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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Seneca Journal: Sandifer backs Haley proposal for repairing roads

<https://upstatetoday.com/2014/07/sandifer-backs-haley-proposal-for-repairing-roads/>

Steven Bradley

Despite suggestions to the contrary, one state representative says Gov. Nikki Haley does have a viable plan to repair South Carolina's road and bridges. Haley's plan, according to Sandifer, is to take advantage of the difference between the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) estimate for the state budget that is given to the House of Representatives and the one used when the Senate takes up the budget.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Another Obamacare oops

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140708/PC1002/140709520/1021&source=speed>

Editorial

Due to administrative deficiencies as many as one-third or more of the 8 million Americans who signed up for Obama-care during its first open season should not actually qualify for its health insurance coverage or in some cases for subsidies.

The State: Don't use FOI ruling as excuse to shut public out of government

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/07/3551818/editorial-dont-use-foi-ruling.html#storylink=cpy>

Editorial

GOVERNMENTAL bodies shouldn't need a law to force them to release their agendas to the public in advance of their meetings. Public officials who have any interest whatsoever in serving the public would do this voluntarily, at the same time they provide the agenda to their members.

Post and Courier: A festering legislative error

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140707/PC1002/140709521/1021&source=speed>

Editorial

Although it is abundantly clear that local legislative leaders don't have any business serving on the Charleston County Aviation Authority, another legislative session has passed and a bill left pending that would have resolved the matter. So much for taking care of business.

Aiken Standard: Mystery plans won't help fix roads in S.C

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140708/AIK0201/140709558/1018/AIK02/editorial-mystery-plans-won-t-help-fix-roads-in-sc>

Editorial

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley may have what South Carolina needs to fix our crumbling roads and bridges, but she's not telling us until January. All we know after her announcement last week is that she's working on a plan that will be a road map for future infrastructure funding, and that it won't include a tax increase.

Greenville News: Poverty data is a warning to state

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/07/07/editorial-poverty-data-warning-state/12311515/>

Editorial

South Carolina has had one of the largest increases in the percentage of people living in high-poverty areas, according to a report just released by the United States Census Bureau. Only five states had a greater change in the percentage of people living in such areas.

Rock Hill Herald: Stop Ravenel before he runs again

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/07/07/6120771/stop-ravenel-before-he-runs-again.html?sp=/100/105/>

Editorial

Thomas Ravenel, reality TV star, apparently is looking for another real-life role: U.S. senator. His candidacy should be relegated to the Fantasy Channel. Ravenel, 51, is a regular on Southern Charm, the Bravo TV reality show that follows the high-flying lifestyles of a group of wealthy denizens of Charleston.

Index Journal: What makes for good elections

<http://www.indexjournal.com/Content/Opinion/Opinion/Article/What-makes-for-good-elections/8/154/26388>

Editorial

After a handful of primaries and a couple of runoff elections last month, we are now staring at November and the general election. Aside from the statewide races, which will include a showdown between incumbent Gov. Nikki Haley and repeat challenger state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, there are several seats opening up in Lakelands municipal races.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Politico: Benghazi panel ramps up

http://www.politico.com/story/2014/07/benghazi-trey-gowdy-108625.html?hp=t1_3

Lauren French

There are no Benghazi hearings on the House calendar, but the silence doesn't mean the investigation is fading away. Rep. Trey Gowdy is launching a special committee to wrangle a probe that's sprawled across the jurisdictions of multiple headline-hungry committee chairmen.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina road projects may dip in numbers until feds fix funding issues

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140707/PC1603/140709539/1382&source=spreed>

Cynthia Roldan

Construction projects on federal roads in South Carolina may slow to a crawl this fall unless Congress prevents the Highway Trust Fund from going broke. South Carolina, along with the rest of the country, has been anxiously waiting for Congress to keep federal transportation aid flowing to states for another four years. If it doesn't happen by Aug.

The State: SC schools chief appoints protege to John de la Howe post

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/08/3552753/sc-schools-chief-appoints-protege.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/>

Cassie Cope

State schools Superintendent Mick Zais has appointed his former deputy, who lost a bid to become Zais' successor, as chief operating officer of the John de la Howe School for at-risk children. The state Board of Education must confirm Meka Childs, who came in sixth in the eight-candidate Republican primary for superintendent after she was endorsed by Zais.

Post and Courier: Sitting Pretty: Rebounding economy and rekindled out-of-state demand fueling luxury home sales across greater Charleston, state

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140707/PC16/140709508/1382&source=spreed>

Jim Parker

If one house for sale exemplifies Charleston's historic district, 132 Church St. would be it. The residence sits slightly north of Broad and carries a rarefied name, the Douxsaint-Macauley House. The 5,500-square-foot property with four bedrooms and four baths can claim a lineage, tracing its roots to 1796-1800.

Greenville News: Young buyers key to housing future

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/07/07/young-buyers-key-housing-future/12325143/>

Angelia Davis

The U.S. housing market has stabilized after one of its worst downturns in history and choices made by 20- to 34-year-olds will profoundly affect future trends, industry experts said.

Associated Press: Trial starts in split among SC Episcopalians

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=D2iHO2Q8

About 50 Episcopal churches in South Carolina are taking the national church to court, saying they should be able to leave the group without losing their property. The national church is demanding the separating group, which calls itself the Diocese of South Carolina, give back \$500 million in property and buildings.

Rock Hill Herald: Winthrop trustees meet in second closed meeting to discuss potential lawsuit

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/07/07/6120963/winthrop-trustees-meet-in-second.html>

Anna Douglas

For the second time in two days, Winthrop University trustees met Monday in executive session to discuss a potential lawsuit against the school. Board members said they also talked about the settlement of possible legal claims and the compensation of the "immediate past president."

Anderson Independent: Attorney general: County can withhold late fees from schools

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/jul/07/attorney-general-county-can-withhold-late-fees/?partner=RSS>

Ray Chandler

The Oconee County treasurer can withhold late fees on property taxes from the Oconee County school district, according to the state Attorney General's Office. But the opinion leaves undecided the broader question of whether school districts are entitled to such money.

Post and Courier: College of Charleston President Glenn McConnell will be 'very thorough' with Coach Wojcik decision

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140707/PC20/140709542/1382&source=speed>

Andrew Miller

College of Charleston president Glenn McConnell, who has been on the job for only a week, has not reached a final decision on embattled head basketball coach Doug Wojcik's future with the school.

Local News:

The State: Benjamin leaves another law firm

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/07/3552093/benjamin-leaves-another-law-firm.html>

John Monk, Clif LeBlanc

When Benjamin joined Parker Poe in May 2012 with the title "special counsel," the firm, with offices in both Carolinas, made the announcement with great fanfare, saying its lawyers were "ecstatic" and calling Benjamin an "exceptional lawyer and civic leader," according to a news release at the time.

Post and Courier: Denzel Curnell shooting: Charleston denies public records request for documents, emails

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140707/PC16/140709527/1177&source=speed>

Andrew Knapp

Charleston officials will not release city emails about Denzel Curnell's death or information about the police officer who saw him die because the documents might harm the agency, they claimed in letters that The Post and Courier received Monday.

Post and Courier: United Airlines to outsource jobs in Charleston, 11 other US airports

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140707/PC05/140709537/1382&source=speed>

John McDermott

United Airlines is outsourcing 15 jobs at Charleston International and several hundred more at 11 other airports to save money. The airline said it told the 600 total affected workers Monday of the decision, which had been expected since May.

The State: Cayce mayor to run for re-election

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/07/3551914/cayce-mayor-to-run-for-re-election.html>

Tim Flach

Cayce Mayor Elise Partin promised to continue making the city "up-and-coming" as she announced her re-election bid Monday. Partin has been mayor of the Lexington County community of 13,000 residents for six years.

National News:

Wall Street Journal: Some Still Lack Coverage Under Health Law

<http://online.wsj.com/articles/some-still-lack-coverage-under-health-law-1404769543>

Stephanie Armour

Months after the sign-up deadline, thousands of Americans who purchased health insurance through the Affordable Care Act still don't have coverage due to problems in enrollment systems.

New York Times: Clinton Defends Her Handling of a Rape Case in 1975

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/08/us/08clinton.html?ref=todayspaper&_r=0

Amy Chozick

Hillary Rodham Clinton — responding for the first time to new criticism about how she handled the defense of a rape suspect in 1975 — said she had asked to be removed from the case, in which her client was accused of sexually assaulting a 12-year-old girl.

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