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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: South Carolina's economic development incentives and Gov. Haley's economy

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141006/PC1603/141009619>

Jeremy Borden

Gov. Nikki Haley's economic track record is one of the best reasons, her allies say, she deserves another term. Her opponents disagree - and with whom voters side with could very well mean the difference between a close race, an upset or a big win for the incumbent.

Note: Haley isn't making any apologies. She said that businesses demand incentives and many are necessary to lure and provide jobs. Not all deals that are announced pan out. "I'm always going to talk about celebrations because I've worked very hard to change the culture of South Carolina," she said.

Aiken Standard: Aiken prosecutor wins state award

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141006/AIK0101/141009736>

Teddy Kulmala

An Aiken County solicitor was recently honored with the state's highest award for a prosecutor. Deputy Solicitor Beth Ann Young received the Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecution, and was recognized at the S.C. Solicitors' Association annual conference last month.

Note: Young created the Second Circuit Drug Court from scratch. In addition to being a specially-appointed assistant U.S. attorney, she is the Solicitor's Office representative for the Aiken Safe Communities Initiative, and was appointed this year by Gov. Nikki Haley to the Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Council.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Associated Press: Ravenel runs hard for Senate, can't outrun demons

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=aB98P2kV

Jeffrey Collins

Thomas Ravenel wants to talk about ideas in his independent run for U.S. Senate. But his felony drug conviction sometimes gets in the way. Ravenel is serious about this run. In the months since he presented his 16,500 signatures to get on the November ballot, Ravenel has met voters at Irmo's Okra Strut and Beaufort's Water Festival.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Island Packet: House speaker's power needs to be diminished

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/05/3353638/house-speakers-power-needs-to.html?sp=/99/342/>

Editorial

By setting the House's calendar, the speaker has direct control on what legislation is debated and what is left to die. By appointing which House members serve on which committees, the speaker can stack key committees with allies, giving him oversized control of what gets passed. (Foes can be relegated to lesser committees.)

Florence Morning News: Domestic violence should be a priority for SC Legislature

http://www.snow.com/opinion/article_4623df42-4b43-11e4-a968-0017a43b2370.html

Editorial

Domestic violence is a social and mental problem that manifests itself in physical and mental ways. If it's a problem that science can solve, physicians take a back seat to psychologists. Shelters for battered women need funds, but fundraising for this cause is more challenging than raising money to fight breast cancer.

One thing is for sure: You can legislate against domestic violence.

Post and Courier: Fix cyber security oversight

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141006/PC1002/141009646>

Editorial

If you run a major American business you can be sure that somewhere, probably in Russia or China, expert computer hackers have you in their sights and it is going to cost you - and ultimately your customers - a lot to limit their damage.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

McClatchy DC: Sen. Graham floats 2016 bid, dismisses Rubio as 'afraid of the right'

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/03/3722468/sen-graham-floats-2016-bid-dismisses.html#storylink=cpy>

William Douglas

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., says fellow Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., is "not quite ready" to become president of the United States, but Graham hinted that he himself might be. In an interview with the conservative Weekly Standard, Graham in one fell swoop dissed his Senate colleague and dipped his toe into what could be a crowded 2016 Republican presidential pool.

Politico: Graham: U.S will need boots on the ground

<http://www.politico.com/blogs/politico-live/2014/10/graham-us-will-need-boots-on-the-ground-196586.html?hp=16>

Jeremy Herb

Sen. Lindsey Graham said on Sunday that U.S. combat troops are going to be needed on the ground in Syria and Iraq to defeat Islamic State militants, despite the repeated insistence from President Barack Obama that he won't deploy such forces.

South Carolina News:

Aiken Standard: New school standards sparring could surface

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141005/AIK0101/141009704/1004>

Rob Novit

In June, the S.C. General Assembly abolished the existing Common Core math and English/language arts standards for all public schools – although they will remain in place through the spring of 2015. The State Department created its own team, assigned to write new standards in those content areas that will take effect in the 2015 to 2016 school year.

Post and Courier: SCRA moving from North Charleston offices this week to make way for Boeing expansion

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141005/PC05/141009777>

Warren L. Wise

The SCRA will move out of its longtime North Charleston offices on International Boulevard after 5 p.m. Friday to its new 78,000-square-foot digs at 315 Sigma Drive in the Nexton development in Summerville. It will reopen for business the following Monday. The SCRA plans to dedicate its new Lowcountry home Nov. 20.

Post and Courier: Grapevine: Machinists union turns up Boeing election campaign in Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141006/PC05/141009722>

The union trying to organize Boeing Co.'s 787 Dreamliner factory in North Charleston has mailed out pamphlets and knocked on doors since it set up an office on Dorchester Road in March. Now, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers is trying a new campaign to drum up support.

Post and Courier: Convicted killer launches online petition to gain Facebook access for inmates

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141005/PC16/141009779/1177>

Glenn Smith

The bill he's challenging, sponsored by state Rep. Wendell Gilliard, of Charleston, would have made it a crime for inmates to have online social media accounts or to assist an inmate in obtaining one. What eventually passed in 2012 was a law making it a misdemeanor for prison inmates to use Facebook and

other social media sites to harass, intimidate or contact crime victims.

Local News:

Associated Press: Myrtle Beach raising taxes for Bikefest security

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KHLZ9Rgd

An annual Memorial Day motorcycle festival is pushing Myrtle Beach officials to raise property taxes by the biggest margin in nearly 20 years. The Sun News reports (<http://bit.ly/1rOFIN3>) City residents will pay an extra \$40 more on a \$200,000 home to hire more police officers and apply other security measures to get control of holiday crowds attending Bikefest.

The State: Lexington County tax proposal generates hope, conflict

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/05/3726619/lexington-county-tax-proposal.html>

Tim Flach

Jennifer Hill hopes Nov. 4 could be the first step toward correcting what she considers a dangerous stretch of road near her home on the west edge of Lexington. Voter approval of a new penny-on-the-dollar sales tax for Lexington County would generate money for that project and at least 68 others.

The State: Columbia set to open S.C.'s first Homeless Court

http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/05/3726668_columbia-set-to-open-scs-first.html?rh=1

Clif LeBlanc

The new court is Columbia's latest attempt at dealing with a large homeless population in the city center, a complex issue that has persisted despite years of effort. A crackdown in 2013 aimed at arresting people who refused to go to the city's homeless shelter was softened after a public outcry that Columbia was trying to criminalize homelessness.

Florence Morning News: Latest crime stats mixed picture for Pee Dee

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_c03027f4-4c20-11e4-9cf1-001a4bcf6878.html

Traci Bridges

Violent crime was down by 6.3 percent in South Carolina in 2012 but up in some areas of the Pee Dee, according to a report recently released by the State Law Enforcement Division. The 2012 Uniform Crime Report indicated murder in South Carolina increased 4.3 percent from 2011 to 2012, but property crimes in the state dropped 2.2 percent from the previous year's numbers.

Post and Courier: Keith Summey celebrates 20 years as North Charleston mayor

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141006/PC16/141009717>

Prentiss Findlay

Conflict-filled City Council meetings carried live on local cable access TV were comic entertainment during the era when Keith Summey launched his career as mayor. He recalled the city during the mid-90s as the butt of jokes.

Island Packet: Speaking at Jasper school board meetings too difficult, some members say

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/05/3354578/speaking-at-jasper-school-board.html?sp=/99/257/266/>

Sarah Bowman

Speaking at a Jasper County school board meeting is no easy task, even if you're a state legislator representing the county. S.C. Reps. Weston Newton and Bill Herbkersman represent districts that include parts of Jasper County, but when they tried to speak at a recent school board meeting, they were not allowed to.

National News:

Washington Post: In 2014 midterms, Republicans increasingly see parallels to 2006 election

http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/in-2014-midterms-republicans-increasingly-see-parallels-to-2006-election/2014/10/05/9c7b8ec6-4ca1-11e4-babe-e91da079cb8a_story.html

Chris Cillizza

A half-dozen senators fighting for their political lives — and their party's hold on the majority — in tough races while trying to avoid being dragged down by an unpopular president and the stark reality that second-term midterm elections almost never work out for the side controlling the White House.

McClatchy DC: Justices could see gay marriage on docket this term

http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/10/05/3354210_justices-could-see-same-sex-marriage.html?sp=/99/100/&rh=1

Michael Doyle

Over the next nine months, the court could decide whether same-sex marriage will be legal nationwide. Justices will clarify the rules governing violent speech and prison grooming standards. They will untangle whether a Florida fisherman destroyed evidence by throwing fish overboard.

Politico: North Carolina Republicans seek Kay Hagan probe

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/10/kay-hagan-north-carolina-111621.html>

Burgess Everett

The Republican Party of North Carolina is asking that the Senate Ethics Committee investigate whether the husband of North Carolina Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan improperly benefited from the stimulus bill that she helped pass.