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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Times and Democrat: Haley backs loan; other funds pending

http://thetandd.com/news/haley-backs-loan-other-funds-pending/article_5042b9da-cdbc-11e3-ae48-0019bb2963f4.html

Gene Zaleski

Gov. Nikki Haley is proposing to loan South Carolina State millions of dollars to help pay its bills and keep the university's doors open at least through the end of June.

Note: "The crisis at South Carolina State University has reached a critical stage and Gov. Haley's proposal is a way for this important institution to get back on its feet and meet its obligations to its students and the community," spokesman Doug Mayer said. "The governor is committed to helping this university overcome its serious challenges but only if the school's leadership is willing to adopt the meaningful reforms and needed oversight that will protect the taxpayers' investment."

Greenville News: BMW may drive growth for suppliers

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/04/26/bmw-may-drive-growth-suppliers/8236203/>

David Dykes

In a gleaming, modern plant along Duncan's Main Street, Draexlmaier Automotive workers tediously attend to assembly lines as a component of South Carolina's growing automotive sector.

Note: Three years later, Gov. Nikki Haley, the South Carolina Department of Commerce and the Economic Futures Group of Spartanburg County announced Draexlmaier Automotive, an affiliate of the Dräxlmaier Group, would expand its Spartanburg County facility.

Island Packet: Davis: Beaufort County public schools facing possible drop in state funding

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/26/3411532/beaufort-county-public-schools.html#storylink=cpy>

Sarah Bowman

After several years of gains in state funding, the Beaufort County School District could be getting less money this year under legislation that has passed the S.C. House of Representatives.

Note: "Governor Haley's K-12 education plan reforms our antiquated funding formula, increases access to technology, and provides a reading coach for every elementary school in South Carolina --- all without raising taxes or decreasing funding to any school district," Mayer said.

The State: SC economy 'firing on all cylinders'

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/26/3411424/sc-economy-firing-on-all-cylinders.html>

Kristy Rupon

After a bumpy series of stops and starts, the S.C. economy has clawed its way back to a broad-based recovery, five years after the end of a devastating recession. "South Carolina's economy finally appears to be firing on all cylinders," said Mark Vitner, a Charlotte-based senior economist with Wells Fargo bank.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Anderson Independent: Campaign notes: Ads in S.C. governor's race draw criticism

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/apr/26/campaign-notes-ads-in-sc-governors-race-draw/?partner=RSS>

Nikie Mayo, Kirk Brown

An ad attacking Democratic gubernatorial candidate Vincent Sheheen for his work as a defense lawyer has drawn national criticism of its sponsor, the Republican Governors Association. Some say Gov. Nikki Haley should have the ad removed.

Note: Haley's campaign spokesman, Rob Godfrey, said the Republican governor will not ask the association to remove the ad. "It's no wonder Vince Sheheen has opposed ethics reforms that would have required him to disclose how he made his money as a trial lawyer," Godfrey said. "He wanted to hide the fact that he gets paid to defend violent criminals and drug dealers."

The State: A candidate's sermons go silent

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/26/3411618/the-buzz-a-candidates-sermons.html>

Andrew Shain

Republican U.S. Senate challenger Det Bowers was a pastor for a dozen years at Christ Church of Carolinas – but good luck finding one of his sermons. Bowers' words from the pulpit have been removed from the Internet. Links on the Columbia church's Facebook account to Bower's sermons lead to inactive pages.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Times and Democrat: Sheheen should not have to defend being an attorney

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/sheheen-should-not-have-to-defend-being-an-attorney/article_547a9c10-cce6-11e3-991e-001a4bcf887a.html

Editorial

THE ISSUE: Lawyers as candidates; OUR OPINION: Public should look beyond criticism of gubernatorial contender for role as lawyer. With Republicans airing campaign ads attacking Gov. Nikki Haley's Democratic opponent, Sen. Vincent Sheheen, for doing his job as an attorney, they are hoping to take advantage of the public's negative image of the legal profession.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Attacking justice

Republican governors' ad is simplistic misrepresentation

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20140427/OPINION/404271015/0/search>

Editorial

We are all familiar with the content of political ads, how they twist the truth, lionize one candidate and demonize an opponent. But the ad the Republican Governors Association is airing in the Palmetto State now goes beyond acceptable levels of political spin.

The State: Harrell defense would create protected political class

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/27/3409477/editorial-harrell-defense-would.html#storylink=cpy>

Editorial

THE CURIOUS case of House Speaker Bobby Harrell is getting curiously and curiously. And worrisome and worrisome. Last week, Charleston's Post and Courier quoted Harrell attorney Gedney Howe as suggesting that a news release from Attorney General Alan Wilson somehow stripped the attorney general of jurisdiction to prosecute the speaker.

The State: Does the Legislature need its own prosecutor?

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/27/3409475/scope-does-the-legislature-need.html#storylink=cpy>

Cindi Scoppe

LET'S ASSUME, for the sake of argument, that House members really were not trying to intimidate the attorney general into dropping his corruption investigation into House Speaker Bobby Harrell when they proposed to let a legislative appointee investigate the attorney general and to strip the attorney general of the power to investigate any cases they didn't want him investigating.

Post and Courier: Merge parole, prison agencies

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140427/PC1002/140429443/1021/merge-parole-prison-agencies>

Editorial

The Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon's first goal is to prepare offenders to become productive members of the community. Both goals could be more readily achieved with a unified system, which would produce better results in cases like that of ex-convict Jimmie Harris Jr. As was reported last Sunday by Andrew Knapp, flaws in the system - and the law - can have very serious consequences.

Legislative Session News:

Anderson Independent: S.C. General Assembly to debate Common Core, state attorney general's role

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/apr/26/sc-general-assembly-to-debate-common-core-state/?partner=RSS>

Kirk Brown

The General Assembly will return from break Tuesday to debate the national Common Core education standards and the South Carolina attorney general's role as the state's chief prosecutor. The state Senate, which took last week off, is expected to take up a multipronged education bill that calls for a review of the Common Core standards being implemented in public schools throughout South Carolina.

Associated Press: SC bills face looming legislative deadline

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=894fVwY6

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina's House and Senate will be busy this week trying to meet a legislative deadline. Bills that haven't advanced from one chamber to the other by Thursday have little chance of becoming law this year. After the May 1 crossover deadline, bills require a two-thirds vote to even be considered by the other chamber for the session that ends June 5 - a high hurdle for contested measures.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

The State: On eve of memoir, SC Democrat says SC is 'retrogressing in so many ways'

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/26/3411403/on-eve-of-memoir-sc-democrat-opines.html#storylink=cpy>

Carolyn Click

Christmas 1955. A teenage Jim Clyburn, eldest son of a Church of God pastor and a beautician mother, was preparing to march in Sumter's annual Christmas parade. With clarinet in hand, the 15-year-old, who would grow up to be a congressman, assembled with his fellow Lincoln High School band members at the parade's launch point.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: DSS looking into another child death

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/04/26/dss-looking-another-child-death/8236555/>

Tim Smith

A state official confirmed that the Department of Social Services is looking into the death of a child, after The Greenville News inquired about the investigation. Marilyn Matheus, a spokeswoman for DSS, gave The News few details about the child or the investigation and said authorities have not yet determined the cause of death.

Aiken Standard: Russia may be open to rework MOX agreement

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140426/AIK0101/140429505/1007/AIK0101/russia-may-be-open-to-rework-mox-agreement>

Derrek Asberry

A report dated Jan. 13 shows that Russia may be willing to renegotiate its agreement with the U.S. over the Savannah River Site's MOX program; however, the potential details of that renegotiation could cause security issues.

The State: Illegal asbestos dumping a headache for SC environmental regulators and an eye sore for tourists

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/04/26/3411641/illegal-asbestos-dumping-a-headache.html#storylink=cpy>

David Wren

The owner of a Myrtle Beach demolition firm responsible for an asbestos-laced debris dump located in the midst of oceanfront hotels and vacationers plans to remove the pile of waste within the next two weeks, according to documents obtained by The Sun News.

Post and Courier: Berkeley County battle over RINO political signs heats up

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140427/PC16/140429455/1031/berkeley-county-battle-over-rino-political-signs-heats-up>

Brenda Rindge

With election primaries set for June 10, signs will soon start dotting roadsides throughout the Lowcountry encouraging residents to vote for this candidate or that. But where these signs can be put - and what they can say - has become a hot topic in Berkeley County, where officials agreed that the law governing them

violates the right of free speech and limits political discourse.

Local News:

Greenville News: Sales tax hike may go before voters

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2014/04/26/sales-tax-hike-may-go-voters/8235557/>

Rudolph Bell

Members of Greenville County Council are likely to let county voters decide whether to impose a 1 percent sales tax to pay for road improvements when they vote on the question for the first time on May 6, according to the Council's chairman.

Post and Courier: Berkeley County officials want to extend penny sales tax for roads

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140426/PC16/140429462/1177/berkeley-county-officials-want-to-extend-penny-sales-tax-for-roads>

Brenda Rindge

Since 2008, shoppers in Berkeley County have paid an extra penny on each dollar's purchase to fund roadwork. With one year left to go on the taxing authority, county leaders and state legislators already are at work to keep it going another seven years.

Greenville News: Fountain Inn makes progress on plan

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/04/27/fountain-inn-makes-progress-plan/8242887/>

Nikki Withington

The master plan, adopted in 2006, has become Fountain Inn's comprehensive guide to improving the city. From cleaning up the entrances and placing new signs to multimillion dollar construction projects, every step taken is a move toward a brighter future for Fountain Inn, city officials said.

Post and Courier: Lawsuit sheds light on scope of sexual abuse in Catholic Diocese of Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140425/PC16/140429495/1006/suit-sheds-light-on-local-diocese-sex-abuse-church-wants-to-be-reimbursed-millions-for-payouts-made-to-nearly-150-victims>

Adam Parker

The Catholic Diocese of Charleston is trying to stick its insurance companies with the bill for millions of dollars in claims paid to nearly 150 people whose lives were damaged by sexually abusive priests - three times the number of victims that was initially reported.

National News:

Washington Examiner: On Keystone pipeline, Democratic stalwart Laborers Union finds itself outbid by one enviro-billionaire

<http://lite.washingtonexaminer.com/?p=211131>

Byron York

The Laborers International Union of North America, with about 570,000 members, wants the Obama administration to approve construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. The union has a lot of clout in Democratic circles; according to the Center for Responsive Politics, it has contributed \$38,089,860 to political candidates since 1989, with just seven percent of it going to Republicans.

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