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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: SC wants to require some food stamp recipients to prove they're looking for jobs

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/03/07/3312038/sc-wants-to-require-some-food.html#storylink=cpy>

Joey Holleman

After a public flirtation with requiring food stamps be used only to buy healthier foods, Gov. Nikki Haley's administration has decided to take a different course and require more food-stamp recipients find a job.

Note: "Obesity is a serious issue in South Carolina, contributing to rising health-care costs and countless other diseases that affect far too many of our citizens," said Doug Mayer, spokesman for Republican Gov. Haley, who is running for re-election in November. "Finding a solution to this problem will take a team effort and that is exactly what we are doing here – providing South Carolinians with the support they need to improve their overall health and quality of life."

WLTX: SC Wants Food Stamp Recipients To Be Working

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/local/2014/03/07/sc-candy-work-food-stamps-changes-ban/6185075/>

Robert Kittle

South Carolina will ask for permission from the federal government to require food stamp recipients to work or be looking for work. The state is scrapping a proposal to ban food stamps from being used to buy junk food. Gov. Nikki Haley had proposed the junk food ban as a way to fight the state's high obesity rate, but has backed off because the federal government denied similar requests by other states.

Post and Courier: Time to sell off state roads?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140308/PC1610/140309438/1031/time-to-sell-off-state-roads>

Robert Behre

Next week, the Legislature is expected to debate whether cities and counties should be given the right to buy back state-owned roads. The House vote will come as part of the larger budget debate, but even if the measure were to pass the Legislature and get signed by Gov. Nikki Haley, it's unclear what difference it might make.

WTMA: Haley to Host Constituent Meetings in Greenwood County

[http://www.wtma.com/common/more.php?](http://www.wtma.com/common/more.php?m=58&ts=1394214615&article=F05A6886A62011E3B51EFEFDADE6840A&mode=2)

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Gov. Nikki Haley will be visiting Greenwood County next week to chat one-on-one with members of the public. According to the governor's office, Haley will hold constituent meetings at the Greenwood County Council Office on Tuesday from 3 p.m. Residents will have the chance to schedule a face-to-face meeting with the governor to discuss any issue.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Greenville News: Book's sale at park shops needles Sheheen campaign

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20140308/NEWS03/303080033/Book-s-sale-park-shops-needles-Sheheen-campaign>

Rudolph Bell

If you browse merchandise in the gift shop at Caesars Head State Park, you'll find Gov. Nikki Haley's autobiography among outdoor-themed books such as a guide to the Blue Ridge Parkway and a natural history of the Southern Appalachians.

Note: Haley campaign spokesman Rob Godfrey said Sheheen "is getting desperate if he's criticizing a book from which proceeds have helped our poorest counties with things like health care for our citizens and books for rural libraries."

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Help S.C. State rebound

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140308/PC1002/140309421/1021/help-sc-state-rebound>
Editorial

The cost to the state to help South Carolina State University out of a financial crisis would be \$13.6 million. The cost of not helping would be immeasurable. Yes, S.C. State has had more than its share of problems in recent years. It has received bad marks from auditors. Meanwhile, Gov. Nikki Haley first wants to see what the state inspector general reports. His assessment is expected in the next few weeks.

Post and Courier: Face immigration reality

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140308/PC1002/140309422/1021/face-immigration-reality>
Editorial

The federal government and American Civil Liberties Union, among others, sued to block the immigration legislation passed by the General Assembly and signed by Gov. Nikki Haley in 2011. And judging from court documents filed early this week, the state attorney general's office will agree to drop some of the law's provisions to resolve that legal case.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Index-Journal: Graham: Immigration is 'broken'

<http://www.indexjournal.com/Content/News/News/Article/Graham--Immigration-is--broken-/4/40/24168>
Chris Trainor

There are a number of national and international headlines that have grabbed Americans' attention in recent weeks and months. U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham touched on many of those topics and more on Friday afternoon in Greenwood. Graham made a campaign stop Friday at Greenwood County Library, in an event hosted by the Greenwood Chamber.

Greenwood Today: Graham talks healthcare

<http://gwdtoday.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=27&ArticleID=29105>
Brian King

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham visited the Greenwood County Library Friday to talk with business leaders as part of the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Series. Graham talked mostly about the Affordable Care Act, known as ObamaCare, and its impact on the American economy.

Post and Courier: Sanford continues to blast old tax break that brings Bass Pro Shops to North Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140307/PC16/140309430/sanford-continues-to-blast-old-tax-break-that-brings-bass-pro-shops-to-north-charleston>
Schuyler Kropf

Mark Sanford may be Charleston's congressman, but he's still throwing stones at a tax break he couldn't stop as governor. Sanford on Friday continued his criticism of the 2006 Statehouse legislation that will bring a mega-size Bass Pro Shops retail outlet to North Charleston next year.

Legislative Session News:

Post and Courier: McConnell against College of Charleston-MUSC merger; lawmakers press on

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140307/PC16/140309443/1006/mcconnell-against-college-of-charleston-musc-merger-lawmakers-press-on>
Jeremy Borden

While the future of a potential merger between the College of Charleston and the Medical University of South Carolina appears to be in the hands of six state House members, one of the state's most influential politicians says the move is unnecessary and unlikely to happen this year. Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell, a finalist for the C of C presidency and an alumnus, said the college can expand its offerings without needing to merge with the medical university.

The State: Lt. Gov. McConnell: No Charleston-MUSC merger this year

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/03/07/3311718/lt-gov-mcconnell-no-charleston.html#storylink=cpy>
Andrew Shain

Legislative proposals to merge the College of Charleston and the Medical University of South Carolina, creating a larger research university in Charleston, will not have enough time to pass this year, Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell told The State. McConnell, one of the three finalists for president of the College of Charleston, added he might not need a merger with MUSC to put his alma mater on the same research-university footing as Clemson University and the University of South Carolina.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Wilson returning \$200 in donations from 2010 race

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=pslkxOe7

Seanna Adcox

The campaign of South Carolina's top prosecutor is refunding \$200 to a lobbyist who donated to his 2010 campaign and correcting campaign filings so that a legal firm didn't appear to give the maximum donation twice, following notification from the State Ethics Commission.

Post and Courier: Attorney General's opinion hazy on issue of Daniel Island schools

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140307/PC16/140309449/1389/attorney-generals-opinion-hazy-on-issue-of-daniel-island-schools>

Brenda Rindge

Daniel Island students might stay in the Berkeley County School District even if voters choose to switch their address to Charleston County. Then again, they may not, according to a state Attorney General's opinion. The opinion, which carries no legal weight, suggests that the parties involved should seek a declaratory judgment on the issue.

Anderson Independent: Expert: Health law will be costly for small businesses

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/mar/07/expert-health-law-will-be-costly-for-small/?partner=RSS>

Kirk Brown

Many small businesses and their employees will pay more for health coverage under the Affordable Care Act, an insurance expert warned Friday. The federal health-care law "isn't helping most small employers," said David Slade, vice president of the Rosenfeld Einstein insurance agency in Greenville.

Seneca Journal: University, EPA sign partnership

<https://upstatetoday.com/2014/03/university-epa-sign-partnership/>

Josie Rabbitt

With a stroke of a pen Friday, Clemson University interim vice president for research Dr. Larry Dooley signed off on a partnership between the university and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Clemson's College of Engineering and Science joined 52 other universities in partnerships with the EPA in what Stanley Meiburg, deputy regional administrator for Region 4, called "a great step in achieving the goals of protecting humankind and the environment."

Post and Courier: Summerville leaves texting while driving ban to state

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140307/PC16/140309462/1006/summerville-leaves-texting-ban-to-state>

Bo Petersen

The town won't go ahead with a texting while driving ban - yet. But don't think of it as a "get out of a jail free" card. You can still get cited for "inattentive driving," Mayor Bill Collins has warned. And that ticket could cost \$1,000.

Associated Press: Wing cracks lead to Dreamliner production delay

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=XliECSw6

Scott Mayerowitz

Boeing's much-delayed 787 Dreamliner has hit another production snafu. Hairline cracks have been discovered in the wings of some 787s that are being built. The Chicago-based manufacturer said none of the 122 jets already flown by airlines around the world are affected.

The State: Richard Cash books Grammy winner for birthday, campaign bash

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/03/07/3311406/election-2014-richard-cash-books.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

It's Richard Cash's birthday party -- and he's mixing politics and music. One of six Republicans challenging

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham in June's primary, Cash has booked five-time Grammy winner and Christian singer-songwriter Steven Curtis Chapman to headline a concert-campaign event, called the "One Nation Under God Rally."

Local News:

Aiken Standard: Russia moves forward with MOX agreement

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140308/AIK0101/140309465/1007/AIK0101/russia-moves-forward-with-mox-agreement>

Derrek Asberry

Russia is reportedly moving forward with its part of the international MOX agreement while the fate of the United States' current MOX facility at the Savannah River Site hangs in the balance. According to an article on the World Nuclear News website, Russia's MOX program just sent the first batches of 56 MOX fuel assemblies to Beloyarsk 4, one of the country's nuclear plants.

Florence Morning News: Florence County Emergency Management named top in the state

http://www.scnow.com/news/business/article_c6bd110a-a65c-11e3-b6bd-0017a43b2370.html

John D. Russell

The South Carolina Emergency Management Association (SCEMA) has named Florence County Emergency Management Department (FCEMD) as the 2014 Agency of the Year. The honor is given to an agency that demonstrates the most significant improvement or difference in their community.

National News:

Reuters: Republicans gain momentum in close fight for U.S. Senate

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/08/us-usa-politics-senate-analysis-idUSBREA2706H20140308>

John Whitesides

Eight months before the November 4 elections, Republicans have expanded the number of competitive races for U.S. Senate seats and have a growing chance of gaining control of that chamber and stalling Democratic President Barack Obama's second-term agenda.

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