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South Carolina Unemployment Rate News:

Associated Press: South Carolina unemployment rises to 5.7 percent

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9yqx1yv5

Meg Kinnard

South Carolina's unemployment has risen nearly half a percentage point after three straight months without change, state officials said Monday. The state's jobless rate rose to 5.7 percent last month, the Department of Employment and Workforce said in a news release. That's up from 5.3 percent, which had been South Carolina's unemployment rate since April.

Greenville News: S.C. unemployment rate increases in July

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/08/18/sc-unemployment-rate-increases-july/14224049/>

David Dykes

South Carolina's unemployment rate increased to 5.7 percent in July from 5.3 percent in June, marking a shift upward after little change in the second quarter, state officials said. Jobless figures increased in all of South Carolina's 46 counties and was highest in Bamberg County, at 12.1 percent.

Post and Courier: South Carolina jobless rate rises in July

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140818/PC05/140819423/1177/south-carolina-jobless-rate-rises-in-july>

Warren L. Wise

South Carolina's slowly decreasing unemployment rate over the past several months hit bottom this summer and is now rising. The jobless rate rose to 5.7 percent in July after holding steady at 5.3 percent in May and June, the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce said Monday. In the Charleston metro area, the unemployment rate also climbed, rising to 5.6 percent from 5.1 percent.

Sun News: Myrtle Beach area July jobless rate a statistical quirk

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/08/18/4420138/myrtle-beach-area-jobless-number.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1>

Steve Jones

Horry County's unemployment rate rose in July because the additional 500-plus unemployed versus June carried greater statistical weight than the nearly 2,000 more people with jobs. It's a numbers thing, said Rob Salvino, an economist at Coastal Carolina University.

The State: SC's jobless rate jumps in July

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/18/3625968/scs-jobless-rate-jumps-in-july.html?sp=/99/205/&ihp=1>

The unemployment rate increased to 5.7 percent from 5.3 percent in June as the labor force -- the number of people working and looking for work -- jumped by 2,682 people, according to the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce. The number of working South Carolinians, however, dropped by 6,442 people.

Rock Hill Herald: York County's jobless rate jumps in July

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/08/18/6240591/scs-jobless-rate-jumps-in-july.html>

York County's unemployment rate jumped by more than a percentage point in July, up to 7 percent from 5.9 percent in June, state officials said Monday. Jobless rates in Chester and Lancaster counties and South Carolina as a whole also rose in July, the Department of Employment and Workforce reported.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: SC agents cleared of wrongdoing in suspect's death

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7hvqk7Kd

A prosecutor has cleared two South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division agents of any wrongdoing in the shooting death of a man wanted in Connecticut on a murder charge. Authorities say 37-year-old Vamond Elmore, wanted for murder in Norwalk, Connecticut, was holding a gun as he tried to run from a hotel room near Interstate 95 in St. George, South Carolina on July 22.

Greenville News: Investors await new crowdfunding rules

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/08/17/entrepreneurs-find-one-barrier-capital-wait-fall/14214237/>

Angelia Davis

Private companies can legally access capital by advertising, marketing and publicly disclosing that they are raising money. But they're still waiting for the day when equity crowdfunding is available so they can solicit from non-accredited investors. Equity crowdfunding is part of the JOBS Act that was signed into law by President Barack Obama in April 2012.

S.C. Political News:

Island Packet: Ravenel, Caporale to visit Beaufort Tea Party tonight

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/08/18/3263696/ravenel-caporale-to-visit-beaufort.html?sp=99/100&ihp=1>

Zach Murdock

Independent U.S. Senate candidate Thomas Ravenel and Beaufort County Councilman Rick Caporale will talk about their campaigns with Beaufort Tea Party members this evening. The group will meet at 5:30 p.m. at Fuji's Restaurant on 97 Sea Island Parkway on Lady's Island.

Local News:

Rock Hill Herald: York Co. leaders to discuss downtown Rock Hill tax district

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/08/17/6238856/council-to-discuss-tax-district.html>

Don Worthington

The group, composed of businessmen, wants the county to agree to forgo any new tax revenue generated by the redevelopment of the former Rock Hill Printing & Finishing Co. site until 2039. New tax revenue would be reinvested back into the district, paying for public improvements such as sidewalks, roads, parking and utilities.

National News:

Associated Press: No arrest warrant being issued for Texas' Perry

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=y3HPcGTp

Paul J. Weber, Will Weissert

A judge isn't issuing an arrest warrant for Texas Gov. Rick Perry, a court official said Monday, and the Republican is planning to continue galloping around the country gearing up for a possible 2016 presidential run - despite being indicted on two felony counts of abuse of power back home.

Politico: GOP targets Clinton speech contracts

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/08/hillary-clinton-speaking-contracts-110120.html>

Katie Glueck

Over the weekend, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported the details of Clinton's typical speaking contract, stipulations that often include a chartered private jet "e.g., a Gulfstream 450 or larger jet"; a presidential suite at hotels; and business- or first-class seats for aides to the potential 2016 presidential candidate.

Washington Post: Voters have lost faith in Congress — but not in their member of Congress

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2014/08/18/voters-have-lost-faith-in-congress-but-not-in-their-member-of-congress/>

Sean Sullivan

Yet another poll shows very lousy numbers for Congress. But there's a silver lining. This time it's a new Gallup survey released Monday that shows just 19 percent of voters say most members of Congress deserve to be re-elected -- on pace to set a record low. Oh, and Congress's approval rating? An abysmal 13

percent.

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