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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Colleton Today: Governor Nikki Haley recognizes Colleton for WorkReady certification
http://www.colletontoday.com/news/governor-nikki-haley-recognizes-colleton-for-workready-certification/article_320fc070-cf1f-11e3-a4fb-001a4bcf887a.html

Drew Tripp

Colleton County is ready to work, something Governor Nikki Haley personally vouched for Monday morning during a special ceremony at Dayco rubber products plant on Thunderbolt Drive. Haley presented Colleton County with a certificate recognizing us for becoming an ACT Certified Work Ready Community, the third such community in the state and only the seventh nationwide to complete the innovative workforce development program.

Note: “Jobs are getting more technical and jobs are getting more advanced, whether it’s Dayco, or whether its other companies coming in,” Haley said. “When we talked about those companies coming in, that meant we had retraining to do. What you have done today, and what we are proud to celebrate today, is ... you just said, ‘Bring those companies to us, we can handle them.’”

S.C. Political News:

Associated Press: RGA: Another Sheheen attack ad despite criticism
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Nd6evegH

Seanna Adcox

The Republican Governors Association released a second round of television ads Monday attacking state Sen. Vincent Sheheen for his previous work as a defense attorney, despite widespread criticism from lawyers in both parties who call that line of attack un-American.

Note: Haley's campaign spokesman notes her campaign is not funding the ads. Her ads positively discuss her record; what the RGA does is up to that group, Rob Godfrey said.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

The State: As session winds down, legislators need to focus on ethics, election law reforms
<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/28/3414661/editorial-as-session-winds-down.html#storylink=cpy>
Editorial

LEGISLATORS are racing this week to beat the May 1 deadline to get their bills passed in either the House or Senate or else leave them for dead, but with that hurdle cleared on all the year’s major initiatives, they’d do better to concentrate on June 5. That’s when the Legislature ends its two-year session.

Times and Democrat: S.C. State aid is vital, must come with oversight
http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/t-d-editorial-s-c-state-aid-is-vital-must/article_1af72688-cf30-11e3-91b9-001a4bcf887a.html

Editorial

ISSUE: S.C. State in crisis. **OUR VIEW:** Failure of university would be disaster locally and for state. As many complexities as there are to the South Carolina State fiscal crisis, the key points during this crucial week for the university are simply defined:

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley is willing to help S.C. State and can win politically in doing so by supporting a loan the university needs to continue operating but leaving authorship of any bailout plan to legislators.

Greenville News: Change law to help craft brewers
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/04/28/editorial-change-law-help-craft-brewers/8420419/>

Editorial

Eighty-year-old laws that prohibit larger-scale brewpubs in South Carolina could be standing in the way of potential economic development opportunities for a state that is striving to become more business friendly.

Post and Courier: Keep Intracoastal Waterway traffic moving

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140429/PC1002/140429326/1021/keep-intracoastal-waterway-traffic-moving>

Editorial

Six mayors along the Charleston County coast have launched an effort to get the silted Intracoastal Waterway fixed. Theirs is a commendable emergency measure to restore marine traffic, both commercial and recreational, to the key north-south artery.

Legislative Session News:

Associated Press: SC board wants students to question evolution

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=jLqni76r

Andrew Coffman Smith

South Carolina's Education Oversight Committee wants high school students to question evolution. The independent agency's board voted 7-4 Monday on biology standards that would require students to use scientific evidence to both support and discredit Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection.

Post and Courier: Education Oversight Committee approves standards requiring students to learn arguments for/against evolution

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140428/PC1603/140429335/1177/education-oversight-committee-approves-standards-requiring-students-to-learn-arguments-for-against-evolution>

Cynthia Roldan

New language for high school biology standards is headed for consideration to the State Board of Education that would have students learn "the controversy." The S.C. Education Oversight Committee on Monday sent proposed language to the board that would require biology students to construct scientific arguments that seem to support and seem to discredit Darwinism.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Upstate braces for dangerous weather

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/04/28/flash-flooding-possible-severe-storms-drench-upstate/8444913/>

Nathaniel Cary

The Upstate prepared for heavy storms that spawned tornadoes across multiple states and are expected to drench the region with up to six inches of rain today and Wednesday. Meteorologists said it was too soon to issue tornado watches for the Upstate on Monday, but they urged residents to monitor the local weather and news outlets to be prepared for potential severe weather alerts.

Post and Courier: Zais: South Carolina can still use Smarter Balanced's test

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140428/PC1603/140429319/1031/zais-south-carolina-can-still-use-smarter-balanceds-test>

Cynthia Roldan

Superintendent of Education Mick Zais told the state Education Oversight Committee withdrawing South Carolina from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium doesn't mean the state can't use the test. The discussion took place on Monday during the committee's meeting.

Post and Courier: Decision expected Thursday on whether sale of Charleston School of Law to InfiLaw System can move forward

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140428/PC16/140429337/1006/decision-expected-thursday-on-whether-sale-of-charleston-school-of-law-to-infilaw-system-can-move-forward>

Diane Knich

After months of research, the state's Commission on Higher Education will decide Thursday whether to grant InfiLaw System a license to operate the Charleston School of Law. Law school owners in July announced that they had entered into a management services agreement with the private, for-profit company, which owns three other law schools.

Associated Press: S.C. prosecutor observing children's advocacy day

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/apr/29/sc-prosecutor-observing-childrens-advocacy-day/?partner=RSS>

South Carolina's top prosecutor is drawing attention to the needs of the state's children. Attorney General Alan Wilson is observing 2014 Children's Advocacy Day on Tuesday with a news conference at the Statehouse. Wilson says he plans to stand with state legislators and advocates for children's issues.

Greenville News: Construction hiring still slow across SC

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/04/29/construction-hiring-still-slow-across-sc/8446211/>

Woody White

Hiring by South Carolina employers has picked up over the past couple of years in many industrial sectors, with one glaring exception — construction. While all of the state's largest metropolitan areas have added construction jobs since March of 2013, none are among the nation's leaders.

The State: Cracks found at VC Summer nuclear plant; reactor head to be replaced in 2017

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/28/3414974/cracks-found-at-vc-summer-nuclear.html#storylink=cpy>

Roddie Burris

Five cracks found in a reactor head at the only currently operating nuclear plant at V.C. Summer in Jenkinsville are under repair, but S.C. Electric & Gas officials said Monday the company plans to replace the aging vessel head in 2017.

Local News:

Greenville News: Council approves no-party races in first vote

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/04/28/council-approves-party-races-first-vote/8445055/>

Anna Lee

A divided Greenville City Council voted 4-3 to switch to a nonpartisan election system Monday hours after leaders in the African-American community called a press conference to denounce the move in the lobby of City Hall.

Greenville News: Greenville calls for referendum on sales tax plan

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/04/29/greenville-calls-referendum-sales-tax-plan/8445403/>

Rudolph Bell

The city of Greenville has joined three other Greenville County municipalities in calling for a countywide referendum on whether to impose a 1 percent sales tax to pay for road improvements. Greenville City Council unanimously approved a resolution in favor of a referendum Monday night.

The State: Columbia would transfer \$1 million to keep ballpark promise to cultural organizations

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/28/3414926/columbia-would-transfer-1-million.html#storylink=cpy>

Clif LeBlanc

Columbia City Council will have to take \$1 million from unallocated meal-tax money next fiscal year if it wants to continue current spending levels for organizations that rely on taxes from restaurant and bar patrons.

National News:

ABC News: Public Preference for a GOP Congress Marks a New Low in Obama's Approval

<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics/2014/04/public-preference-for-a-gop-congress-marks-a-new-low-in-obamas-approval/>

Gary Langer

Weary of waiting for an economic recovery worth its name, a frustrated American public has sent Barack Obama's job approval rating to a career low – with a majority in the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll favoring a Republican Congress to act as a check on his policies.

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