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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Nikki Haley wants acts of kindness

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Andrew Shain

Gov. Nikki Haley is asking South Carolinians to perform a random act of kindness during this holiday season. "If every family in South Carolina commits to doing this, we would have 5 million kind acts across our state. How special would that be?" she said in a statement released Tuesday. Haley asked people to share their stories on her Facebook page or her Twitter feed with the hashtag -- #SCChristmasChallenge.

Post and Courier: Gov. Nikki Haley announces South Carolina Christmas Challenge

<http://blog.postandcourier.com/palmetto-politics/2013/12/03/gov-nikki-haley-announces-south-carolina-christmas-challenge/>

Gov. Nikki Haley announced the South Carolina Christmas Challenge yesterday at the 47th annual Governor's Carolighting — perform a random act of kindness during this holiday season, according to a release issued by her office Tuesday.

Note: "I want to challenge each and every family to do one random act of kindness. Whether it's having a soldier for dinner because they don't have a family nearby to go to, visiting a nursing home, or baking cookies for an elderly neighbor, each act of kindness can help affect our state for the better," Haley said. "If every family in South Carolina commits to doing this, we would have 5 million kind acts across our state. How special would that be?"

The State: Rick Perry touts governors as best presidents in SC visit

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/12/03/3136671/white-house-2016-rick-perry-touts.html>

Andrew Shain

Texas Gov. Rick Perry touted how governors who need to find their own solutions make the best presidents before a group of South Carolinians who might consider voting for the Republican in another White House run in 2016. Perry said on Tuesday that states, like his, have lowered taxes and streamlined regulations to boost business development. He decried the new federal health-care law's "one-size fits all" approach that tries to serve diverse groups of people with a wide range of medical conditions.

Note: "I know Nikki Haley is putting policies in place to make South Carolina more competitive than Texas," Perry said. "Governors, like Nikki Haley, who know they are in competition and put on their running shoes make the rest of us uncomfortable."

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Associated Press: Candidates running against Graham meet at forum

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=5v1K96XU

Jeffrey Collins

Three of the four candidates trying to defeat Lindsey Graham next year in the Republican primary in South Carolina gathered in the same place Tuesday to talk to GOP stalwarts as they try to differentiate themselves from the U.S. senator seeking a third term. Lowcountry businesswoman Nancy Mace and the newest entry into the race, Orangeburg attorney Bill Connor, took some time to introduce themselves, while Anderson businessman Richard Cash spoke about how he thinks Republicans must defend Christian moral absolutes to save the country.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Scott: Talk ACA alternatives

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131203/NEWS03/312030021/Scott-Talk-ACA-alternatives>

Rudolph Bell

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina said in Greenville on Monday that he wants to hear more talk about free-market alternatives to the Affordable Care Act. A member of Richland County Council who is running against Scott and a former Obama administration official who may run against him declined to respond to the Republican senator's remarks. Scott made two stops in Greenville — Bob Jones Academy and The Poinsett Club — as he seeks election to his first full term next year.

Rock Hill Herald: Scott Hears From Frustrated Vets

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ZNwjKqu3

Anna Douglas

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott got an earful from frustrated veterans and others on Monday afternoon during a campaign trail stop in Rock Hill. Scott, a Republican, is running in 2014 for one of two South Carolina seats in the U.S. Senate. The state's senior senator, Lindsey Graham, is also running for re-election. Gov. Nikki Haley appointed Scott last year to replace Jim DeMint, who gave up his seat to become president of The Heritage Foundation, a conservative political think-tank. Scott's visit to Freedom Temple Ministries in Rock Hill was one of three stops he made on Monday to speak with potential South Carolina voters.

Post and Courier: Department of Insurance confirms 144,000 South Carolinians who faced canceled insurance can choose to renew

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131203/PC16/131209847/1177/departments-of-insurance-confirms-144000-south-carolinians-who-faced-canceled-insurance-can-choose-to-renew>

Lauren Sausser

Approximately 144,000 South Carolinians who faced canceled health insurance coverage next year because of the Affordable Care Act will have the option to renew those policies for one more year, the S.C. Department of Insurance director said Tuesday. Nine insurance companies that offer individual plans and six companies that offer small group plans told the department they have decided to offer the policies for another year, even though many don't cover all the essential benefits that the new federal law requires.

Rock Hill Herald: Rock Hill baby who survived leap from fire dies at home

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/12/03/5467343/rock-hill-baby-who-survived-leap.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Dys

The baby girl who survived a harrowing jump to safety with her mother from a second floor balcony during an apartment fire in July, died at her home Monday night. Rock Hill Police and the York County coroner are investigating the death of 3-month-old Ja'Leyah White, who was found unresponsive in bed late Monday, police and coroner officials say. Her mother, Mandi Coley, came home from working the second shift at Walmart - after working the day shift at the Bojangle's restaurant - and found Ja'Leyah in bed with the baby's father, Samuel Lee White, Coley said. White was sleeping at the time, according to a police report.

Associated Press: SC prosecutors: Beatty biased against solicitors

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=H6HPEX3V

Thirteen South Carolina prosecutors want one of the state's Supreme Court justices barred from considering their cases because of comments he made at a recent conference, The Post and Courier of Charleston reported Tuesday (<http://bit.ly/1gBeNbJ>). Justice Don Beatty showed an anti-prosecutor bias when he said in September the high court would not turn a blind eye to unethical conduct like witness tampering or evidence suppression, prosecutors have argued.

Associated Press: Judge: Opponents can challenge terminal permit

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

Bruce Smith

Charleston neighborhood, conservation and preservation groups may challenge a state permit for a \$35 million South Carolina passenger cruise terminal, a state administrative law judge has ruled. In a 16-page ruling on Monday, Chief Administrative Law Judge Ralph K. Anderson III rejected a South Carolina Ports Authority motion to dismiss a challenge to a state Department of Health and Environmental Control permit. The DHEC permit certified that putting added pilings beneath an old riverfront warehouse so it can be renovated as a new terminal complies with state coastal regulations. The permit challenge is one of three ongoing legal fights involving the city's cruise industry.

The State: Bill Taylor Wants A 'convention Of States' To Propose Constitutional Changes

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CcW5N8wE

Adam Beam

Today is the first day House lawmakers could prefile legislation for the 2014 session, and state Rep. Bill Taylor has an interesting proposal. The Republican from Aiken has filed legislation that would call for a "convention of the states" to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution. From Taylor's news release: Article V of the Constitution provides that if two-thirds of the states submit an application to Congress, Congress must call a Convention of States for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution. Each state sends an appointed delegation to the convention, where the states discuss and vote upon amendment proposals.

Local News:

Florence Morning News: Man charged with murder in Hartsville toddler's death

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_34f5e308-5c53-11e3-9057-0019bb30f31a.html

Traci Bridges

A 40-year-old man has been charged with murder in connection with the shooting death of a toddler Monday night in Hartsville, while the child's mother has been charged with accessory to murder after the fact. Timothy O'Neil Sanders, 40, and April Dixon, 23, of 318 Bell Ave., Hartsville, were taken into custody on drug charges Monday night shortly after 22-month-old Madison Dolford was fatally shot in the front yard of a Bell Street residence. Late Tuesday afternoon, Sanders was served with arrest warrants for murder and use of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime.

The State: Election Director: Voter Turnout Light Across Columbia On Strong-mayor Referendum

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

Noelle Phillips

Greenville, which overwhelmingly has supported Mayor Steve Benjamin in the last two city elections, is expected to lean in favor of a changed form of government. For some voters, voting yes for strong mayor is an endorsement of Benjamin's work. Nora B. White said that is how she feels. The mayor works hard and deserves to become a full-time mayor, she said. "We need to keep him in there as long as possible," White said. Another woman leaving the polls chanted "Yes. Yes. Yes," as she walked to her car.

Associated Press: Greenville may ban cellphones from drivers' hands

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=86iWt53O

Greenville is considering a ban on any use of a cellphone in a driver's hand. The city has created a task force to look at driving safety. Mayor Pro Tem David Sudduth said Monday they determined just a ban on texting was not enough. The task force's recommendation would also ban talking with a cellphone in a driver's hand, using the phone as a GPS device or reading directions. Hand-free talking would be allowed. Sudduth says the full ban will improve driver safety. But Councilwoman Jil Littlejohn questioned if it would go too far, considering there are other distractions in vehicles like changing the radio.

Greenville News: 3 officials resign from Greenville County Republican Party

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131203/NEWS03/312030088/3-officials-resign-from-Greenville-County-Republican-Party>

Ron Barnett

Three officials of the Greenville County Republican Party have submitted their resignations from the party, saying its leadership has abandoned the conservative principles they purport to believe in and has attempted to ostracize the tea party element. Harry Kibler, Linda Weeks and Magda Aguila turned in letters of resignation, Kibler said. "They don't want unity, they want uniformity," Kibler told GreenvilleOnline.com. "They want us to conform to some version of what they believe is conservatism and I'm just not willing to go along with that."

National News:

Associated Press: Audit: Health care subsidies vulnerable to fraud

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=EXKQEw06

Stephen Ohlemacher

Government subsidies to help Americans buy insurance under the health care overhaul may be vulnerable to fraud, a Treasury Department watchdog warned on Tuesday in the latest indication that troubles are far

from over for President Barack Obama's signature legislation. The rollout of the law has been hurt by canceled policies and problems with the federal website used by people to enroll in health plans, causing political headaches for the White House and for Democrats in Congress. The new problems concern subsidies that are available to low- and medium-income people who buy insurance through state-based exchanges that opened in October.

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