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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: SC House returns for 1-day session

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=4gKub68X

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina House members will decide whether to override two of Gov. Nikki Haley's vetoes left over from the session that ended in June. The House returns Wednesday afternoon for a special, one-day session. The chamber will take up two bills that Haley vetoed in June.

The State: SC House returns for one-day veto session

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/26/3641563/sc-house-returns-for-one-day-veto.html>

Cassie Cope

Members of the S.C. House of Representatives will get a free trip to Columbia on Wednesday, on the eve of USC's season-opening football game. Representatives return for a one-day session starting at 2 p.m. to take up two bills vetoed by Republican Gov. Nikki Haley.

Post and Courier: One-day S.C. House session stirs question on its necessity

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140826/PC1603/140829508>

Jeremy Borden

A special one-day S.C. House session Wednesday to debate and potentially override vetoes on two seemingly minor bills has some lawmakers scratching their heads. Others pushing for a vote on one of the measures say members under-appreciate its significance.

Note: "I am vetoing this bill because it grants library employees wide authority to deprive citizens of their ability to use ... public libraries for an indefinite amount of time based on mere allegations of misconduct," Haley wrote in a letter to the Senate explaining her veto.

S.C. Political News:

Fact Check: South Carolina Ad 'Hides' Key Fact

<http://www.factcheck.org/2014/08/south-carolina-ad-hides-key-fact/>

An ad from the Democratic challenger in the South Carolina governor's race says that when hackers stole 3.6 million Social Security numbers from state computers, Gov. Nikki Haley "hid it from us for over two weeks" — but the ad fails to mention that Haley's silence was at the direction of state and federal investigators.

Note: "She did what we asked her to do," State Law Enforcement Division Chief Mark Keel told FactCheck.org.

Associated Press: Texas' Perry comes to SC for politics and football

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xU9Lu3Lg

Jeffrey Collins

Perry kicks off two days of events Wednesday afternoon with a tailgate party and fundraiser for the South Carolina Republican Party in Columbia. Perry was a yell leader at Texas A&M and his beloved Aggies open the college football season Thursday against South Carolina.

Florence Morning News: Secretary of State candidate Deerin swings through Florence

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_abddb1d2-2d70-11e4-85a5-001a4bcf6878.html

Gavin Jackson

Reduce government waste, cut regulations, streamline operations for businesses, cut fees, create efficiencies and make it easier for people to create businesses. Sounds like a good platform for a

Republican, but Ginny Deerin is a Democrat and she's on a mission to become the next South Carolina Secretary of State.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Rock Hill Herald: Dealing with aging prison population

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/08/26/6265205/dealing-with-aging-prison-population.html?sp=/100/105/121/>

Editorial

Keeping prisoners locked up is always expensive but even more so when inmates are senior citizens suffering from the infirmities that come with old age. And if South Carolina doesn't find ways to reduce its aging prison population, those graying inmates are going to be an increasing burden on taxpayers.

Post and Courier: Progress on domestic violence

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140827/PC1002/140829488>

Editorial

Today's special session of the Legislature is expected to only consider gubernatorial vetoes of two bills. One allows public libraries to eject misbehaving patrons, and another permits a tax hike for fire department improvements in Murrells Inlet.

The State (Guest Column): SC officials didn't get the message about Common Core

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/27/3641431/few-sc-officials-didnt-get-the.html>

Sheri Few

Thousands of S.C. parents implemented a strategic plan to stop the Common Core state standards in South Carolina. The result was a new law requiring new standards. Unfortunately, there is a disconnect between the majority of the members of the State Board of Education and the board's leadership, which wants to simply rebrand the standards.

Post and Courier: Inflation? What inflation?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140827/PC1002/140829489>

Editorial

Federal Reserve chairs speak cautiously in public, lest they incite severe economic consequences. Janet Yellen has maintained that responsible tradition in her nearly seven months at the helm of the nation's central bank.

The State: Whether racist or just racially insensitive, West Columbia, SC, campaign sign unacceptable

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/26/3641447/bolton-whether-racist-or-just.html#storylink=cpy>

Warren Bolton

In a grudge match that already had gotten too personal and no longer resembled a reasoned debate over the best form of government for West Columbia — if it ever did — some of Mayor Joe Owens' critics stooped to a new low last week when they gratuitously dragged President Barack Obama and Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin into the senseless debate.

Greenville News: Downtown success drives new projects

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/08/26/editorial-downtown-success-drives-new-projects/14626633/>

Editorial

Looking for signs that downtown Greenville is thriving? They are abundant all the time of course, but just in the past two weeks there has been ample proof that one of the nation's best downtowns is a hot commodity. In that time span there have been no fewer than four major development projects unveiled, along with an update to one of the attractions that help make this a cool city.

Post and Courier (Guest Column): Working together, we can protect children from sexual abuse

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140827/PC1002/140829495>

David Repinski

Darkness to Light has but one singular focus - to empower people to prevent child sexual abuse. Over the past 14 years, our programs have helped raise awareness of its prevalence, elevate visibility of its consequences, and provide education to adults on the steps they can take to recognize it and react responsibly.

S.C. House Special Session News:

Post and Courier: House Speaker Harrell appoints domestic violence committee

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140826/PC1603/140829503>

Doug Pardue, Jeremy Borden

House Speaker Bobby Harrell has named a special committee to find ways to help reverse the state's status as the most deadly in the nation for women at the hands of men. "It's time to make the laws better," Harrell said. "South Carolina has made great strides, but this is an issue we have lagged behind on."

S.C. Federal Delegation:

Easley Progress: Duncan remains committed to serving constituents

http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/26/3641192_duncan-remains-committed-to-serving.html?rh=1

D.C. Moody

Harkening back to the days of his original campaign, Duncan stressed Tuesday he had not changed his focus for his constituents, concentrating on jobs, energy, and the founding fathers. The congressman made clear his stance on each and his belief in smaller government.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: SC business leaders call for renewing Export Bank

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=I5JXdJ6g

Business leaders in the Rock Hill area are calling for reauthorization of the federal Export-Import Bank.

Representatives of local chambers of commerce as well as the state and the national Chamber of Commerce are joining representatives of other business groups at a news conference on Wednesday in Rock Hill to discuss the issue.

Greenville News: Zais: 4-year degree doesn't mean success

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2014/08/26/sc-superintendent-education-mick-zais-every-student-need-four-year-degree/14666175/>

Ron Barnett

As he heads down the home stretch of his term in office, state Superintendent of Education Mick Zais is continuing his push for more students to aim for the middle ground when it comes to their academic career and future.

Times and Democrat: Elzey tells local Rotarians SCSU on a 'journey of restoration and transition'

http://thetandd.com/news/local/elzey-tells-local-rotarians-scsu-on-a-journey-of-restoration/article_e6463904-2d9b-11e4-a1dd-0019bb2963f4.html

Dale Linder-Altman

For much too long, issues at South Carolina State University like fiscal mismanagement and declining enrollment were "swept under the rug, kept from the public," President Thomas Elzey said. "But we've gotten past all that," and a "new, transitional S.C. State University" is coming forth, he said.

Associated Press: College of Charleston gets OK to offer doctorates

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=HS1gtciJ

Seanna Adcox

The College of Charleston might be allowed to sidestep a state law and offer doctoral degrees that align with area businesses' needs, following a vote Tuesday by a key committee, months after legislators tried and failed to make the college a research university.

Associated Press: Fisher House to help veteran families coming to SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Tdsqzb19

Bruce Smith

The families of tens of thousands of veterans in coastal South Carolina and Georgia will one day be able to be near their loved ones receiving Veterans Affairs medical care without having to pay pricey Charleston hotel rates.

Local News:

The State: Columbia Mayor Benjamin's 2010 ethics situation to be heard Wednesday by State Ethics Commission

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/26/3641284/columbia-mayor-benjamins-2010.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

The S.C. Ethics Commission will take up Wednesday morning the question of whether Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin should have reported an all-expenses-paid December 2010 trip to Florida in a developer's private jet.

Post and Courier: Charleston County votes to withhold funding from industry-recruiting group until issues resolved

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140826/PC16/140829487>

Warren Wise

With eight members voting to hold on to the county's \$500,000 contribution to help lure industry to the Lowcountry and Joe Qualey voting to abstain, the Charleston Regional Development Alliance must now pin its hopes on a meeting set up early next month to work out a range of issues.

Anderson Independent: Two-day workshop introducing students to new technology

http://www.independentmail.com/news/0827-emerge_03042890

Charmaine Smith-Miles

A small figurine was made in one of the rooms of the Anderson County Arts Warehouse on Aug. 23, but the piece was not shaped or carved by hand. Instead, it was made by a machine as a group of school-age children watched. This weekend, those same children will do more than watch.

The State: Columbia to offer \$200,000 in loans as Main Street business incentive

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/26/3641946/columbia-to-offer-200000-in-loans.html#storylink=cpy>

Sarah Ellis

With hopes of putting even more feet on the streets of one of Columbia's most highly touted, developing business corridors, the city announced plans Tuesday to grant \$200,000 in loans to small businesses on Main Street. Four or more businesses will be awarded up to \$50,000 each in 10-year loans in an initiative dubbed the Main Street Capital Program.

The State: USC season opener means more police, cameras, curfews, rides home

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/26/3641731/columbia-usc-entertainment-districts.html>

Clif LeBlanc

The USC game against Texas A&M will be the first time students descend on Five Points since the city and university announced a plan to upgrade taxi cab and shuttle services to transport students back to their dorms or to off-campus homes.

Rock Hill Herald: Rock Hill school board objects to extension of special tax district

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/08/26/6265458_rock-hill-school-board-objects.html?rh=1

Rachel Southmayd

City officials are looking to extend the tax district for 10 years after it expires in 2029. A public hearing is scheduled at the Sept. 8 Rock Hill City Council meeting, and the city needed an official response from the school district before then, said Stephen Turner, the city's director of economic development.

Post and Courier: Judicial officials dismiss complaints against Wilson, Pennington

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140826/PC16/140829517>

Glenn Smith

State judicial officials have tossed out ethics complaints against 9th Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson and Public Defender Ashley Pennington after finding no evidence to support allegations that their conduct undermined the pursuit of justice. Wilson, chief prosecutor for Charleston and Berkeley counties, said she was not surprised by the decision because the complaints were baseless.

National News:

New York Times: Rubio Warns Obama Against Executive Action on Immigration

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/27/us/rubio-warns-obama-against-executive-action-on-immigration.html?ref=us>

Julie Preston

Senator Marco Rubio, the Florida Republican who once advocated a broad immigration overhaul that would have included a path to legal status for people now in the country illegally, urged President Obama on Tuesday not to take unilateral action on the issue even to slow the pace of deportations.

New York Times: Obama Tells Veterans He Will Fix Health System, as New Report Lists Lapses

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/27/us/politics/obama-veterans-health-care.html?ref=us&_r=0

Peter Baker, Dave Philipps

President Obama on Tuesday promised several thousand military veterans that he would fulfill his "sacred trust" to those returning from America's wars by overhauling a dysfunctional health care system, even as a new report documented "unacceptable and troubling lapses" in medical treatment.

Associated Press: Possible airstrikes in Syria raise more questions

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Ken Dilanian, Julie Pace

The intelligence gathered by U.S. military surveillance flights over Syria could support a broad bombing campaign against the Islamic State militant group, but current and former U.S. officials differ on whether air power would significantly degrade what some have called a "terrorist army."

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