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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: SC House panel begins review of certificate-of-need program

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/24/3702843/sc-house-panel-begins-review-of.html>

Cassie Cope

A panel of S.C. representatives began the work Wednesday of reviewing the state program that approves or rejects requests for new and expanded medical facilities.

Note: In 2013, Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed money that the Department of Health and Environmental Control used to process applications for the certificate-of-need program, which requires health care facilities to prove that new or expanded services are needed in their area.

The State: Lexington hospital ordered to shut down heart units added during Certificate of Need suspension

[http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/24/3702188/lexington-hospital-ordered-to.html?](http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/24/3702188/lexington-hospital-ordered-to.html?sp=/99/205/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy)

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Joey Holleman

An administrative law court judge has ordered Lexington Medical Center to shut down the additional open heart surgery unit and catheterization lab it opened early this year without approval through the then-suspended Certificate of Need process.

Note: The case is one of several to arise in 2013 after Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed funding for the Certificate of Need program run by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. Catherine Templeton, director of the agency, then announced the agency was suspending the program on July 1, 2013.

National Journal: Carly Fiorina Hits the Trail With an Eye on 2016

<http://www.nationaljournal.com/politics/carly-fiorina-hits-the-trail-with-an-eye-on-2016-20140924>

Emily Schultheis

She's been to New Hampshire three times and South Carolina once. She's heading to Iowa this weekend, and then North Carolina and Virginia after that. Clearly, Carly Fiorina is thinking about 2016. But is anybody thinking about Carly Fiorina?

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez are occasionally mentioned, as are New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte and Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers.

Daily News: Narendra Modi all set to meet Bill Clinton, Nikki Haley and Barack Obama

<http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-narendra-modi-all-set-to-meet-bill-clinton-nikki-haley-and-barack-obama-2021459>

Modi would also be meeting the top American political leadership ranging from former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to Indian-American South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The State: SC Democrats: Gov. Nikki Haley should avoid rally with GOP lawmaker facing charge

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/24/3702995/elections-2014-sc-democrats-gov.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

Democrats say Republican Gov. Nikki Haley should not join state Rep. Stephen Goldfinch at a rally Thursday at Pawleys Island because the GOP legislator faces a criminal charge.

Note: "Supporting legislators is always based on policy," Haley campaign spokeswoman Chaney Adams said. "The reality is Rep. Goldfinch has fought to protect the taxpayers and to support the governor's efforts to make South Carolina more business friendly, bring jobs and pass landmark education reform.

The State (Video): ELECTIONS 2014: Vincent Sheheen releases ethics ad

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/25/3703542/vincent-sheheen-releases-ethics.html?sp=/99/132/>

Cassie Cope

Democratic candidate for governor Vincent Sheheen released his fifth campaign TV ad Thursday - the first criticizing Republican Gov. Nikki Haley on ethics. Both Haley and Sheheen have made ethics a top issue. Having emerged from her ethics incidents in 2012, Haley said she wanted to strengthen the state's ethics laws, and named a commission that joined S.C. House and Senate panels in making proposals.

Associated Press: Jeb Bush stumps for GOPs, weighs presidential bid

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140924/AIK0104/140929638>

Gary D. Robertson

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush hit the midterm election campaign trail in politically important North Carolina Wednesday, stumping for state House Speaker Thom Tillis and becoming the latest possible presidential contender to get behind the party's effort to win control of the Senate.

Note: And in October, Bush is slated to appear for Gov. Nikki Haley in South Carolina, the first-in-the-South presidential primary state.

Post and Courier: S.C. gubernatorial debate venues, ticketing set

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140924/PC1603/140929643/1177>

Robert Behre

The Post and Courier's two gubernatorial debates will be held next month at Charleston Southern University and at Furman University in Greenville, drawing all five candidates on stage together. Both gatherings will be broadcast live statewide. The Oct. 14 debate, which will focus on jobs, the economy and growth, will take place at CSU in North Charleston.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

The State: SC DSS needs a new director, major overhaul

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/24/3702689/bolton-sc-dss-needs-a-new-director.html>

Warren Bolton

THE MORE I hear about large caseloads and other travails of the state Department of Social Services, the more I'm inclined to agree with the group of former DSS employees who came to see me a couple months ago: The agency won't improve until it gets a major overhaul.

Island Packet: Harrell shows need for ethics reform in SC

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/24/3332017/harrell-shows-need-for-ethics.html?sp=/99/342/>

Editorial

In a state with such weak ethics laws, it's remarkable the number of S.C. public officials who get in trouble for unethical activities. Thank goodness for quarterly financial reports that elected officials must file to show the amount of money they've raised, from whom, the amount they've spent and what they've spent it on.

Aiken Standard: Use substantive resources for a fight against obesity

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140925/AIK0201/140929647/1018/AIK02>

Editorial

State health officials are thankfully putting added pressure on reducing the state's obesity rate, but it will take a targeted and concerted effort to make a real difference. This isn't a problem that can be solved with handing out brochures or having a quick tip guide available online.

Post and Courier: One-year bar ban shows moderation, compromise

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140925/PC1002/140929627>

Editorial

Twelve-step programs contend that the road to sobriety begins with admitting that "life has become unmanageable," whether it be due to alcoholism, drug addiction, codependency or any number of other causes. Charleston's food and beverage industry isn't quite ready to take that first step.

Post and Courier: Flunking civics = failing government

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140925/PC16/140929640>

Frank Wooten

Yet as civic-minded Post and Courier colleague Robert Behre reported last week, South Carolina is one of seven states where proposed legislation would give high school students who take and pass that test a

grade-point-average boost. Former S.C. Governors James B. Edwards, Jim Hodges and Dick Riley are among the bill's proponents,

South Carolina News:

Rock Hill Herald: State line switch could impact S.C. businesses

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/09/24/6356943_state-line-switch-could-impact.html?rh=1

John Marks

B.E. Hawkins knows what he'll do if the state line moves Lake Wylie Mini Mart from South Carolina into North Carolina. He'll stay home. "It'll put this place out of business," the Gastonia resident said. Hawkins drives from his home near Gastonia Municipal Airport to the gas station on S.C. 274, near a highway sign marking the state line, to save 30 to 50 cents per gallon.

Index-Journal: New assessments planned this year

<http://www.indexjournal.com/news/New-assessments-planned-this-year>

Kate Hruby

With passage of state House bill H3893 comes major changes to the South Carolina education system, particularly in terms of Common Core standards and assessments. Each grade level (elementary, middle and high school) will undergo changes in required assessments this school year.

The State: Givens, star witness in S.C. State University corruption trial, will be sentenced Thursday

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/24/3699991/givens-star-witness-in-sc-state.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

Ed Givens, the former top lawyer and assistant to the president at S.C. State University, will be sentenced Thursday morning in Charleston for the felony he pleaded guilty to earlier this year. Because of Givens' help in convicting Pinson, the government is recommending against a prison term for him, according to court documents.

Rock Hill Herald: York County deputy public defender honored as SC's top lawyer for poor

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/09/24/6356980/york-county-deputy-public-defender.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Dys

Longtime 16th Circuit deputy public defender B.J. Barrowclough was chosen as the top lawyer for the state's poor Wednesday after his peers across the state voted him S.C. Public Defender of the Year. Barrowclough was honored at the state's annual public defender conference held in Myrtle Beach.

Local News:

Associated Press: Georgetown marking recovery year after fire

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bwQg0UQ3

Georgetown is marking its recovery after a devastating fire on its main street destroyed seven buildings and eight businesses. The fire occurred a year ago on Thursday. Now, there are 19 reopened and new businesses in the city's historic district.

Times and Democrat: Downtown, workforce development topics at chamber meeting

http://thetandd.com/news/local/downtown-workforce-development-topics-at-chamber-meeting/article_e65e3418-446c-11e4-850c-3fd0c31023e6.html

Revitalizing downtown business districts to help spawn economic development was among the local priorities mentioned Wednesday morning at the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce's Orangeburg County grassroots meeting. "If rural areas are going to make it, we need the downtown to make it," Cox Industries President and CEO Mikee Johnson said.

Greenville News: Duke Energy pledges \$10 million to water causes

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/09/24/duke-pledges-million-water-causes/16148335/>

Eric Connor

The Upstate's chief energy provider has pledged \$10 million in the Carolinas to create a new fund dedicated to water resource initiatives, setting aside the largest portion for a North Carolina river that suffered a massive coal-related spill earlier this year.

Times and Democrat: Area schools' ACT scores improve

http://thetandd.com/news/area-schools-act-scores-improve/article_14cf3160-4447-11e4-ab36-172f759940e9.html

Dale Linder-Altman

Though they failed to meet the state's composite average rating of 21 on the ACT college assessment readiness test, four local schools and two districts were recently recognized by State Superintendent of Education Dr. Mick Zais for "statistically significant improvement" on the test.

Times and Democrat: Districts: PASS declines due to changes in standards

http://thetandd.com/news/districts-pass-declines-due-to-changes-in-standards/article_0fce1234-4448-11e4-bab5-0793c8fb4df1.html

Dale Linder-Altman

Local schools lost ground in a number of areas on the 2014 Palmetto Assessment of State Standards. In some areas, the percentage of students scoring "met" and "exemplary" dipped to the point where only 30 to 40 percent achieved a "met" or "exemplary" rating, especially in math and science.

National News:

Washington Post: The Clinton team is following reporters to the bathroom. Here's why that matters.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2014/09/24/the-clinton-team-is-following-reporters-to-the-bathroom-heres-why-that-matters/>

Chris Cillizza

Amy Chozick is the reporter tasked with covering the Clintons -- and the runup to the now-almost-inevitable Hillary Clinton presidential bid -- for the New York Times. Sounds like a plum gig, right? Until, that is, a press aide for the Clinton Global Initiative follows you into the bathroom.

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