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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Sun News: Atlantic Beach officials encouraged after meeting with Gov. Haley about Bikefest
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/09/25/4497335/atlantic-beach-officials-encouraged.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1>

Maya T. Prabhu

The mayor of Atlantic Beach said he was happy to have the opportunity Thursday to clear up some misunderstandings between town officials and Gov. Nikki Haley regarding the town's Bikefest during a private meeting.

Note: Haley spokesman Doug Mayer said that governor's meeting with Atlantic Beach officials was productive and honest. "There have been a lot of emotions involved in the discussions surrounding Bikefest and today's meeting was about the need for open and full communication going forward," Mayer said in a statement. "The ultimate goal will always be the safety of our citizens and their property and promoting the goodness and unique culture of South Carolina."

WBTW: Gov. Haley meets with Atlantic Beach Officials over Bike Fest

<http://www.wbtw.com/story/26632603/gov-haley-meets-with-atlantic-beach-officials-over-bike-fest>

AJ Janavel

Thursday, Governor Nikki Haley met with city leaders of Atlantic Beach to discuss the events from last year's Bike fest. Earlier in the year, Haley called for an end to the event after several shootings resulted in three deaths and other injuries along the Grand Strand.

Note: However, Haley says there are some complications that come with increased enforcement. "We want to have peace and there is fine line between peace and first amendment rights and so we want to make sure we walk that line talking with Atlantic Beach officials today was part of that the emotions that we need to get out of the way and we need to pull people together for the good of the area," she said.

Associated Press: Haley meets Atlantic Beach officials on Bikefest

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ztXVHX3V

Atlantic Beach Mayor Jake Evans says he was able to clear up misunderstandings when he and other officials met with Gov. Nikki Haley to discuss the town's Bikefest. Evans would not elaborate on those misunderstandings in talking with The Sun News of Myrtle Beach after the meeting Thursday.

Cola Daily: Pharmaceutical manufacturer plans to bring more jobs to Richland County with \$110 million expansion

<http://coladaily.com/2014/09/26/pharmaceutical-manufacturer-plans-to-bring-more-jobs-to-richland-county-with-110-million-expansion/>

Kelly Petty

A pharmaceutical manufacturing facility in Richland County will undergo an expansion over the next five years that could bring more than 65 jobs. The Ritedose Corp. earlier this month announced plans to add more than 80,000 square feet to its 120,000-square-foot Columbia headquarters in the Carolina Research Park.

Note: "After establishing operations in our state nearly two decades ago, we are thrilled that The Ritedose Corporation continues to grow and succeed here," said Gov. Nikki Haley. "This major expansion once again demonstrates that South Carolina is a place where pharmaceutical companies want to do business, and we applaud their investment and the new jobs they are bringing to Richland County."

The Hill: How Hillary Clinton is helping GOP women

<http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/presidential-campaign/218953-how-hillary-clinton-is-helping-republican-women>

Lauren Ashburn

Even the Hillary haters would have to agree that she's good for one thing: getting voters to see that women can play at the highest level of government. No matter what they think about her handling of Benghazi, Clinton's visibility is a plus in a land where a measly one out of five pols roaming the halls of Congress is female.

Note: Until we have a real female commander-in-chief — whether Hillary Clinton or a female GOP contender like South Carolina's Nikki Haley or New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez, whom Ann Romney recently said she would "love to see" run, we'll have to settle for fictional forerunners to fight our battles.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

WCIV: ABC News 4 announces pair of gubernatorial debates

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/26630427/abc-news-4-announces-pair-of-gubernatorial-debates>

The five gubernatorial candidates have agreed to appear in a pair of televised state-wide debates hosted by ABC News 4 and the Post and Courier along with WPDE, WACH, and WLOS. The first debate will be held Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. from Charleston Southern University. The second will be held a week later, also at 7 p.m., from Furman University in Greenville.

WIS: Candidate for governor Tom Ervin hosts nearly 40 town halls in 25 days

<http://www.wistv.com/story/26630897/candidate-for-governor-tom-ervin-hosts-nearly-40-town-halls-in-25-days>

DaShawn Brown

Tom Ervin is working to make sure you remember his name. On Thursday, the independent candidate for South Carolina governor set off on one of three town hall meetings in Charleston as part of a month-long tour around the state. Ervin started in September hosting 23 town halls in 12 days, but later added an additional 16, all within the first 25 days of the month.

S.C. Political News:

McClatchy DC: South Carolina: A political thicket of cultures and ideologies

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/25/3704712/south-carolina-a-political-thicket.html>

Ali Watkins

A tour through deep red South Carolina isn't so much a trip through one state as it is a journey through a diverse political landscape. Meandering back roads wind from the beaches of Hilton Head to the gaudy boardwalk of Myrtle Beach; from the quaint, conservative downtown of Greenville to the historic flamboyance of Charleston.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: New jobs highlight old challenges

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140926/PC1002/140929555>

Editorial

Residents can anticipate a happier new year in the Lowcountry, thanks to Boeing and its decision to establish a research and technology center here and hire 300 to 400 people to work in it. But the state needs to get busy addressing its staggering infrastructure needs if more such growth is to come.

Times and Democrat: S.C. road rank illustrates why so many problems

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/s-c-road-rank-illustrates-why-so-many-problems/article_d5ed8a18-4532-11e4-8687-4b44e823e8c5.html

Editorial

THE ISSUE: S.C. first in lowest spending per mile; OUR OPINION: Making improvements that people say they want will be costly. Here's some news South Carolinians may find confusing: The state is ranked fourth best in the country for the overall performance and cost-effectiveness of its highways.

Greenville News: Petition drive empowers city residents

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/09/25/editorial-petition-drive-empowers-city-residents/16216893/>

Editorial

Greenville city residents have an opportunity to officially tell the City Council if they want the divisive

decision overturned that is moving the city away from partisan elections. On a 4-3 vote in May, the council voted to end partisan elections next year, and the city will embrace nonpartisan elections starting in 2015.

Island Packet: It's not a matter of if SC will get hit by hurricane, but when

[http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/24/3332804/its-not-a-matter-of-if-sc-will.html?](http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/24/3332804/its-not-a-matter-of-if-sc-will.html?sp=/99/342/#storylink=cpy)

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Editorial

September is National Preparedness Month, and it also marks the height of hurricane season. Many of us well remember Hurricane Hugo, which devastated South Carolina 25 years ago on Sept. 21, 1989. Hugo's impact altered this state's landscape and mindset about disasters.

Post and Courier: Scorn over salute does not compute

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140926/PC1002/140929557>

Editorial

The unaffordable Affordable Care Act ... a naive foreign policy ... IRS targeting of conservative groups ... Benghazi ... the addition of more than \$7 trillion to the national debt. Those are among the valid reasons to criticize President Barack Obama.

S.C. Agency News:

The State: SC prison savings could mean more money for probation agency

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/25/3704934/sc-prison-savings-could-mean-more.html>

Cassie Cope

The state's probation and parole agency says it deserves at least \$2.2 million more next year to help keep nonviolent offenders out of prisons. The agency says it needs the money because more S.C. offenders are being given probation, instead of jail terms. That is saving the state money, a state panel was told Thursday.

WLTX: Corrections Director: Fewer Inmates, Units Closed

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/local/2014/09/25/corrections-director-fewer-inmates-units-closed/16227345/>

Jennifer Bellamy

Fewer people are serving time in South Carolina's corrections facilities following the 2010 Sentencing Reform Act. It has led to thousands fewer inmates and two and a half closed facilities, the Watkins Pre-Release center and a wing at Stevenson Correctional Institution, both in 2012 and the Campbell Pre-Release center in June.

Greenville News: Supreme Court: Tax agency violated spirit of FOI

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/09/25/supreme-court-tax-agency-violated-spirit-foi/16217613/>

Tim Smith

The state's tax agency has paid \$18,000 in attorney fees and costs to Greenville businessman Edward "Ned" Sloan after the South Carolina Supreme Court ruled that the agency improperly responded to Sloan's 2012 state Freedom of Information Act request.

South Carolina News:

The Item: State earns Golden Shovel award for job, industry progress in 2014

<http://www.theitem.com/stories/state-earns-golden-shovel-award-for-job-industry-progress-in-2014,232786?>

Joey Kepler

The state of South Carolina was recognized as a 2014 Golden Shovel Award recipient, making it one of just five states to receive the honor from Area Development, a planning magazine. The award factors in jobs created, and the size of the industry.

Post and Courier: Dorchester, Summerville ask state for \$30 million to finish parkway

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140925/PC1603/140929560>

Cynthia Roldan

The completion of the Berlin Myers Parkway might be on the horizon. Summerville Mayor Bill Collins and Rep. Jenny Horne, R-Summerville, went before the State Infrastructure Bank on Thursday to request \$30 million to finish the final stretch of the project that got its start with Dorchester County voters' approval of a 1 percent sales tax in 2006 .

Times and Democrat: Split SCSU board can't elect chair

http://thetandd.com/news/split-scsu-board-can-t-elect-chair/article_ba0e8032-452c-11e4-ac6a-bb5f2fc8765f.html

Dale Linder-Altman

South Carolina State University trustees failed to elect a board chair Thursday afternoon although they voted twice. Both times, trustees Tony Grant and Sidney Evering II received six votes each. Grant, who holds Seat 2 on the board, has been a trustee since July 2011. His term ends July 1, 2015.

Times and Democrat: Accrediting agency head instructs S.C. State board on proper role

http://thetandd.com/news/accrediting-agency-head-instructs-s-c-state-board-on-proper/article_6ec3c4a6-452d-11e4-b82a-1337e1461ff6.html

Dale Linder-Altman

The job of a university board is "to make policy, to hire, evaluate and, if necessary, fire the president and then to make sure there's enough money to keep it running," said Dr. Belle Wheelan, president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Aiken Standard: State funding can extend past textbooks' life

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140925/AIK0101/140929572/1004/state-funding-can-extend-past-textbooks-life>

Rob Novit

For the past eight years, Aiken High School science teacher Edna Mills has offered a marine science class for her students – relying on a textbook published in 2005. The existing book remains useful, but that cannot continue, Mills said. She'll receive a new textbook for the 2015-16 school year.

The State: SC voters should be able to recall elected officials, new party says

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/25/3704942/sc-voters-should-be-able-to-recall.html#storylink=cpy>

Cassie Cope

South Carolina's American Party wants the state's voters given the power to recall politicians from office. The party, founded by a former Democrat and a former Republican, says voters should be able to recall any statewide constitutional officer or member of the Legislature.

The State: Midwives wary of plans to rewrite state regulations

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/25/3704105/midwives-wary-of-plans-to-rewrite.html>

Joey Holleman

South Carolina health officials want to rewrite regulations for midwives and birthing centers, which has some of those practitioners worried while trying to be optimistic. Midwives say the regulations need to be updated to match evolving national standards. They're concerned state health officials instead will use the rewrite to put more restrictions on their ability to help women through the birthing process.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Sun News: Rep. Tom Rice teaches Ocean Bay Middle School students about founding fathers, Arnold Schwarzenegger

http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/09/25/4497767_rep-tom-rice-teaches-ocean-bay.html?sp=/99/134/142/&rh=1#storylink=cpy

Clair Byun

Some Grand Strand students were treated Wednesday to Rice Krispies treats, a visit from a U.S. Congressman and a short Arnold Schwarzenegger imitation. About 200 eighth-graders packed into the Ocean Bay Middle School auditorium to hear Rep. Tom Rice speak Thursday as part of their "Careers and Leadership" speaker series. Rice was the inaugural speaker.

Local News:

Island Packet: Beaufort County student said he was disciplined for sitting out of Pledge

http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/25/3335142_beaufort-county-student-said-he.html?sp=/99/100/&rh=1#storylink=cpy

Sarah Bowman

A Beaufort County student who refuses to say the Pledge of Allegiance with his classmates every day says

he's being denied his constitutional right to opt out. The American Humanist Association's legal center agrees. The Washington, D.C.-based group says it works to create a society where "being good without god" is both accepted and respected, according to its website.

Post and Courier: Raises for mayor, council OK'd in North Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140925/PC16/140929538>

Prentiss Findlay

A double-digit pay raise will be waiting for the next mayor and City Council of North Charleston. The current Council on Thursday night voted unanimously in favor of an 18.3 percent hike in the mayor's salary that takes effect for the 2016-2019 term. The new pay for mayor in the next term will be \$176,255.

National News:

Politico: How Sen. Kay Hagan's husband won stimulus cash

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/09/kay-hagan-husband-stimulus-cash-111339.html#ixzz3EQEhQuVD>

Manu Raju, John Bresnahan

When Kay Hagan voted for President Barack Obama's 2009 economic stimulus package, the Democratic senator hailed it as "the best way forward for working families across North Carolina." One of the families that later benefited is her own.

Associated Press: Obama pal Eric Holder to leave after 6 years as AG

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Jim Kuhnhenn

It wasn't difficult for Barack Obama and Eric Holder to be in the same orbit. Both were sons of immigrants, Columbia Ivy Leaguers, basketball fans and prominent African-American political figures. They first met nearly 10 years ago, dinner guests of a mutual Washington friend who seated Holder next to the newly elected senator from Illinois.

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