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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Haley campaign has \$4M available; Sheheen: \$1.7M

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2ZV2Z29e

Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley's campaign has about \$4.3 million available after her first-quarter fundraising, while her Democratic opponent has \$1.7 million in the bank, their campaigns reported Thursday. The Republican governor reported raising \$863,400 from January through March toward her bid for re-election. That's \$300,000 more than state Sen. Vincent Sheheen's campaign said he raised in the quarter.

Note: "The governor is grateful for the generous support of so many across our state, support that means we will have the resources over the months ahead" to get her message across, said her campaign adviser Tim Pearson.

The State: Gov. Nikki Haley out raising challenger Vincent Sheheen in governor's race

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/10/3380624/sc-governor-outraising-democratic.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

Republican Gov. Nikki Haley widened her fundraising lead over Democratic challenger Vincent Sheheen to start the 2014 election year. Haley had \$2.6 million more on hand than Sheheen as of March 31 – up by \$300,000 from the end of 2013, according to records filed Thursday with the State Ethics Commission.

Note: "The governor is grateful for the generous support of so many across our state, support that means we will have the resources over the months ahead to tell the incredible story of South Carolina's resurgence since 2011," Haley campaign adviser Tim Pearson said.

Greenville News: Gun maker expanding in Lexington County

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/04/10/gun-maker-expanding-lexington-county/7546535/>

Woody White

Gun maker Palmetto State Armory said Thursday it plans to expand its plant in Lexington County and double the payroll. The company said it plans to spend \$4.2 million on renovations and expansion into a new building and create 300 new jobs over the next three years.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley said the company is a "valued member of South Carolina's thriving business community and we celebrate their decision to continue to grow their economic footprint in our state."

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The State: Atwater widow tops fundraising race for SC schools superintendent

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/10/3380745/atwater-widow-tops-fundraising.html#storylink=cpy>

Cassie Cope

Republican Sally Atwater, the widow of legendary GOP operative Lee Atwater, raised the most money of eight candidates running for state superintendent of education during the first three months of this year.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

The State: The two faces of Glenn McConnell

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/10/3379923/bolton-the-two-faces-of-glenn.html>

Warren Bolton

IMAGES ARE powerful, and it's hard not to wonder which of the prevailing depictions of Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell — powerful former legislator or lover of all things Confederate — will most influence people's perception of the College of Charleston as he prepares to become the school's next president.

Post and Courier: Rethink sucker's deal with Iran

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140411/PC1002/140419908/1021/>

Editorial

Last fall Iranian President Hassan Rouhani traveled to United Nations headquarters in New York to reassure the world of Iran's peaceful nuclear intentions and to seek "better relations" with the United States, a "great nation."

Rock Hill Herald: S.C. lawmakers punish university again

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/04/10/5859530/sc-lawmakers-punish-university.html?sp=/100/105/121/>

Editorial

South Carolina lawmakers are back to meddling in the curricula of state universities again, and once more gay themes have sparked the intrusion. The question that residents who value free expression need to ask is, where does this stop?

Legislative Session News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina Legislature considers how to appoint special prosecutor in ethics cases

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140410/PC1603/140419953/1031/south-carolina-legislature-considers-how-to-appoint-special-prosecutor-in-ethics-cases>

Jeremy Borden

The battle over ethics reform in South Carolina took a new turn Thursday as lawmakers killed but promised to resurrect a bill that would allow them to remove the attorney general and other officials from prosecuting certain ethics and public corruption cases.

Times and Democrat: Rep. Sellers floats plan to fund critical state needs

http://thetandd.com/news/rep-sellers-floats-plan-to-fund-critical-state-needs/article_0b6dc8e4-c124-11e3-82a2-001a4bcf887a.html

The bill would create a "Special Purposes Reserve Fund" to be funded each year by three revenue streams: first, by taking the average excess state general fund year-end revenues, then adding the savings achieved from the implementation of state government restructuring, and finally by the elimination of five special tax exemptions.

Post and Courier: S.C. House passes 1 percent sales tax for Charleston County schools

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140410/PC16/140419910/1389/>

Amanda Kerr, Jeremy Borden

The S.C. House fast-tracked and passed a bill Thursday that would allow Charleston County schools to continue a program that has allowed the district to build new schools and plan for other ambitious capital projects.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Commission won't make Duke build giant solar farm

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/04/10/commission-make-duke-build-giant-solar-farm/7569637/>

Nathaniel Cary

A state utility board gave approval to Duke Energy to build a natural gas plant at the energy giant's current coal-burning plant in Anderson County, but denied a request from two environmental groups that wanted Duke Energy to also build a solar farm that would rival the largest solar projects in the country.

Post and Courier: New South Carolina teacher evaluation system gets closer to approval

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140410/PC1610/140419919/1389/new-teacher-evaluation-plan-closer-to-approval>

Amanda Kerr

The state is one step closer to changing the way teachers are evaluated. The State Board of Education on Wednesday gave initial approval to a plan that ties teachers' performance more closely to student achievement. Evaluating educators based on performance is a required part of the state's exemption from the federal No Child Left Behind law.

The State: Palmetto Health, four other hospitals join to increase purchasing power

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/10/3380356/palmetto-health-four-other-hospitals.html#storylink=cpy>

Joey Holleman

Five of the major hospital systems in South Carolina, including Palmetto Health, will work together to save money on supplies and technology under a new initiative that could spread to even more hospitals. Plans for the Initiating Health Collaborative leaked out during an MUSC board meeting Thursday morning before all of the boards involved had approved the deal.

Associated Press: SC judge who wrote separate not equal honored

http://www.scnw.com/news/politics/article_bee2807e-c168-11e3-94b5-001a4bcf6878.html

Bruce Smith

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder is scheduled to visit Charleston to help dedicate a statue of the first federal judge to write an opinion challenging separate but equal decades after the policy was declared the law by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Local News:

Florence Morning News: Rice making a Pee Dee swing

http://www.scnw.com/news/politics/article_f1686ba8-c109-11e3-8a6a-0017a43b2370.html

Gavin Jackson

Seventh Congressional District Republican Rep. Tom Rice will kick off a weekend Friday in the Pee Dee with an agricultural tour throughout the district before a trip Saturday to The Lady In Black. The first-term congressman, whose district stretches from the Horry and Georgetown County to Chesterfield County, will be visiting various supply companies, farms and an agriculture institution in the Pee Dee, which is home to much of the state's agriculture industry.

National News:

Wall Street Journal: Health Law Draws Fresh GOP Fire as Sebelius Resigns

<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303873604579494391998249278>

Kristina Peterson

Republicans seized on news of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius's resignation as a fresh opportunity to push for further-reaching changes to President Barack Obama's embattled health-care law, while Democrats praised her for her commitment under fire.

Associated Press: Pelosi: Race has Role in GOP Immigration Stance

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_CONGRESS_IMMIGRATION?](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_CONGRESS_IMMIGRATION?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-04-10-10-26-16)

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Eric Werner, Donna Cassata

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi on Thursday blamed racial issues for the GOP's failure to act on comprehensive immigration legislation. Pelosi spokesman Drew Hammill later clarified that the reported GOP comment about the Irish has been relayed to Pelosi a number of times by Irish immigration activists she's met with.

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