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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Haley talks unemployment during Spartanburg visit

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20140929/ARTICLES/140929605/1112?Title=Haley-talks-unemployment-during-Spartanburg-visit>

Felicia Kitzmiller

Gov. Nikki Haley fielded questions about infrastructure, the Department of Social Services, domestic violence and touted job creation during a visit to a joint meeting of three area Rotary clubs Monday at the Spartanburg Marriott.

Note: "What we knew was if we could get a person a job, you could take care of a family," said Haley, who entered office in 2008 and is seeking her second term as governor.

Note: "It should be a reminder to everyone you never stop looking at it," Haley said of the recent increase in unemployment. "Never stop focusing on what we need to do to get people back to work. We knew it wasn't going to stay at those levels, but that doesn't mean it can't get back to that level or get lower. Our focus is now going to be on work force training."

Greenville News: Roll-call voting makes some legislators feel like 'dog on a chain'

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/09/29/roll-call-voting-makes-legislators-feel-like-dog-chain/16444525/>

Tim Smith

State Sen. Glenn Reese of Inman says mandatory roll-call voting is responsible for killing legislation and makes senators feel like "we're like a dog on a chain." The Spartanburg County Democrat spoke at length against the Senate's use of roll-call voting during a legislative panel on road funding last week.

Note: The Legislature passed a law to require more roll-call voting in 2011, although both bodies also addressed the issue with rules changes. While lawmakers in both chambers previously could request a roll-call vote, they weren't always required. Gov. Nikki Haley made it a campaign issue in 2010.

WYFF: SC Gov. comments on Harrell Bond Hearing

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/sc-gov-comments-on-harrell-bond-hearing/28319888>

Nigel Robertson

Suspended House Speaker Bobby Harrell is being released on bond on nine misdemeanor charges. Harrell appeared in court in Columbia, where a judge Monday gave Harrell an \$18,000 personal recognizance bond on the charges. That bond does not require Harrell to post any money.

Note: Monday in Spartanburg Gov. Nikki Haley commented on the Harrell case. When asked about transparency with lawmakers in Columbia, she said, "This is a good example, along with several others, that we've had on why we need to do this."

Charlotte Observer: A peek behind the jobs curtain: How Charlotte lost one company to SC

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2014/09/26/5201749/a-peek-behind-the-jobs-curtain.html#.VCnHPfldVHV#storylink=cpy>

Eric Frazier

Last winter, the Lash Group, a fast-growing Charlotte health care consulting company, had a decision to make: Do we keep our headquarters in Charlotte, or move across the border to Fort Mill?

Note: North Carolina officials said they had tried to keep LPL and lure Giti, to no avail. Haley's splashy announcements left many in Charlotte wondering whether South Carolina job recruiters were outworking their North Carolina counterparts.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Politico: All Policy is Local: Pre-K on the campaign trail

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/09/all-policy-is-local-pre-k-on-the-campaign-trail-111420.html>

Allie Grasgreen

CANDIDATES FEED COMMON CORE FIRE: The Common Core is playing out big time in races across the country, and in some cases, state academic standards hinge on the election results. In South Carolina, Republican Molly Spearman is up against Democrat Tom Thompson. Gov. Nikki Haley signed legislation in early June that requires the state to review the Common Core before January and implement new standards by next school year.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Greenville News (Guest Column): SC's Medicaid decision will hurt

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/contributors/2014/09/29/scs-medicaid-decision-will-hurt/16438243/>

Kyle Herbert

The subject of Medicaid expansion is an important financial issue for our state and for the people of South Carolina, and it is my opinion that it is good for both. With the upcoming elections in November it has become a hot issue for debate which has left many South Carolinians wondering how this will affect their jobs.

Speaker Bobby Harrell News:

Associated Press: Suspended SC speaker being released on charges

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KydCw32u

Meg Kinnard

Suspended South Carolina House Speaker Bobby Harrell was released on bond Monday, facing misdemeanor charges that he misused his office for personal gain and lied to law enforcement about his campaign expenses. The powerful Charleston Republican appeared in court in Columbia, where Circuit Judge John Hayes set an \$18,000 personal recognizance bond on the nine charges.

Greenville News: Bobby Harrell released on personal recognizance bond

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/09/29/bobby-harrell-expected-court-today/16415287/>

Tim Smith

A state circuit judge this morning set an \$18,000 personal recognizance bond for suspended House Speaker Bobby Harrell. State Attorney General Alan Wilson and U.S. Attorney Bill Nettles watched in a Richland County courtroom as First Circuit Solicitor David Pascoe read the nine misdemeanor ethics charges from a Richland County grand jury and the maximum penalties for each.

Post and Courier: Bobby Harrell's bail set at \$18,000, out-of-state travel limited

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140929/PC1603/140929341>

Jeremy Borden

Suspended S.C. House Speaker Bobby Harrell waived arraignment this morning on nine ethics and misconduct charges, and Circuit Judge John C. Hayes III gave him an \$18,000 bail and limits on his travel out of the state. First Circuit Solicitor David Pascoe handed over to the court the evidence, and Harrell's attorney Bart Daniel said, "We're familiar with the discovery and Mr. Harrell has been very cooperative."

The State: Suspended SC Speaker Harrell given \$18,000 bond

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/29/3712399/harrell-arraigned-at-richland.html>

John Monk

Circuit Judge John Hayes, Monday, set an \$18,000 personal recognizance bond on suspended Speaker Bobby Harrell in a Richland County courtroom. Harrell, who will not be able to leave the state without permission, asked for and was granted permission to attend a USC Gamecocks football game in Kentucky this Saturday.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Milliken says it can save taxpayers money

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/09/29/milliken-says-can-save-taxpayers->

money/16442503/

Rudolph Bell

About 10 percent of the 8,419 bridges owned by South Carolina are structurally deficient, according to state highway officials. A Spartanburg-based corporation with a legacy in textiles, Milliken & Co., thinks it can help with the problem. Milliken has been focused on inventing since at least 1945, when it opened its first research office in Clemson. It moved its headquarters to Spartanburg in 1958.

Post and Courier: Port seeks arrangement with Army Corps to speed up permits for maritime projects

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140929/PC05/140929333>

John McDermott

The State Ports Authority is proposing to pay for a federal staffer to help expedite permits it will need for several projects. The Army Corps of Engineers is seeking public comment through Oct. 6. about whether to accept and spend funds from the South Carolina maritime agency. The practice is allowed under federal law.

Local News:

Associated Press: Rebounding economy boosts Beaufort tourism

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

Tourism in Beaufort is rebounding from the Great Recession. New figures from the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce show that hotel occupancy, room rates and tourism spending have all increased this year. Chamber tourism director Robb Wells tells The Beaufort Gazette (<http://bit.ly/1BvdjZ9>) that the improved economy makes people more willing to travel and spend money.

The State: Columbia residents get chance to name new baseball team

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/29/3712654/columbia-residents-get-a-chance.html>

Harrison Cahill

As Columbia gears up to host their first home minor league baseball team in over a decade, residents will have a chance to name the team scheduled to debut in April 2016. Jason Freier, chairman and chief executive officer of Hardball Capital, held a press conference Monday at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center to announce the "Name Our Team" competition.

National News:

New York Times: Senate Update: G.O.P. Shows Gains in Blue States

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/30/upshot/senate-update-gop-shows-gains-in-blue-states-.html?abt=0002&abg=1&_r=0

Josh Katz

Winning Senate races in blue states won't be enough for the Democrats to maintain Senate control, but it will probably be necessary, which is why Democrats should be worried if the next set of polls in Colorado and Iowa back up last week's numbers.

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