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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Electrode maker Showa Denko Carbon to mark \$300 million expansion Friday in Dorchester County

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141009/PC05/141009388>

Warren L. Wise

A major Lowcountry industry will celebrate its \$300 million expansion Friday, nearly doubling its capacity to supply electrodes to the steel industry. Showa Denko Carbon near Ridgeville in Dorchester County will mark its expanded facilities with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley and company officials will attend.

Note: Showa Denko's ceremony comes two days after French high-voltage cabling maker Nexans snipped the ribbon on its new \$85 million facility in Berkeley County, where Haley also participated.

Post and Courier: Final Occupy Columbia Statehouse case settlement costs disclosed

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141009/PC1603/141009391/1177/final-occupy-columbia-statehouse-case-settlement-costs-disclosed>

Schuyler Kropf

The Occupy Columbia case - in which protesters sued over their right to demonstrate on the Statehouse grounds - cost \$510,000 to defend and settle, with about two-thirds of that going to several law firms that defended the governor's office and the rest of state government.

Note: Haley said the protesters were free to return during daylight hours, but she noted that the occupation had damaged the Statehouse grounds and cost thousands in officer overtime and other costs.

S.C. Same-Sex Marriage News:

Associated Press: SC Supreme Court stops same-sex marriage licenses

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

Jeffrey Collins

About three-dozen gay and lesbian couples who dreamed of getting married in South Carolina saw their hopes dashed at least temporarily Thursday when the state Supreme Court ordered probate judges not to give licenses for same-sex marriages.

Note: And while Wilson, Gov. Nikki Haley and other South Carolina leaders have not been vitriolic in defending the gay marriage ban, Condon said they still broke hearts and made a number of people in their state again feel like second-class citizens.

Post and Courier: S.C. Supreme Court puts gay marriage licenses on hold

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141009/PC1610/141009407>

Cynthia Roldan, Robert Behre

The S.C. Supreme Court ruled Thursday it will maintain the state's status quo of not allowing same-sex marriage licenses in South Carolina until a U.S. District Court makes its ruling in a related Lexington County case. The court order also said the issue of the constitutionality of same-sex marriage in the state won't be considered by state courts while the issue is still pending in U.S. District Court here.

The State: SC Supreme Court tells probate judges to hold off issuing same-sex marriage licenses

http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/08/3731915_richland-charleston-counties-issuing.html?rh=1#storylink=cpy

The South Carolina Supreme Court on Thursday morning directed all probate judges not to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples until the state's federal lawsuit is decided.

Note: Haley said Wednesday that she thinks marriage only should be between a man and a woman, adding she took an oath to uphold the state Constitution, which bans same-sex unions. But she said the courts left

the issue a mess.

Note: "We have to figure out what that is right now," Haley said. "That's the big question of the day for everyone in South Carolina. Where does the rule of law stand after this and where does that leave South Carolina?"

Washington Times: S.C. gay marriage on hold: court

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/oct/9/sc-gay-marriage-hold-court/>

Cheryl Wetzstein

South Carolina state officials won their request for a stay on gay marriages Thursday. Before noon, the South Carolina Supreme Court issued an order for the state to maintain "the status quo" pending a federal ruling in a gay marriage case.

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, who is a co-defendant with Mr. Wilson in the Bradacs lawsuit, said this week that her job is to "protect the Constitution" and "the Constitution says that marriage is defined between a man and a woman."

The State: SC Supreme Court tells probate judges to hold off issuing same-sex marriage licenses

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/09/3733962/breaking-sc-supreme-court-tells.html#storylink=cpy>

Clif LeBlanc

The state's highest court on Thursday stopped the issuance of marriage licenses to same-sex couples until a federal court case in South Carolina challenging the constitutionality of such bans is settled. Highway Patrol trooper Katherine Bradacs and her partner, Tracie Goodwin, filed the federal suit in August.

Greenville News: SC Supreme Court halts same-sex marriage licenses

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/10/09/know-gay-marriage-sc/16968551/>

Lyn Riddle

The South Carolina Supreme Court issued an injunction to stop a Charleston judge from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The court also directed all other probate judges to refrain from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples until a decision is made in a lawsuit pending in federal court.

Associated Press: The latest developments on same-sex marriage

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9f1zxXGk

Weddings, court rulings and confusion are defining a week that started with the U.S. Supreme Court denying appeals from five states seeking to retain their bans on same-sex marriage, followed by a ruling overturning some bans in Western states. Some states affected by the decisions are going ahead with weddings; some are proceeding toward marriage deliberately; and some are putting up a fight.

Note: The South Carolina Supreme Court ordered lower state courts not to issue same-sex marriage licenses until a federal judge decides whether the state constitution's ban on the unions is legal. The move came a day after a judge in Charleston had begun accepting applications.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Post and Courier: Haley promotes economic progress in new television advertisement

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141009/PC1603/141009403/1177/haley-promotes-economic-progress-in-new-television-advertisement>

Jeremy Borden

Gov. Nikki Haley touts her record on jobs and the economy in a new statewide television advertisement that began airing Thursday. The advertisement comes as Haley's opponents, Democrat Vincent Sheheen and petition candidate Tom Ervin, have criticized her economic record.

Note: "If you find a person a job, you take care of a family," Haley says in the ad, the eighth of the campaign cycle. "You give people dignity and self-reliance. You create opportunities. We've made so much progress but we won't stop until everyone in South Carolina can achieve their hopes and dreams."

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Officials: South Carolina ready for possible Ebola outbreak

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141009/PC1603/141009383>

Jeremy Borden

South Carolina's healthcare system is prepared for a possible outbreak of the Ebola virus, two top health officials told a S.C. Senate committee Thursday, even as the state's doctors and hospitals work through the

best ways to prepare for a patient with the disease.

Greenville News: Petition drive starts for S.C. recall elections

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/10/09/petition-drive-starts-sc-recall-elections/16986539/>

Tim Smith

Voters on Wednesday filled a box with cards petitioning lawmakers for such elections at the State Fair in the first eight hours they had the chance, said Jim Rex, a former state education superintendent and the chairman of the American Party South Carolina, which is conducting the drive.

Associated Press: Think tank leaders urges end to SC ethics laws

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

The leader of the organization that brought the allegations that led to the indictment of House Speaker Bobby Harrell says the state should do away with its current ethics laws. Ashley Landess with the South Carolina Policy Council suggested Wednesday that ethics violations should be handled under the state's criminal laws, The State newspaper (<http://bit.ly/1Ey7Bdf>) reported.

WYFF: Youth offender curfew in effect for Fall for Greenville

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/youth-offender-curfew-in-effect-for-fall-for-greenville/29027764#ixzz3FgWskXGn>

A curfew will be in place during Fall for Greenville for all youthful offenders who are currently under South Carolina Department of Corrections intensive supervision.

Note: "Corrections is proud to partner with law enforcement agencies in the Upstate to further enhance safety and security of citizens during the festival," said Bryan Stirling, Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Post and Courier: MUSC to relaunch heart transplant program

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141009/PC16/141009401>

Lauren Sausser

The Medical University Hospital is relaunching its heart transplant program after temporarily suspending it in May. Particular attention will be paid to post-transplant care the patients receive, he said. Heart transplant surgeries were voluntarily suspended by the hospital earlier this year after months of poor patient outcomes and at least one death.

The State: Greens won't sue to stop gold mine

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/10/09/3734068/greens-wont-sue-to-stop-gold-mine.html>

Sammy Fretwell

Some of South Carolina's most influential conservation groups won't oppose permits for an industrial-scale gold mine in Lancaster County under an agreement they struck to protect 368 acres near the mine and provide \$4 million for future land preservation.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

CBS: Graham: 'The More Endangered We Are Here' As ISIS Gets Stronger

<http://washington.cbslocal.com/2014/10/09/graham-the-more-endangered-we-are-here-as-isis-gets-stronger/>

Speaking to Fox News on Wednesday as the Syrian border town of Kobani remained under siege from ISIS, the Senate Armed Services Committee member stated that the U.S.-led airstrikes are not containing or degrading the terror group.

Local News:

Greenville News: Battle over roads tax heats up in Greenville

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/10/08/greenville-county-sales-tax-foes-wrong-ordinance/16944215/>

Rudolph Bell

Greenville County officials say foes of a 1 percent sales tax are misinterpreting the language of an ordinance authorizing a referendum on the question next month. Americans for Prosperity, an anti-tax group leading opposition to the sales tax plan, said in a recent news release that a close reading of the "fine print" shows County Council could spend the tax money "on any project the council chooses."

Post and Courier: Kindred buying national firm that owns hospices, home health businesses in South Carolina

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141009/PC05/141009410>

John McDermott

An Atlanta-based company that provides hospice and home health care services in the Charleston region and other parts of South Carolina is being acquired. Gentiva Health Services Inc. has agreed to be acquired by Kindred Healthcare Inc. for about \$720 million in cash and stock. Including debt that the buyer is assuming, the value of the deal is \$1.8 billion.

National News:

Associated Press: GOP Banks on Anti-Obama Mood to Oust Southern Dems

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/gop-banks-anti-obama-mood-oust-southern-dems-26078363>

Charles Babington

The last of the Deep South's statewide elected Democrats are hoping their seniority and famous family names will save them from the region's rightward trend in this year's Senate races. But Republicans say only one name matters in these rapidly realigning states: Barack Obama.

Politico: A maze to opt out of Obamacare individual mandate

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/10/obamacare-opting-out-111730.html#ixzz3FgWldXsh>

Rachael Bade

Tens of millions of Americans can avoid the fee if they qualify for exemptions like hardship or living in poverty, but the convoluted process has some experts worried individuals will be tripped up by lost paperwork, the need to verify information with multiple sources and long delays that extend beyond tax season.

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