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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Sun News: Myrtle Beach chamber showcasing video of Ocean Boulevard during Memorial Day weekend to neighborhood watch groups

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/09/17/4480842/myrtle-beach-chamber-showcasing.html?sp=/99/134/#storylink=cpy>

Maya T. Prabhu

Residents of the neighborhoods on the former Myrtle Beach Air Force Base gathered in a room Wednesday at the Base Recreation Center while images of a shooting, motorcycles, young people crowding and dancing in the streets and scantily clad women dancing provocatively projected on a screen.

Note: The violence caused Gov. Nikki Haley to call for an end to Atlantic Beach Bikefest, but town officials have said they have no plans to do so.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Fayetteville Observer: U.S. Senate candidate Tillis to appear at Fayetteville events Thursday with S.C. governor Haley

http://www.fayobserver.com/news/local/u-s-senate-candidate-tillis-to-appear-at-fayetteville-events/article_2571b5c7-5722-50a9-ba6a-da3686d04174.html

Paul Woolverton

Republican U.S. Senate candidate Thom Tillis comes to Fayetteville today with South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to raise money and try to win over voters. Tillis is scheduled to attend a fundraiser at the home of Terry and Rosalind Hutchens late this afternoon, said Cumberland County Republican Party Chairwoman Linda Devore.

Note: With the Haley visit, Tillis is campaigning and raising money this week with two of the Republican Party's top stars. On Tuesday, he campaigned and raised money in Wilmington with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie.

Associated Press: Gov. Haley crossing Carolina border to help Tillis

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=H2NDEkWA

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is crossing the border to help campaign for fellow Republican and North Carolina U.S. Senate candidate Thom Tillis. Tillis' campaign says Haley plans to attend an event Thursday night in Fayetteville for the North Carolina state House speaker.

Star-Ledger: N.J. Politics Roundup: Christie's travels, heroin addiction, sports betting, and more

http://www.nj.com/politics/index.ssf/2014/09/nj_politics_roundup_christies_travels_heroin_addiction_and_more.html

Brent Johnson

Earlier in the week, he was in South Carolina, where voters said they'd like to hear more from Christie if he is going to get their support should he run for president in 2016. Gov. Nikki Haley also told reporters not to get ahead of themselves when asked if it's possible she could be Christie's running mate.

WCSC: Senator Sheheen hopes for a different outcome in 2014

<http://www.live5news.com/story/26556698/senator-sheheen-hopes-for-a-different-outcome-in-2014>

Kyle Jordan

Senator Vincent Sheheen is hoping voters have changed their mind about him and his opponent when it comes to the Governor's race in South Carolina. Sheheen is back for another run at the state's top office. Born and raised in the Palmetto state, the Senator from Camden says he believes the state deserves better than another four years under Governor Haley.

Associated Press: Candidate debates are scheduled

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/17/3688374/sc-politics-candidates-for-schools.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/>

The Democratic and Republican candidates for state superintendent of education will debate on S.C. Educational Television on Oct. 9. Democrat Tom Thompson of Forest Acres and Republican Molly Spearman of Saluda will debate at 7 p.m. The debate is being sponsored by ETV and eight S.C. newspapers, including The State.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Aiken Standard: Lawmakers must revisit lax freedom of information law

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140918/AIK0201/140919469/1018/lawmakers-must-revisit-lax-freedom-of-information-law>

Editorial

Keeping the public in the dark when it comes to information they clearly should have access to is unfortunately now the status quo in South Carolina. But South Carolina lawmakers are working to rectify this dangerous environment that resulted from a porous Freedom of Information Act and two controversial decisions by the state's Supreme Court.

The State: What's wrong with special interests paying for legislators' office-related expenses

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/17/3687645/scoppe-whats-wrong-with-special.html#storylink=cpy>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

WHEN Charleston's Post and Courier first reported two years ago that Bobby Harrell had taken hundreds of thousands of dollars from his campaign account to pay for trips on his personal aircraft, he brushed aside criticism by arguing that many of the trips were for travel related to his job as speaker of the House.

Island Packet: Don't identify children who are undocumented

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/16/3317340/dont-identify-children-who-are.html?sp=/99/342/1750/>

Editorial

We now know that 56 undocumented immigrant children have been relocated to Beaufort County by federal authorities, but we don't know the children's names, their addresses or where they're attending school. That's how it should be -- and how it should stay.

Post and Courier: Take steps to secure data online, in stores

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140918/PC1002/140919448>

Editorial

Millions of Home Depot customers surely feel anxious, frustrated and violated by news that they could be among the victims whose credit and debit card numbers were stolen in a massive data breach the retailer announced last week.

Post and Courier: Is 526 a road going nowhere?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140917/PC16/140919564/1177/is-526-a-road-going-nowhere>

Brian Hicks

Mayor Joe Riley doesn't believe the state will yank its funding for 526. He says extending the bypass to Johns and James islands is important for commerce, the tourism industry and livability in one of South Carolina's largest economic generators.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

McClatchy DC: Benghazi hearing: State Department says it has fortified embassies in high-risk countries

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/17/3688340/benghazi-hearing-state-department.html#storylink=cpy>

Ali Watkins

In the two years since Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans were killed in an attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, the State Department says it has overhauled its strategies for protecting high-risk diplomatic posts overseas.

Washington Post: Sen. Lindsey Graham — and less responsible politicians

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/right-turn/wp/2014/09/17/sen-lindsey-graham-and-less-responsible-politicians/>

Jennifer Rubin

Plainly the president is trapped by his own rhetoric and pride, unwilling to allow that his anti-Bush iterations over the years have been unrealistic or even dangerous. He now is determined to adhere to that position even at the risk of endangering Americans. But what if his rhetoric departs from reality and there simply is no getting away from acting like a superpower?

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: SC offshore drilling report: economy beats environment

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/environment/2014/09/17/study-says-economy-outweighs-environmental-cost-drill-south-carolina-coast/15800881/>

Nathaniel Cary

The report quantifies the costs of potential oil spills, increased carbon emissions and environmental impacts and concludes that even with a high impact from drilling, the state would still benefit enough economically to outweigh the \$6.4 billion estimated cost to the environment.

Post and Courier: Study says S.C. would benefit from offshore drilling

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140917/PC1610/140919458/1177>

Robert Behre

A new analysis of drilling for oil and gas off South Carolina's coast says such energy extraction would be a net win for the state, even if production is relatively light and environmental impacts are on the higher end. U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan, a South Carolina Republican who serves on the House Committee on Natural Resources, hopes the study will lead to more advanced offshore surveying and eventually leases for drilling in future years.

The State: SC urged to confiscate firearms from abusers

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/17/3688473/sc-should-confiscate-firearms.html>

Cassie Cope

Experts recommended Wednesday confiscating the firearms of offenders convicted of criminal domestic violence as one way to make South Carolina a safer state for women. They also recommended making a second offense a felony, making it tougher for accused abusers to make bail to get out of jail and increasing the number of women's shelters.

Aiken Standard: Bill looks to fund SRS, avoid shutdown

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140918/AIK0101/140919452/1004/bill-looks-to-fund-srs-avoid-shutdown>

Derrek Asberry

U.S. House Appropriations Chairman Hal Rodger recently introduced a bill for a short-term continuing resolution that would prevent a government shutdown and keep operations going at the Savannah River Site and all other government agencies.

The State: SC trooper has record of complaints; driver has driving, marijuana convictions

http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/17/3688349_sc-trooper-has-record-of-complaints.html?rh=1

Clif LeBlanc

The Highway Patrol trooper who shot a motorist during a traffic stop over a seat belt violation two weeks ago has violated department policy twice, had two complaints dismissed and has a current complaint that is being investigated, authorities said.

Rock Hill Herald: Winthrop foundation commits \$140K to presidential search

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/09/17/6334569_winthrop-foundation-commits-140k.html?rh=1

Anna Douglas

Winthrop University's non-profit foundation will pay \$140,000 for the school's upcoming presidential search, the group's executive director said Wednesday afternoon. The foundation's Board of Director's decision to fund the search comes about one month after Winthrop trustees met and voted to ask that the foundation foot the bill.

Local News:

The State: Jones told authorities his children would kill, mutilate him, records in Lexington County show

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/17/3687894/jones-felt-his-children-would.html#storylink=cpy>

Tim Flach

Accused killer Timothy Ray Jones Jr. told investigators he believed his five young children planned to kill him, records made available Wednesday show. Jones "believed the children were going to kill him, chop him up and feed him to the dogs," according to arrest warrants on file in Lexington County courts.

Associated Press: Warrant: SC dad feared 5 slain kids would kill him

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=P1EXGITQ

A South Carolina father who authorities said killed his five children believed the kids "were going to kill him, chop him up and feed him to the dogs," according to an unredacted arrest warrant released Wednesday. Authorities said Timothy Ray Jones Jr. killed his children at his Lexington home, put the bodies in plastic trash bags and drove for nine days around the Southeast.

WLTX: Warrant: Jones Feared 5 Kids would kill him

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2014/09/17/warrant-jones-feared-kids-kill/15792939/>

Clark Fouraker

Arrest warrants for Timothy Jones Jr., the Lexington County man deputies say confessed to killing his five children, say he feared the children were going to "kill him, chop him up, and feed him to the dogs." The warrants reveal new insight into Jones' mental state just before the children were killed.

Florence Morning News: New fire millage rate to receive second reading by Florence County Council

http://www.scnow.com/news/politics/article_37b3efca-3ec2-11e4-bc4a-001a4bcf6878.html

Gavin Jackson

Council will hold the second reading of an ordinance that will adjust millage rates in the rural fire districts in the county's new unified fire protection district to compensate for the loss of revenue after West Florence Fire became its own special purpose district.

National News:

New York Times: Obama Faulted in Terror Fight, New Poll Finds

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/18/us/politics/for-first-time-most-americans-disapprove-of-obamas-handling-of-terrorism.html?partner=rss&emc=rss&_r=0

Julie Hirschfeld Davis, Dalia Sussman

For the first time in his presidency, more Americans disapprove of President Obama's handling of terrorism than approve of it, as discontent about his management of foreign affairs and the fight against Sunni militants in Iraq and Syria weighs on an anxious and conflicted public, according to the latest New York Times/CBS News Poll.

New York Times: V.A. Official Acknowledges Link Between Delays and Patient Deaths

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/18/us/va-officials-acknowledge-link-between-delays-and-patient-deaths.html?ref=todayspaper>

Richard A. Oppel Jr.

In a contentious hearing before Congress, a senior official from the Department of Veterans Affairs' watchdog agency acknowledged for the first time on Wednesday that delays in care had contributed to the deaths of patients at the department's medical center in Phoenix.

Associated Press: Obama praises House vote on arming Syrian rebels

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_OBAMA_CONGRESS_ISLAMIC_STATE?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-09-17-19-37-01

Josh Lederman, Darlene Superville

President Barack Obama praised a House vote Wednesday granting him authority for the U.S. military to train and arm moderate Syrian rebels, calling it an important step toward confronting the Islamic State group. The Republican-controlled House voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to authorize the program.

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