862/lexington-county-coroner-race.html>

Tim Flach

The Republican runoff ballot for coroner Tuesday caps a busy primary election season in Lexington County. Deciding the match between Margaret Fisher and Brian Setree will be the fourth time in six weeks that county voters go to the polls.

Note: Fisher: Her backers are crossing their fingers that Gov. Nikki Haley's surprise blessing cements victory.

Note: Setree: Haley's rare endorsement in a local race of his opponent is an unwelcome surprise.

Associated Press: Spearman leads money race for superintendent

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=TXEe3ez0

Republican Molly Spearman has raised more than 10 times the amount of Democrat Tom Thompson in their race to be South Carolina's next schools superintendent. Both candidates won their party's nomination in primary runoff contests.

Post and Courier: Poll: Sen. Lindsey Graham likely to win reelection

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140711/PC1603/140719831/1031&source=spreed>

U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham dispatched a crowded field of challengers in the June 10 Republican primary and appears to be well on his way to reelection in the fall, according to a story posted today on the Rasumessen Reports website.

The State: Thomas Ravenel to submit US Senate petition signatures Monday

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/11/3559780/thomas-ravenel-to-submit-us-senate.html>

Andrew Shain

Petition signatures are due to the S.C. Election Commission by Tuesday. The Charleston developer and star of the reality show "Southern Charm" needs 10,000 signatures from registered S.C. voters to get on the

November ballot with Graham and Democratic state Sen. Brad Hutto in November.

Florence Morning News: Several local candidates fail to file campaign disclosure reports
http://www.scnow.com/news/politics/article_c76bb360-0898-11e4-8b82-001a4bcf6878.html

Gavin Jackson

Several current and former local candidates for public office in Florence County failed to file their second-quarter campaign disclosure forms on Thursday. Four local candidates did not file their second-quarter campaign disclosure forms for campaign activity from April 1 to June 30. This includes candidates that lost the June 10 primary to an opponent.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Florence Morning News: Thumbs up to better education opportunities
http://www.scnow.com/opinion/article_234a3664-094f-11e4-bfaa-0017a43b2370.html

Editorial

Thumbs up to Florence 1's summer reading camp to help rising fourth graders. . The summer reading camps were implemented across the state as part of Gov. Nikki Haley's education initiative, which passed the Legislature as the Read to Succeed bill in June.

Post and Courier: Untangle the S.C. State web
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140712/PC1002/140719747/1021&source=speed>

Editorial

In his first year as South Carolina State University president, Thomas Elzey performed satisfactorily, according to the school's board of trustees. He did so despite inheriting a financial and management rat's nest. As specified in his contract, that rating earned him a \$50,000 bonus.

Post and Courier: Caught in the climate-change middle
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140712/PC16/140719805/1177/caught-in-the-climate-change-middle>

Editorial

Accept the scientific consensus of human-caused climate change and you're branded an accomplice in the killing of jobs. Reject it and you're condemned as a co-conspirator in the fossil-fuel fouling - and flooding - of the planet.

Greenville News: Haley shouldn't have vetoed library bill
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/07/11/thumbs-haley-vetoed-library-bill/12536243/>

Editorial

Thumbs Down to Gov. Nikki Haley for vetoing a thoughtfully crafted bill intended to help public libraries keep disruptive people out of these institutions used by all sorts of people from young children to senior citizens. The bill wasn't perfect but then neither is our society.

Greenville News: BMW supports key Urban League program
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/07/11/thumbs-bmw-supports-key-urban-league-program/12536223/>

Editorial

Thumbs Up to BMW Manufacturing for providing a much-needed gift to the Urban League of the Upstate's Project Ready Pre-College Enrollment program. BMW Manufacturing gave \$25,000 to the program that it has been supporting for 10 years, and that brings the total contribution to the Urban League to \$275,000.

Post and Courier: Israel's heightened peril
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140712/PC1002/140719746/1021&source=speed>

Editorial

President Barack Obama has offered to broker a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas, a standard U.S. response to the periodic outbreak of violence from Gaza. But the current rocket fire from Gaza into Israel is different from past episodes, and the usual cease-fire may not answer Israel's new peril.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

The Item: Senator puts spotlight on recognizing, helping veterans

http://www.theitem.com/news/local_news/senator-puts-spotlight-on-recognizing-helping-veterans/article_98eac970-bf89-5312-babc-ae361b814eb5.html

Bristow Marchant

Tim Scott might be a U.S. senator, but he's not yet a known quantity as a statewide politician. Scott, freshly elected to his second term representing a Charleston congressional district, was appointed by Gov. Nikki Haley to replace Jim DeMint in the Senate when DeMint resigned at the end of 2012.

The State: U.S. Sen. Scott to host Vietnam vets in Columbia

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/11/3559985/us-sen-scott-to-host-vietnam-vets.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott will host a ceremony Aug. 2 in Columbia to honor South Carolina's Vietnam War era veterans. The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Columbia, 1306 Hampton St. The event is free.

Aiken Standard: Sen. Scott to hold ceremony for Vietnam veterans

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140712/AIK0101/140719876/1007/AIK0101/sen-scott-to-hold-ceremony-for-vietnam-veterans>

Derrek Asberry

The importance of South Carolina recognizing its veterans cannot be overlooked, said U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., who is gearing up for a celebratory event to honor those who have served. Scott is hosting the Vietnam Era Veterans Honor Ceremony on Aug. 2 in Columbia.

South Carolina News:

The State: Zais says he will kill Common Core

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/11/3559853/zais-says-no-to-common-core.html>

Jamie Self

Lawmakers who wanted to see Common Core disappear from S.C. classrooms could not kill the education standards this spring. But lame-duck state schools Superintendent Mick Zais says he has a plan to make Common Core a thing of the past in South Carolina.

Aiken Standard: Energy Dept.: SRS researching how site could handle German waste

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140712/AIK0101/140719853/1004/energy-dept-srs-researching-how-site-could-handle-german-waste>

Derrek Asberry

The likelihood of the Savannah River Site receiving shipments of German fuel may have heightened, as reports said the German government is currently paying researchers at the Site to study how best to handle the material.

Post and Courier: General: Joint Base Charleston is a 'crown jewel' of Air Mobility Command

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140711/PC16/140719800/1382&source=speed>

Katie West

Joint Base Charleston will continue to play a starring role in the nation's defense future. Gen. Darren McDew, the Air Mobility Command's leader, said Friday the military base will remain a key player amid concerns over budget cuts and decreasing U.S. military involvement abroad.

Post and Courier: Trial over Episcopal split focuses on rights to millions in church property

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140711/PC16/140719788/1382&source=speed>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

During opening days of a trial over the local Episcopal schism, leaders from more than a dozen area parishes testified that The Episcopal Church lacks legal interest in their properties worth millions of dollars.

Post and Courier: Opponents to Clemson Architecture Center ask lawmakers to intervene

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140711/PC16/140719762/1382&source=speed>

Schuyler Kropf

Opponents of the design of the new Clemson Architecture Center set for downtown Charleston are doing an end-run, appealing directly to Statehouse lawmakers to pressure leaders into changing the building's controversial modern look.

Charlotte Observer: Rock Hill veteran 1 of 10 to receive Legion of Honor medal

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/07/11/6135354/rock-hill-veteran-1-of-10-to-receive.html#storylink=cpy>

Bruce Henderson

There were no snapping salutes, no bussing of cheeks Friday as France pinned its Legion of Honor to the chests of 10 old warriors. The 30-minute ceremony instead went like this: 10 liberators of France in the late stages of World War II sat quietly in a row in a meeting room in Charlotte's South End.

Greenville News: Exotic virus confirmed in South Carolina

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/health/2014/07/11/exotic-virus-confirmed-south-carolina/12544323/>

Ron Dekett

State health officials have confirmed the first case of chikungunya virus this year in a South Carolina resident. The case occurred in an Upstate resident who recently returned from a trip to Haiti, according to the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Local News:

Greenville News: Logistics company believes downtown area helps in recruiting young talent

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/07/11/logistics-company-believes-downtown-area-helps-recruiting-young-talent/12540813/>

Rudolph Bell

A small logistics company with plans to grow is located in Greenville partly because it believes the downtown area helps in recruiting young talent, an executive said. UCW Logistics right now has five employees on the eighth floor of the Bank of America Plaza office tower, said Evan Cramer, a senior vice president with the company.

Island Packet: F-35B training squadron welcomed to MCAS Beaufort

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/07/11/3207390/f-35b-training-squadron-welcomed.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1>

Matt McNab

After 17 years away from Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, the Warlords have come home. In a ceremony Friday, officials from the air station and Beaufort County welcomed personnel from VMFAT-501, the F-35B training squadron that will begin flying at the air station in October.

National News:

Politico: OFA fundraising numbers decline

<http://dyn.politico.com/printstory.cfm?uuid=E704F1E4-FAB9-41A4-9DBE-8908F72B9D82>

Byron Tau

The nonprofit group supporting President Barack Obama's legislative agenda reported its lowest quarterly fundraising totals on Friday. Organizing for Action raised \$3.9 million in the second quarter of 2014 amid a lack of congressional interest in Obama's big ticket items such as immigration reform.

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