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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Sheheen: SC must fight beach bacterial pollution

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/16/3568180/sc-democrat-sheheen-promises-millions.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/>

Sammy Fretwell

Democratic candidate for governor Vincent Sheheen called Wednesday for the state to spend millions to remove bacteria-filled stormwater pipes from the beaches that anchor South Carolina's tourism economy.

Note: Doug Mayer, a spokesman for Haley, characterized Sheheen's remarks as election-year grandstanding.

Note: "Promising earmarks to local communities isn't leadership, it's electioneering," Mayer said in an email. "No one has supported keeping South Carolina beautiful and our beaches clean more than Gov. Haley, and this administration is committed to protecting the economic engine that tourism is to our state. When community officials that actually represent the Grand Strand come up with a proposal, the governor will be happy to consider it along with all other statewide needs, which is how responsible budgets are written."

WPDE: 'Marshwalk' businesses turn down firework compromise for new fire station <http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=1071278>

April Baker

A funding shortage and a lack of state legislative support have prevented the Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire District from building a new fire station.

Note: Last month, Governor Nikki Haley vetoed the bill and said it would set a precedent of allowing a district to increase taxes without voter approval. Now for the tax increase to happen, lawmakers will have to override that veto.

Post and Courier: Rumors swirl of undocumented immigrants arriving in South Carolina

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140716/PC1603/140719471/1177&source=spreed>

Cynthia Roldan

Rumors of undocumented immigrants secretly being transported to South Carolina have triggered a series of protests that will take place this weekend statewide. Federal and state officials say there is no indication that undocumented immigrants are being flown or transported by bus to the Palmetto State, in the wake of the immigration crisis on the nation's southern border.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

WBTW: Fact Check: new anti-Haley ad

<http://www.wbtw.com/story/26039434/fact-check-new-anti-haley-ad>

Jenna Troum

A Post and Courier quote comes up on screen after she says that: "covering up systemic problems." If you look that article up, you'll find it's not a news article at all. It's an opinion piece. The number of children who died after DSS got involved in their cases has actually gone down since Gov. Haley was elected in 2010. In 2009, 73 children died after DSS got involved.

Note: Haley's campaign manager Rob Godfrey said the governor did not have time to talk about the ad Wednesday, but he did email a statement, which reads in part, "As a mother, Governor Haley is intensely concerned about the children under DSS care. The death of even one child is too many and tragic, and Governor Haley continues to press for reforms of the agency to continue to improve its services."

WBTW: Vincent Sheheen brings Gubernatorial campaign to Myrtle Beach

<http://www.wbtw.com/story/26036836/vincent-sheheen-brings-gubernatorial-campaign-to-myrtle-beach>

Chasity Pendergrass

Democrat Vincent Sheheen brought his Gubernatorial campaign to Myrtle Beach Wednesday. The State Senator from Camden joined the Conservation Voters of South Carolina to discuss water quality issues on the strand.

Anderson Independent: U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio to speak in Anderson next month

http://www.independentmail.com/news/us-sen-marco-rubio-to-speak-in-anderson-next-month_05104876

Kirk Brown

Republican U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida will attend an Aug. 25 fundraiser for U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan at the Civic Center of Anderson. Rubio, a first-term senator from West Miami, is seen as one of the leading contenders for the 2016 GOP presidential nomination.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Aiken Standard: Sustainable resources, job growth go together

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140717/AIK0201/140719477/1018/AIK02/editorial-sustainable-resources-job-growth-go-together>

Editorial

South Carolina is going to have to continue to pursue a sustainable energy portfolio if it wants business growth. That's the message being sent not just from the usual suspects such as conservation groups, but now from the S.C. Department of Commerce.

Times and Democrat: S.C. rural roads most dangerous in the nation

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/s-c-rural-roads-most-dangerous-in-the-nation/article_7652ca4c-0d6e-11e4-bad1-001a4bcf887a.html

Editorial

THE ISSUE: Report on rural highway fatalities; OUR OPINION: S.C. must invest in transportation infrastructure, including making rural roads safer. The good news, if can be called that, is that the number of traffic fatalities on Orangeburg County roads has not increased in July and now stands equal to deaths at the same time a year ago.

Greenville News: German waste shouldn't go to SRS

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/07/16/editorial-german-waste-go-srs/12747991/>

Editorial

A plan to ship spent nuclear fuel from Germany to the Savannah River Site near Aiken deserves close scrutiny, and if the transfer does not meet the requirements for such shipments, South Carolina should work actively to turn it away.

Post and Courier: Hazy call on Clemson building

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140717/PC1002/140719459/1021&source=spreed>

Editorial

The Charleston Board of Architectural Review is going to make people unhappy regardless of what it finally decides on the modernistic Clemson building proposed for the corner of George and Meeting streets. But city staff, by muddying the process, put members in the crossfire unnecessarily.

Florence Morning News: Stories of redemption are good, but not this one

http://www.scnow.com/opinion/article_695c99b8-0d54-11e4-9542-001a4bcf6878.html

Editorial

Thomas Ravenel will try to follow in the footsteps of the once-disgraced Mark Sanford by owning his salacious past and counting on public forgiveness (or forgetfulness) to land a seat in Congress. The former state treasurer filed to run against Sen. Lindsey Graham as an independent this fall.

Post and Courier (Guest Column): S.C. Senate will aspire to tradition of productive compromise

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140717/PC1002/140719463/1021&source=spreed>

Hugh Leatherman

The late Gov. Carroll Campbell, who is iconic for making South Carolina competitive in the world economy for new jobs and investment, summed up the role of state government succinctly. "Our duty is to improve the quality of life and give every person the opportunity to get a good education and good job," he said on many

occasions.

South Carolina News:

The State: SC Ethics Commission chairman limits who can talk to media

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/16/3567229/state-ethics-chairman-narrows.html>

Jamie Self

The chairman of the State Ethics Commission said Wednesday that all comments made on behalf of that agency to the media must come from its executive director — a move a press attorney said breaks the law. Burns, appointed to the commission by Gov. Nikki Haley, said he would not open the matter up for discussion by the commission.

GSA Business: Ministry lines up jobs for former inmates of 'broken' prison system

<http://www.gsabusiness.com/news/51940-ministry-lines-up-jobs-for-former-inmates-of-broken-prison-system?rss=0>

Bill Poovey

The S.C. Department of Corrections in fiscal 2013 released about 4,840 criminal offenders — murderers, sex offenders and thieves among them — who finished their sentences and left without any probation, parole or other community supervision.

Associated Press: SC Supreme: Autopsy reports not public

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2014/07/16/sc-supreme-autopsy-reports-public/12764401/>

Jeffrey Collins

The South Carolina Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that autopsy reports aren't public records, dealing another blow to traditional practices under the state's Freedom of Information law. The justices ruled 4-1 that autopsies are medical records and fall under privacy provisions of the open records law.

Local News:

The State: Major bridge work ahead in Midlands

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/16/3567878/major-bridge-work-ahead-in-midlands.html>

The South Carolina Department of Transportation announced Wednesday that 12 bridges in the bridges will be replaced within the next year. The bridges (on the list which follows) will be replaced because of structural deficiencies, SCDOT said. The actual dates when each bridge will be closed will be announced at a future date.

Florence Morning News: Florence County Council to recognize McGill, Leatherman, Branham

http://www.scnow.com/news/politics/article_9709ed9a-0d43-11e4-be10-001a4bcf6878.html

Gavin Jackson

Thursday's Florence County Council meeting should be a star-studded one with two of the state's most prominent politicians headlining the July meeting while another local politician will be recognized as well for his service.

Post and Courier: Data-mining firm to probe Charleston County home ownership, looking for improper tax breaks

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140717/PC16/140719505/1382&source=spreed>

David Slade

Charleston County has hired a data-mining company to find people who are improperly benefitting from property tax breaks reserved for owner-occupied homes, with hefty penalties awaiting those who are caught. Rental properties and other homes collectively worth hundreds of millions of dollars are believed to be under-taxed because the owners falsely claim to reside there.

The State: Richland County pays \$750,000 to settle inmate beating lawsuit

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/16/3568173/exclusive-richland-county-pays.html>

John Monk

Richland County will pay \$750,000 to settle a lawsuit for the brutal beating of a homeless mentally ill inmate at the county jail. The beating left Robert Sweeper III with a punctured lung, broken ribs and broken vertebrae after the February 2012 incident at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

Aiken Standard: Board moving forward with sales tax option plans

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140716/AIK0101/140719454/1007/AIK0101/board-moving-forward-with-sales-tax-option-plans>

Rob Novit

As Aiken County School Board members delve into plans for a sales tax referendum in November, they have one issue they want to emphasize. No new property taxes. None. Instead, a reduction in property taxes would occur if the sales tax is approved by voters, according to the law that makes the referendum possible.

National News:

New York Times: Raising Stakes on Russia, U.S. Adds Sanctions

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/17/world/europe/obama-widens-sanctions-against-russia.html?ref=todayspaper&_r=0

Peter Baker, James Kanter

President Obama imposed a new round of sanctions against Russia on Wednesday, targeting some of the crown jewels of the country's financial, energy and defense industries in what officials described as the most punishing measures taken to date by the United States in retaliation for Moscow's intervention in Ukraine.

Associated Press: VA Chief: Agency Has Lost Trust Of Vets, Public

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_VETERANS_HEALTH_CARE?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-07-16-12-38-01

Matthew Daly

The Department of Veterans Affairs has lost the trust of veterans and the American people as a result of widespread treatment delays for people seeking health care and falsified records to cover up those delays, the agency's top official said Wednesday.

Associated Press: Dems Seek Gains With Women In Birth Control Loss

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_CONGRESS_BIRTH_CONTROL?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-07-16-14-56-12

Donna Cassata

Senate Democrats suffered what looked like a difficult setback on birth control Wednesday, but they hope it pays big political dividends in November. Republicans blocked a bill that was designed to override a Supreme Court ruling and ensure access to contraception for women who get their health insurance from companies with religious objections.

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