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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Sun News: Myrtle Beach officials hope insight from law enforcement summit helps shape city's Memorial Day safety plans

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/09/21/4487923/myrtle-beach-officials-hope-insight.html?sp=/99/134/142/#storylink=cpy>

Maya T. Prabhu

More than 80 law enforcement officials from throughout the country will be in Myrtle Beach this week to share experiences handling large events as the city continues to develop plans for controlling Ocean Boulevard next Memorial Day weekend.

Note: There also will be a presentation from the U.S. Department of Justice community relations service, and Gov. Nikki Haley – which has met with Myrtle Beach leaders in the aftermath of the violent holiday weekend – will serve as the keynote speaker during a Monday luncheon.

Note: Haley spokesman Doug Mayer said the governor intends to discuss ongoing concerns with the public safety and implementation of planned or unplanned local festivals, among other topics. Haley has called for an end to Bikefest, which began in the 1980s, but Atlantic Beach officials have said they have no plans to end the event.

The State: A closer look at Haley's economic 'magic' claims

http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/20/3694705_a-closer-look-at-haleys-economic.html?rh=1

Andrew Shain

In her re-election bid, Gov. Nikki Haley wants S.C. voters to credit her economic policies with pulling South Carolina out of the recession. But some of the data the Lexington Republican cites is misleading and some of her claims are outdated, an analysis by The State newspaper found.

Note: Haley said she is pleased with the the rate of getting jobs filled. "Reality says it takes a long time to build a plant, it takes a long time to train people, and it takes a long time to get it going," she said.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Post and Courier: Vincent Sheheen needs big win in Charleston, experts say

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140921/PC1603/140929973>

Schuyler Kropf

If Democrat Vincent Sheheen loses Charleston County on Nov. 4, then he's in all likelihood lost the race for governor. Perhaps no county in the state is more of a bellwether of Democratic hopes than is Charleston, which over the last few elections has gone from Red to Blue in its Election Day leanings.

Note: Haley's office responded to the Democrats' criticism by noting, by their count, Haley has visited the Charleston area more than two dozen times in the last year. Haley spokesman Chaney Adams said in a statement "Whether she's fighting to protect Boeing jobs, strengthen our ports, deliver historic education reform or pass tougher ethics laws, Gov. Haley has shown the people of Charleston - just as she has demonstrated for every South Carolinian - that wins for one region of the state are wins for our entire state."

The State: The Buzz: DSS' hiring plan? 'Set traps'

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/20/3694803/the-buzz-dss-hirning-plan-set-traps.html>

Jamie Self

S.C. senators investigating the state's child-welfare agency gave its leaders two weeks from last Tuesday to figure out how to hire more caseworkers – and do it fast.

'Pee Dee ... closer to the Piedmont': Harrell's exit ends an era of legislative power centralized in Charleston. That era climaxed with Charlestonians Harrell as speaker, Glenn McConnell as Senate president pro tempore and Mark Sanford as governor.

Don't mess with the Silver Hairs: Democratic candidate for governor Vincent Sheheen started a speech Tuesday talking about sitting on his grandfather's knee. He ended being scolded by a senior.

Anderson Independent: Campaign notes: League of Women Voters plans registration drive at Clemson University
http://www.independentmail.com/news/campaign-notes-league-of-women-voters-plans-registration-drive-at-clemson-university_47879340

Nikie Mayo, Kirk Brown

The Clemson Area League of Women Voters plans to sponsor a voter-registration drive Tuesday as part of a nationwide effort to get people to the polls.

Sheheen airing education campaign ad: Haley's campaign criticized the ad from her political rival as the "latest false attack" on the Republican governor's record. "We understand that he's desperate," said Haley's campaign spokeswoman, Chaney Adams, "but that doesn't make it any less shameful."

Washington Post: O'Malley stops by gay pride festival, hits other campaign events in South Carolina
http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/omalley-stops-by-gay-pride-festival-hits-other-campaign-events-in-south-carolina/2014/09/20/eb922000-40fe-11e4-b0ea-8141703bbf6f_story.html

John Wagner

O'Malley, who successfully championed a same-sex marriage bill in Maryland in 2012, was in the Palmetto State on behalf of Vincent Sheheen, a state senator who is trying to derail the reelection bid of Gov. Nikki Haley (R). The trip was the latest in busy stretch of travel for the Maryland governor, who is weighing a 2016 White House bid.

Manning Live: Maryland GOV stumps for Sheheen, Sellers
<http://manninglive.com/2014/09/21/maryland-gov-stumps-sheheen-sellers/>

Robert Joseph Baker

Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley came to Manning on Saturday morning to stump at Trinity AME Church on Rigby Street for governor's candidate Sen. Vincent Sheheen and lieutenant governor's candidate Rep. Bakari Sellers.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier (Guest Column): Harrell case shows need for reform
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140921/PC1002/140929884>

Joanne day, Lynn Teague

The indictment of S.C. House Speaker Bobby Harrell on nine counts of ethics law violations has brought the relationship between power and ethics to the forefront in South Carolina. No matter how that individual case ends, this has raised crucial questions about how our state government works and how well it serves the public interest.

Index-Journal: State better prepared 25 years after Hugo
<http://www.indexjournal.com/opinion/editorial/State-better-prepared-25-years-after-Hugo>

Editorial

For many South Carolinians, today marks a significant anniversary. And for many, it is difficult to fathom that Hurricane Hugo came ashore 25 long years ago. They remember it vividly and could as easily believe only a handful of years have passed, not a quarter century.

Post and Courier: For public transit future, bus shelters are a good start
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140921/PC1002/140929887>

Editorial

Maybe it was a particularly bad summer for traffic. Or maybe the S.C. Department of Transportation's budget shortfall - more than \$40 billion by 2040 at last count - has leadership thinking outside of the box. Whatever the reason, public transportation is a hot topic right now in Charleston.

Aiken Standard: Waiting to improve DSS is an irresponsible choice
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140921/AIK0201/140929999/1018/waiting-to-improve-dss-is-an-irresponsible-choice>

Editorial

Children have died, caseworkers are overloaded and funding is desperately needed. That's the sad reality at

the S.C. Department of Social Services, and it's imperative that state policy makers quickly find a way to dig the agency out of this horrific hole.

The State: SC lawmakers, leaders, citizens must say enough is enough on men killing women

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/21/3692524/bolton-sc-lawmakers-leaders-citizens.html?sp=/99/132/154/#storylink=cpy>

Warren Bolton

THE DETESTABLE video of NFL running back Ray Rice slugging his then-fiancee (and now wife), sending her headfirst into a railing inside an elevator and crumpling to the floor brought the brutality of domestic violence into many of our homes in living color.

Post and Courier: Breaking up isn't hard to do - on Facebook

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140921/PC16/140929951>

Brian Hicks

Dear Mark, Forgive the length of this post, but if you can't bare your soul - and air your dirty laundry - on the Facebook, where can you? Like you, we cannot do this anymore. As you said in your recent Facebook post, "In all life there comes a point wherein lines must be drawn."

The State: Joint police lab between Columbia, Richland County just makes sense

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/20/3692504/editorial-joint-police-lab-between.html>

Editorial

FACT: THE Columbia Police Department's drug lab was unreliable, so the police chief shut it down. Fact: The Richland County's Sheriff's Department operates a state-of-the art, internationally accredited lab that is, in part, funded by Columbia taxpayers.

Greenville News: Do more than close Tent City

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/09/20/editorial-close-tent-city/15959449/>

Editorial

Tent City, the infamous collection of tents occupied by homeless people under the Pete Hollis bridge, was shut down last week. It will now be illegal to set up a tent there and camp out, and Greenville County will lease the property for \$1 a year and use it to store equipment for public works.

Post and Courier: Arm Ukraine for defense

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140921/PC1002/140929885>

Editorial

Ukraine President Petro Poroshenko got a very warm reception Thursday from a joint session of Congress when he asked for weapons to defend his country against Russian incursions. But President Barack Obama is sticking to his decision to provide Ukraine with only non-lethal aid.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Post and Courier: Palmetto Politics: U.S. Sen. Tim Scott says former House speaker Bobby Harrell 'devastated' by loss of post

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140921/PC1603/140929904>

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott said he recently talked to his former Statehouse colleague Bobby Harrell, who suspended himself as S.C. House speaker this month after being hit with nine indictments over ethics and campaign spending.

Dorchester GOP chairman stepping down: Dorchester County Republican Party Chairman Jordan Bryngelson is giving up his post after his recent forgery charge. Bryngelson opted to change direction this week, after at first having said he planned to stay on.

Statewide debates set: The Democratic and Republican candidates for state superintendent of education will participate in a S.C. Educational Television debate Oct. 9.

Aiken Standard: Rep. Clyburn appointed to House committee

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140920/AIK0101/140929918/1002/AIK01/rep-clyburn-appointed-to-house-committee>

Derrek Asberry

According to a recent press release, the House Rules & Procedures Review Committee will examine practices and rules, hold public meetings and seek input from House members and the public to identify

ways the Legislative Body can be more transparent and accountable.

Island Packet: Sanford defends vote on Islamic State

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/20/3694881/sanford-defends-vote-on-islamic.html>

Dan Burley

U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford on Saturday defended his decision to vote against paying to train and arm Syrian rebels to battle Islamic State militants. Congress last week approved aid to some Syrian rebels, who will lead the fight against the militants.

S.C. Agency News:

Aiken Standard: Aiken DSS deals with high volume of child cases

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140921/AIK0101/140929925/1004/aiken-dss-deals-with-high-volume-of-child-cases>

Derrek Asberry

S.C. Sen. Tom Young, R-Aiken, said that as of Sept. 15, a Department of Social Services caseworker in Aiken is responsible for seeing 114 children – the highest number of cases assigned to one worker in the entire state. Young said the only caseworkers in the state who have more than 100 children assigned to them are located in three counties – Aiken, Lexington and Richland.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: South Carolina health insurance industry preps for open enrollment

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140921/PC16/140929974>

Lauren Sausser

The South Carolina Department of Insurance won't release premium prices for Obamacare plans until early October and, in the meantime, even experts can't seem to agree on what consumers should expect. Five insurance companies will offer plans to South Carolina customers on the federal marketplace this year - up from four companies last year.

The State: South Carolina poverty rate nearly steady but still ranks 9th highest

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/20/3694827/south-carolina-poverty-rate-nearly.html>

Sarah Ellis

South Carolina's poverty rate remained ninth highest in the nation according to the U.S. Census Bureau's annual American Community Survey data released last week. More than 860,000 South Carolinians lived below the poverty threshold in 2013, which for a family of four amounted to \$23,550 in annual household income.

The State: 25 years ago, a night of terror in McClellanville: 'We came over here to drown'

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/20/3694496/25-years-ago-a-night-of-terror.html?sp=/99/205/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Jason Ryan

Twenty-five years ago today, on Sept. 21, 1989, Elizabeth Young had been at home in McClellanville, watching the evening news, when a reporter urged — one final time — local residents to head to a public shelter, especially if they lived in a one-story home.

WSAV: Beaufort Mayor Asks Residents to Write Lawmakers on Off-shore Drilling

<http://www.wsav.com/story/26585284/beaufort-mayor-asks-residents-to-write-lawmakers-on-off-shore-drilling>

Ashleigh Holland

A Lowcountry official is urging residents along the coast to speak-out to lawmakers on off-shore drilling. The federal government is planning to include the Atlantic coast in oil exploration in the next few years, but not without hearing from a few opponents first.

Rock Hill Herald: Winthrop budget review is similar to 2010 'readiness' effort

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/09/20/6343657_winthrop-budget-review-is-similar.html?rh=1

Anna Douglas

A campus-wide spending analysis and a partial budget freeze announced last week at Winthrop University has some similarities to a 2010 plan that the school rolled out when taxpayer support for higher education in

South Carolina was at a historic low.

Island Packet: State law changes open wild mushroom market in South Carolina

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/20/3325879/state-law-changes-open-wild-mushroom.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1>

Erin Moody

Woody Collins bumped his Volkswagen down a dirt road in the Seabrook area of Beaufort County, and then stopped abruptly. The gray-haired men sprang from their vehicles and plunged into the woods, bending to gently scoop the bright-yellow golden chanterelles from the ground with two fingers.

Local News:

Island Packet: Beaufort County making changes to improve teacher observations

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/20/3325710/beaufort-county-making-changes.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1>

Sarah Bowman

The Beaufort County School District plans to change the way it conducts informal observations of teachers as part of its effort to improve instruction. A recent report from the nonprofit Battelle for Kids found that the district's tools and methods for completing informal observations are inconsistent across its 30 schools.

Times and Democrat: Local jobless rates highest in two years

http://thetandd.com/business/local-jobless-rates-highest-in-two-years/article_89f38438-4081-11e4-94da-d74d286becee.html

Gene Zaleski

Unemployment rates in The T&D Region for August are the highest seen here in two years. "We are so impacted by the seasonality of our major employers," Orangeburg County Development Commission Executive Director Gregg Robinson said. For the second consecutive month, Bamberg and Orangeburg counties had the highest unemployment rates in the state.

National News:

The Hill: GOP finds ObamaCare opening

<http://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/218386-gop-finds-obamacare-opening>

Sarah Ferris

Republicans have found a new opening against ObamaCare after struggling for months to craft a fresh strategy against a healthcare law that now covers millions of people. Lifted by a pair of federal audits that found major flaws with the law's implementation, Republicans see their first chance in months to launch a serious attack against the law.

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