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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Times and Democrat: ‘Right Beside You’: Beloved musician’s music lives on with new CD thanks to his best friend

http://thetandd.com/news/right-beside-you-beloved-musician-s-music-lives-on-with/article_91ac0a56-1089-11e4-bfe6-001a4bcf887a.html

Kimberlei Davis

Since they were fifth graders at Orangeburg Preparatory School, Michael “Troy” Pooser, the charismatic budding musician, would never be far away from his best friend, Charan “Gogi” Randhawa, the talented artist. In their friendship lay no differences.

Note: South Carolina Governor Nikki R. Haley remembers Pooser for his simplistic nature and generous heart. Haley, her brother Gogi and the Randhawa family spent a lot of time with each other growing up. “Troy gave so much of himself to the people around him, but never expected anything in return,” Haley said. “Throughout his life, he impacted so many people in such amazing and positive ways.”

S.C. Political News:

The State: Finlay, McCulloch ready for rematch

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/20/3575077/finlay-mcculloch-rematch-rematch.html>

Cassie Cope

Haley-Sheheen Round 2 isn’t the only rematch on the November general election ballot. It might not even be the closest. Only 308 votes separated Republican state Rep. Kirkman Finlay and Democratic candidate Joe McCulloch in 2012. And in November, they’re back for a rematch, one of a handful of contested S.C. House races in Richland and Lexington counties.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Island Packet: Public gets shut out of its judicial system

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/07/20/3219165/public-gets-shut-out-of-its-judicial.html?sp=/99/342/>

Editorial

Unfortunately, some judges and members of at least one public board recently denied access to something far more important than any book or restaurant -- the inner workings of our courts and government.

Times and Democrat: Building future in farming vital for state, nation

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/building-future-in-farming-vital-for-state-nation/article_b597bf4a-0fbd-11e4-81b5-001a4bcf887a.html

Editorial

THE ISSUE: Declining number of farmers; OUR OPINION: Educating young people on career and assisting new farmers are top priorities. Of the more than 300,000 million people living in the United States, less than 1 percent claim farming as an occupation and about 2 percent actually live on farms.

Post and Courier: McConnell will win his critics over

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140721/PC1002/140729943/1021&source=spreed>

Editorial

Glenn McConnell and I are both graduates of the College of Charleston, I in '50 and he in '69. We love the old lady and glory in her success, but we are saddened by the noisy reaction to Glenn's election to be our next president by some of the students and faculty.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Huffington Post: Lindsey Graham Calls John Kerry 'Delusional,' Obama 'King Of Indecision'
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/07/20/lindsey-graham-john-kerry-obama_n_5603908.html?utm_hp_ref=media&ir=Media

Ashley Alman

Sen. Lindsey Graham expressed his qualms with the Obama administration's approach to foreign policy during a "Meet the Press" interview on Sunday, calling Secretary of State John Kerry's foreign policy analysis "delusional." Kerry appeared on NBC Sunday morning to discuss the state of foreign affairs amid the escalating conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Release of autopsy results could face new review

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/07/20/sc-legislators-debate-release-autopsy-records/12925461/>

Tim Smith

Whether autopsy reports should be made public will be debated next year by lawmakers, say some legislative leaders who believe a compromise can be reached over concerns about the disclosure of medical information. The South Carolina Supreme Court ruled last week that autopsy reports are medical records and therefore exempt from disclosure under the state's open records law.

Rock Hill Herald: SC summer tourism season down after slow start in June

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/07/21/6157472/sc-summer-tourism-season-down.html?sp=/100/101/&ihp=1>

Dawn Bryant

Usually when you talk about weather affecting the summer tourism season, it's the hurricanes or strings of rainy days. But this year, it's the lingering effects of the winter ice and snow on school schedules that sent a chill over the start of the season, leaving beach businesses banking on a strong July and August to make up for those early June losses.

Sun News: Feds to announce SC ocean wind tracts in North Myrtle Beach

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/07/19/4362781/feds-to-announce-sc-ocean-wind.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1>

Steve Jones

South Carolina's nascent wind power industry will take a significant step forward in September when the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management identifies the offshore tracts available for lease to wind power farms.

The State: Schools will begin serving healthier snacks to curb calories for students

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/20/3574803/schools-will-begin-serving-healthier.html>

Harrison Cahill

The latest round of federal guidelines for healthier food choices could mean fewer biscuits, doughnuts and bake sales for school fundraisers. The Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition program, which took effect July 1 as part of the Healthy Hungry-Free Kids Act of 2010, is tightening restrictions on snacks and beverages sold to students during the school day.

Island Packet: SC welcome centers to get makeover as tourism agency takes over

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/07/20/3219845/sc-welcome-centers-to-get-makeover.html?sp=/99/257/266/>

Matt McNab

The South Carolina welcome center in Hardeeville, about 4 miles north of the Georgia border, is often used by weary travelers trekking up Interstate 95. With nearly a million visitors each year, the center is the most visited of the nine scattered around the Palmetto State, according to the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism spokesman Marion Edmonds.

Post and Courier: Re-entry program gives inmates a jump start on life after release

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140721/PC16/140729954/1177>

Amanda Coyne

Inmates at 13 South Carolina prisons within two years of release can enroll in JumpStart's 40-week program

in which volunteers teach submission to authority, personal responsibility and how to contribute to community, framed by Christian tenets.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Sales pace picks up for Charleston area's higher-priced listings, report shows
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140721/PC05/140729991/1382&source=spreed>

Tyrone Richardson

A recent housing report shows the region's pricier listings are selling at a faster pace than in 2013. The Charleston Trident Association of Realtors' midyear update released earlier this month shows that detached homes and condominiums in the \$350,000-and-above range had the largest change from between when the property was listed and the eventual sale.

National News:

Associated Press: Kerry Returns To Mideast To Push For Cease-Fire

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/kerry-returns-mideast-push-cease-fire>

Lara Jakes

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is making a renewed push for a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas with another trip to the Middle East after the civilian death toll in the conflict sharply escalated over the weekend. Kerry left Washington early Monday for Cairo, where he will join diplomatic efforts to resume a truce that had been agreed to in November 2012.

New York Times: Kerry Says Russia Trained Separatists to Use Antiaircraft Missiles

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/21/world/europe/ukraine.html?ref=todayspaper&_r=0

Michael R. Gordon

In presenting the most detailed case yet alleging Russia's involvement in the Ukraine crisis, Secretary of State John Kerry said on Sunday that Russia had funneled large quantities of heavy weapons to Ukrainian separatists and trained them how to operate SA-11 anti-aircraft missiles, the type of system that is believed to have been used to shoot down the Malaysian airliner over eastern Ukraine.

Bloomberg: Clinton Earns \$12 Million Speaking, Writing After Service

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-07-21/clinton-earns-12-million-speaking-writing-after-service.html>

Lisa Lerer, Lauren Streib

Clinton's income since her resignation as secretary of state in February 2013 is derived mostly from her latest memoir, speeches and paid appearances at corporate retreats, according to an analysis of data compiled by Bloomberg.

Associated Press: Senate race zeroes in on metro Atlanta, north Ga.

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

Christina A. Cassidy

Neither Republican running in Georgia's closely watched Senate race has a natural advantage in metro Atlanta, where the state's most populous area and a ring of northern exurbs are serving as the key battleground ahead of Tuesday's runoff.

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