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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: SC State still doesn't know if \$13.6 million bailout is coming

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/24/3406338/sc-state.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/>

Andrew Shain

S.C. State University is still awaiting word from state budget leaders whether they will give the state's only historically black public college a \$13.6 million bailout, school president Thomas Elzey said Thursday.

Note: The board, that includes legislative budget leaders and chaired by Gov. Nikki Haley, could provide a loan to the university to pay vendors -- some of whom have not been paid since August, according to school officials.

Times and Democrat: Medac bringing headquarters to North Augusta: \$12 million investment, 615 jobs

http://thetandd.com/business/medac-bringing-headquarters-to-north-augusta-million-investment-jobs/article_9ab005e8-cbf2-11e3-bf3d-001a4bcf887a.html

Medac Inc., a provider of revenue cycle and practice management services and information products to anesthesia-related healthcare providers, plans to establish the company's headquarters in Aiken County.

Note: "We couldn't be more excited that Medac Inc. has decided to establish its company headquarters in South Carolina. Their \$12 million investment and 615 jobs they are bringing to the North Augusta area will have a positive impact on the whole of the state and especially the local community," Gov. Nikki Haley said.

Associated Press: Engineering firm bringing 130 jobs to York County

http://www.scnw.com/news/business/article_da915914-cbd4-11e3-9470-0017a43b2370.html

A company that provides engineering and technical services for power and communications utilities is locating its corporate headquarters in York County, bringing 130 jobs to South Carolina. UC Synergetic announced on Thursday that it will invest \$2.2 million in its headquarters in Fort Mill. The South Carolina headquarters will support UC Synergetic's 36 offices and more than 1,200 employees nationwide.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley said the announcement is another reflection of the growth of the engineering and technical sectors of the South Carolina economy.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Associated Press: SC GOP threatens to sue Haley's former primary foe

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=72d885xM

Seanna Adcox

The South Carolina Republican Party wants former GOP gubernatorial candidate Tom Ervin to stop calling himself an independent Republican. State GOP Chairman Matt Moore threatened legal action Thursday if Ervin doesn't immediately stop running TV ads that identify him as an "independent Republican for governor," saying the ads mislead voters.

Greenville News: State GOP asks Ervin to stop calling himself Republican

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/04/24/state-gop-asks-ervin-stop-calling-republican/8095421/>

Tim Smith

The South Carolina Republican Party is asking petition gubernatorial candidate Tom Ervin of Greenville to stop referring to himself in ads as an "independent Republican," arguing it is false advertising because he dropped out of the GOP primary race.

Post and Courier: S.C. GOP says candidate Tom Ervin can't call himself 'Republican,' defends ad attacking Democrat

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140424/PC1603/140429653/1177/sc-gop-says-candidate-tom-erwin-cant-call-himself-republican-defends-ad-attacking-democrat>

Jeremy Borden

A third party candidate running for South Carolina governor should not be able to refer to himself as a Republican in campaign advertising, a state GOP spokesman said Thursday. Independent Tom Ervin, a former judge and S.C. House Democrat, had originally filed to run against Gov. Nikki Haley in June's Republican primary.

The State: State GOP tells petition candidate for governor to stop calling himself a Republican

[http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/24/3406547/state-gop-tells-petition-candidate.html?](http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/24/3406547/state-gop-tells-petition-candidate.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy)

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Jamie Self

The S.C. Republican Party is asking Tom Ervin, who withdrew from the GOP primary for governor to run as a petition candidate, to stop calling himself a Republican in campaign ads. Ervin of Greenville had filed to run as a Republican in June's primary against Gov. Nikki Haley. But he later withdrew and announced that he would run as a petition candidate instead, giving himself more time to share his message.

WLTX: SCGOP to Ervin: You Can't Call Yourself a Republican

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/2014/04/24/tom-erwin-republican-campaign-advertisement/8092529/>

Tony Santaella

The South Carolina Republican Party has sent a cease and desist letter to a man running for governor, telling him he can't claim to be a Republican in his ads. Lawyers for the SCGOP and Chairman Matt Moore sent the letter to Tom Ervin on Thursday.

WIS: SCGOP threatens legal action against independent gubernatorial candidate

<http://www.wistv.com/story/25330494/scgop-threatens-legal-action-against-independent-gubernatorial-candidate>

Jeremy Turnage

The state Republican Party is threatening legal action against an independent candidate for governor over the use of a phrase in his campaign ad. GOP Chairman Matt Moore held a news conference Thursday morning to unveil a cease and desist letter sent to candidate Tom Ervin, who has been identifying himself as an "independent Republican" running for governor.

WYFF: Truth Check: Ad accuses Vincent Sheheen of 'protecting criminals'

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/ad-accuses-vincent-sheheen-of-protecting-criminals/25635070><http://www.wyff4.com/news/ad-accuses-vincent-sheheen-of-protecting-criminals/25635070>

Tim Waller

In the most controversial political ad so far in the South Carolina governor's race, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Vincent Sheheen is accused of "protecting criminals, not us." (Sheheen) got a sex offender out of jail time, defended a child abuser and represented others charged with violent acts," the ad by the Republican Governors Association claims.

Post and Courier: SC Democratic Party chair: Gov. Nikki Haley's first quarter contributions report has 'two major problems'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140424/PC1603/140429628/1005/>

Cynthia Roldan

The chairman of the South Carolina Democratic Party announced Thursday afternoon that staffers had uncovered 11 instances of what they called "unethical activity" by Gov. Nikki Haley in her first quarter campaign contributions.

Washington Post (Op/Ed): The RGA's despicable ad in South Carolina

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/volokh-conspiracy/wp/2014/04/24/the-rgas-despicable-ad-in-south-carolina/>

Johnathan H. Adler

I don't know South Carolina state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, and I doubt I'd support him for governor if I were a resident of the Palmetto State. I do know, however, that the Republican Governors Association's latest ad attacking Sheheen for having worked as a criminal defense attorney is contemptible.

Associated Press: SC Libertarian Party says election law is invalid

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=HWN5sv1o

Meg Kinnard

Attorneys for South Carolina's Libertarian Party argued before the state Supreme Court on Thursday that a law governing how the state's elections are conducted is invalid - a contention that, if the court agreed, could wreak havoc on this year's races.

Legislative Session News:

Greenville News: Regulating craft beer a challenge for S.C.

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/entertainment/2014/04/24/regulating-craft-beer-challenge-sc/8108015/>

Eric Connor

The craft beer industry is eagerly awaiting the numbers that show just how much it has grown in South Carolina over the past year. The latest figures by the national Brewers Association — reflecting 2012 statistics — showed a \$254 million impact on South Carolina's economy. Since then, we've basically seen the number of breweries in the state double.

Greenville News: School bus drivers may be paid more

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/04/23/superintendent-pushes-higher-bus-driver-pay/8058129/>

Ron Barnett

Hoping to reduce the number of times children arrive to school late because of a shortage of bus drivers, Superintendent Burke Royster this morning proposed raising the starting pay of bus drivers. Some teachers would get more than a 2 percent raise based on the state salary schedule.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: RBC Heritage working to keep backing

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

Pete Iacobelli

RBC Heritage tournament director Steve Wilmot doesn't want to return to the dark, sponsor-less days of just a few years ago when his longtime PGA Tour stop didn't know if it would make it through to the next year. So everyone connected with the event is making sure that won't happen.

Associated Press: SC advocates, lawyers team to assist veterans

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=uWIGX1DX

Medical Center spokesman Kevin McIver announced Thursday that the Appleseed Legal Justice Center is working with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough Law Firm on the pro-bono legal clinic for low-income veterans called Lawyers 4 Vets.

Local News:

Anderson Independent: McLaughlin exec says Anderson plant on track

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/apr/24/mclaughlin-exec-says-anderson-plant-on-track/?partner=RSS>

Nikie Mayo

An executive from McLaughlin Body Co. said Thursday that renovations to the plant in Anderson are on track. Randy Frederick, the company's general manager of Southeast operations, said the company chose Anderson County primarily because of its skilled labor force and the technical training available at schools in this part of the Upstate.

Associated Press: Socastee High teacher is South Carolina Teacher of the Year

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/apr/24/socastee-high-teacher-south-carolina-teacher-year/?partner=RSS>

A special education teacher from Horry County has been named South Carolina's Teacher of the Year. Jennifer Ainsworth of Socastee High School was announced as the winner in Columbia on Wednesday night. She was among five finalists from across the state.

National News:

Washington Post: Obama administration prepares to take over Oregon's broken health insurance exchange

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/obama-administration-prepares-to-take-over-oregons-broken-health-insurance-exchange/2014/04/24/ff9aa220-cbc4-11e3-95f7-7ecdde72d2ea_story.html

Amy Goldstein

The Obama administration is poised to take over Oregon's broken insurance exchange, according to officials familiar with the decision, who say that it reflects federal officials' conclusion that several state-run marketplaces may be too dysfunctional to fix.

Associated Press: House speaker says world wants US to lead

<http://news.yahoo.com/house-speaker-says-world-wants-us-lead-184446039.html>

Dan Sewell

House Speaker John Boehner said Thursday that allies of the United States want America to show strong leadership globally, and that he wants some of his congressional colleagues to stop shying away from immigration reform.

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