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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Area Development: Carbon Resources Recovery Invests \$20 Million In Anderson County, South Carolina, Manufacturing Center

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/3-31-2014/carbon-resources-production-facility-anderson-county-south-carolina489232.shtml>

CRR Carbon Resources Recovery SC, a manufacturer of recycled tire materials, plans to locate a production facility in Anderson County, South Carolina. The company's \$20 million investment is expected to create approximately 30 new jobs over the next two years.

Note: "It speaks volumes to the strength of our state's business environment and skilled workforce when a company like CRR decides to locate its first North American plant here. We applaud CRR's decision to invest \$20 million in our state and create 30 new jobs in Anderson County," Governor Nikki Haley.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

The State (Video): Pro-Haley Republican Governors Association hits Sheheen with another TV ad

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/03/31/3359379/pro-haley-republican-governors.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

The Republican Governors Association and ally to Gov. Nikki Haley released another ad Monday attacking state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, her Democratic opponent, for his support for the Affordable Care Act. A Camden attorney, Sheheen is the only Democrat running for governor in November's general election. Sheheen also ran in 2010, losing to Haley by 4.5 percentage points.

Post and Courier (Video): RGA rolls out new ad hitting Sheheen on Obamacare

<http://politics.postandcourier.com/2014/03/31/rga-rolls-out-new-ad-hitting-sheheen-on-obamacare/>

Jeremy Borden

The Republican Governors Association third advertisement in South Carolina features a familiar theme: Democratic candidate state Sen. Vincent Sheheen's support of the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare.

Greenville News: TD Convention Center hosts Democrats and Republicans tonight

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20140331/NEWS03/303310036/TD-Convention-Center-hosts-Democrats-Republicans-tonight>

Rudolph Bell

It's red and blue at the TD Convention Center tonight, and we'll see about the fireworks. At 6 p.m., the Greenville County Democratic Party's annual convention kicks off with special guest Bakari Sellers, lieutenant governor candidate. Vincent Sheheen, the Democratic gubernatorial candidate, had planned to come, but the Camden lawyer got stuck in court, said Andrew Whalen, his campaign manager.

Post and Courier: Lt. Gov. candidate McKinney picks up two local endorsements

<http://politics.postandcourier.com/2014/03/31/lt-gov-candidate-mckinney-picks-up-two-local-endorsements/>
Schuyler Kropf

Former Mount Pleasant mayor Billy Swails and former congressman Tommy Hartnett today endorsed businessman Pat McKinney for lieutenant governor. Hartnett and Swails join a list of other supporters that includes former governor Jim Edwards, former congressman John Napier and the three past state commerce secretaries: Joe Taylor, Bob Faith and Charlie Way.

Associated Press: Senate candidate Cash holds Greenville fundraiser

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9Ka6RI6h

Christian recording star Steven Curtis Chapman is helping Republican U.S. Senate candidate Richard Cash raise money for his campaign. Chapman is giving a mini-concert at Cash's "One Nation Under God Rally" on Monday at the TD Center in Greenville.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Politico: Jim Clyburn's plea for Obama to do more

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/03/jim-clyburn-obama-midterm-elections-105198.html#ixzz2xZmQpSQO>
Tal Kopan

Veteran Democratic Rep. Jim Clyburn said Monday that the White House could be doing more to help Democrats in November's midterms. The South Carolina Democrat said while he feels "real good" about where his party stands right now, there's still room for President Barack Obama to help further with his political apparatus.

Fox News: Graham: Putin must 'pay a heavy price' for annexing disputed Crimea

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2014/03/31/graham-putin-must-pay-heavy-price-for-annexing-disputed-crimea/>

Christopher Snyder

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., told Fox News' KT McFarland that Russian President Vladimir Putin must "pay a heavy price for annexing Crimea in violation of every international norm." Graham suggests boosting U.S. energy exports to Europe as a way to counteract their dependence on Russian resources.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: SC uninsured unable to access health care options

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Ragf6Bxp

Seanna Adcox

With uninsured South Carolinians facing a midnight deadline for signing up for health care coverage, enrollment counselors are reporting a surge of people seeking their help. But people can't access their options because of more technical glitches with the federal website.

Associated Press: SC prison guard shooting suspect to plead guilty

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/03/31/5823349/sc-prison-guard-shooting-suspect.html?sp=/100/101/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Meg Kinnard

An Orangeburg man charged with conspiring to kill a prison guard in a hit orchestrated by an inmate on an illegal cellphone has signed a plea agreement, according to court papers. Last week, Sean Echols, 30, signed an agreement to plead guilty to conspiracy to use interstate facilities to arrange a murder-for-hire. Prosecutors and Echols' defense attorney had said during a February hearing that they were trying to work out the plea.

Post and Courier: Foreclosure rate drops in Charleston metro region, report says

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140331/PC05/140339897/1177/foreclosure-rate-drops-in-charleston-metro-region-report-says>

Tyrone Richardson

The Charleston metro region's foreclosure rate continues to decrease, but the area is still higher than state and national averages, according to a new report. Real estate information firm CoreLogic reported today that outstanding mortgage loans were 2.16 percent in the Charleston-North Charleston-Summerville area in January, down 1.20 percent from the same month a year ago.

Post and Courier: In recovering S.C. towns and cities, raises are returning for municipal employees

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140330/PC16/140339958/1006/raises-returning-for-municipal-workers-budgets-are-rebounding-following-recession-in-south-carolinas-towns-and-cities>

David Slade

Employees of South Carolina's towns and cities saw pay freezes and cutbacks during the Great Recession, like their private-sector counterparts, but municipal budgets have been rebounding and raises have returned.

Sun News: Myrtle Beach airport passenger numbers drop in February

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/03/31/4133809/myrtle-beach-airport-passenger.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Dawn Bryant

Changes to some off-season flights on US Airways contributed to an overall decline in passenger numbers in February at Myrtle Beach International Airport, the second consecutive month the numbers have dipped. The loss of winter flights to Newark, N.J., on United also contributed, as well as bad winter weather that caused some flight cancellations, according to airport statistics and officials.

Local News:

Greenville News: Greenville's hand-held phone ban goes into effect tomorrow

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20140331/NEWS/303310056/Greenville-s-hand-held-phone-ban-goes-into-effect-tomorrow>

Anna Lee

Starting Tuesday, motorists will have to put down their phones while driving in the city of Greenville or risk a \$100 ticket. The ban on all hand-held mobile devices is part of the city's efforts to curb distracted driving and makes texting and reading emails illegal behind the wheel, according to the city ordinance.

Aiken Standard: City Council to hold work session on budget, ice storm debris

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140331/AIK0101/140339937/1004/city-council-to-hold-work-session-on-budget-ice-storm-debris>

Maayan Schechter

Aiken City Council will hold a budget work session on the Public Services department on Tuesday, and a discussion on February's ice storm debris will immediately follow. The work session will be held at 4 p.m. in room 204 on the second floor of the Municipal Building, located at 214 Park Ave.

National News:

Associated Press: Obamacare website stumbles on last day

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140331/PC1601/140339890/1177/obamacare-website-stumbles-on-last-day>

Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

A flood of last-minute applicants rushed to sign up for health insurance on Monday, deadline day for President Barack Obama's health care law, with more than 100,000 people at a time using the fragile system despite a new spate of intermittent ills. Supporters of the overhaul fanned out across the country in a final dash to sign up uninsured Americans.

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