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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Haley: Feds promise no immigrant children will be sent to SC

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/17/3569640/haley-feds-promise-no-immigrant.html?sp=/99/132/>

Cassie Cope

There are no plans to house Central American immigrant children in S.C. shelters or facilities, including military installations, according to a letter from Gov. Nikki Haley to Homeland Security Spokesman Jeh Johnson about the nation's border crisis.

Note: "It is my firm belief that the people of South Carolina have the right to know exactly who the federal government is placing within our borders," Haley wrote.

Note: "As the daughter of immigrants who came to this country legally more than four decades ago, the idea that immigration has played a central role in the development of America into the greatest, strongest nation in the world has been a permanent fixture of my life," Haley wrote, urging Johnson to use all the resources at his disposal to secure the border.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Flooring company to invest \$10M, create 20 jobs at Landrum facility

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20140717/ARTICLES/140719700/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Flooring-company-to-invest-10M-create-20-jobs-at-Landrum-facility>

A Georgia-based flooring company plans to invest \$10 million in its Spartanburg County commercial carpeting facility during the next 10 years, creating about 20 jobs. Mohawk Industries, based in Calhoun, Ga., plans to substantially upgrade its looms and improve technology, according to a statement from the S. C. Department of Commerce.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Associated Press: Sheheen, Haley campaign spar over small business

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

Bruce Smith

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Vincent Sheheen says while it's OK to attract big corporations to the state, to be truly successful South Carolina needs to make it easier for the small businesses to thrive.

Note: But Chaney Adams, speaking for Republican Gov. Nikki Haley's campaign, notes the state chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business has endorsed the governor. Adams added that Sheheen is proposing new taxes and fees, and his support of the federal health care law show he's no friend of small business.

The State: Pro-Haley group has \$7,000 heading into election

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/17/3569219/pro-haley-group-has-7000-heading.html>

Andrew Shain

The pro-Nikki Haley group, The Movement Fund, has \$7,000 on hand headed into the fall campaign after spending \$100,000 to produce and air a television advertisement touting the governor's \$180 million education reform plan last quarter, according to an Internal Revenue Service filing this week.

Associated Press: Florida Sen. Marco Rubio to boost SC Republicans

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=RjiDX7T7

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio is scheduled to speak at a fundraising barbecue for South Carolina Republicans. U. S. Rep. Jeff Duncan announced Wednesday that the Florida Republican would be the keynote speaker at his fourth annual "Faith and Freedom BBQ" fundraiser in Anderson on August 25.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Greenville News: Deadly roads need to be addressed

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/07/17/editorial-deadly-roads-need-addressed/12791073/>

Editorial

In case South Carolina's leadership needs any more reasons to address its underfunded, woefully maintained infrastructure, a recent report out provides it: South Carolina's rural roads are the deadliest in the nation.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley continues to say that she would veto any highway funding bill that contains a gas tax increase. She also said recently that she has a plan to fix the roads, but will wait until January to reveal it to lawmakers.

The State: Order in the court: sealed records, closed doors

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/17/3568780/scoppe-order-in-the-court-sealed.html?sp=/99/168/>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

OUR STATE constitution requires that South Carolina's courts be open to the public, which also means that the work of the courts is supposed be open to the public, but until a little more than a decade ago, state judges routinely sealed settlements in lawsuits, even lawsuits involving state agencies.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Boeing lands deals for \$40.2 billion in aircraft at Farnborough Airshow

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140717/PC05/140719432/1177>

Warren L. Wise

Boeing Co. landed orders and commitments for 201 aircraft valued at \$40.2 billion during the Farnborough Airshow in England this week, but not one of them was for the 787-8 Dreamliner assembled in North Charleston.

Associated Press: Regulators to discuss Oconee Nuclear Station crack

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CR1SaLb0

Meg Kinnard

Federal regulators have scheduled a meeting to discuss a radioactive water leak that led to the shutdown of a South Carolina nuclear reactor. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said Thursday it would meet July 31 in Atlanta to discuss the incident at the Oconee Nuclear Station. The session is open to the public.

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Less sunshine for South Carolina's governments

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140717/PC1603/140719450/1382&source=spreed>

Cynthia Roldan

South Carolina's open government took another two hits Wednesday. The S.C. State Ethics Commission's chairman on Wednesday has temporarily restricted the panel's communications with reporters.

Greenville News: Clemson trustees divided on making campus tobacco free

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2014/07/17/clemson-trustees-divided-making-campus-tobacco-free/12784977/>

Ron Barnett

A proposal to ban tobacco on the entire campus of Clemson University hit a snag this morning, as several members of the Board of Trustees expressed misgivings about a "soft enforcement" policy that calls for no consequences for violation except indoors.

Greenville News: Horowitz named chairman of state Arts Commission

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/entertainment/arts/paul-hyde/2014/07/17/horowitz-named-chairman-state-arts-commission/12788361/>

Paul Hyde

Greenville businessman Henry Horowitz has been elected chairman of the South Carolina Arts Commission. Horowitz, who was appointed to the commission six years ago by then-Gov. Mark Sanford, has served for past two years as vice chairman.

Local News:

Associated Press: Richland County pays \$750,000 in beating

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=p2AyRvAL

Richland County is paying \$750,000 to settle a lawsuit after the beating of a handcuffed, homeless inmate in the county jail. Robert Sweeper III suffered a punctured lung, broken ribs and broken vertebrae in the 2012 attack, The State newspaper (<http://bit.ly/WjzXqg>) reported.

Post and Courier: SCE&G fares poorly in J.D. Power customer satisfaction survey; Santee Cooper does better

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140717/PC05/140719437/1010&source=spreed>

Warren L. Wise

South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. didn't fare so well in the latest independent customer satisfaction survey. The Cayce-based utility that serves much of greater Charleston ranked in the bottom tier of the South region large utility segment in the J.D. Power 2014 Electric Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction Study.

Sun News: PTR takes a couple more slugs

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/07/17/4359269/ptr-takes-a-couple-more-slugs.html?sp=99/209/&ihp=1>

Steve Jones

There appears to be more downside to the slowdown at PTR Industries than laid-off employees and trimmed management paychecks. The company recently paid Horry County part of payments it had missed for work done at its building at Cool Springs Business Park near Aynor.

National News:

Associated Press: Climate change super PAC backed by billionaire Steyer falling far short of \$100 million goal

<http://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2014/07/16/climate-politics-group-falling-short-of-money-goal>

Josh Lederman

A super PAC aiming to make climate change a key issue in this year's midterm elections is falling far short of its goal to raise \$100 million, cramping the group's ability to influence major races with just four months left until Election Day.

New York Times: Israel Begins Ground Invasion of Gaza Strip

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/18/world/middleeast/israel-gaza-strip.html?emc=edit_na_20140717&nlid=68689306&_r=0

Isabel Kershner, Anne Barnard

Israel began a ground invasion into the Gaza Strip on Thursday night, saying it would target tunnels that infiltrate its territory after cease-fire talks failed to de-escalate the air war that has raged for 10 days. The military released a statement at 10:39 p.m. saying the goal of the operation was to "establish a reality in which Israeli residents can live in safety and security without continuous indiscriminate terror."

Associated Press: Obama pushes transportation money at closed bridge

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/07/17/6148593/obama-hits-road-for-transportation.html>

Darlene Superville

President Barack Obama announced a new program Thursday to attract more private money to help pay to build new roads, bridges and highways as he criticized Congress for refusing to approve a more lasting source of transportation funding.

New York Times: Malaysia Airlines Plane With 295 Aboard Crashes in Ukraine

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/18/world/europe/malaysian-airlines-plane-ukraine.html>

Neil MacFarquhar, Rick Gladstone

A Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 with 295 people aboard crashed and burned on Thursday in an eastern Ukraine wheat field near the Russian border, an area roiled by fighting between pro-Russian separatists and Ukrainian forces. Ukrainian officials called the crash an act of terrorism and said the plane might have been shot down by a Russian-made anti-aircraft system.

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