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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Governor confirms new Richland elections board

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/26/3703958/governor-confirms-new-richland.html>

Dawn Hinshaw

The new Richland County elections board will hold an organizational meeting by Oct. 7. Spokesman Doug Mayer confirmed the governor's office finalized the appointments Wednesday. The new members are Jane Dreher Emerson, Sylvia Holley, Marjorie Johnson and Pete Kennedy. They join Adell Adams, who has served since 2000.

The Economic Times: Indian-American community plans grand reception for PM

[http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/articleshow/43555926.cms?](http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/articleshow/43555926.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst)

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As Indian-American community is gearing up to host Prime Minister Narendra Modi this Sunday at the iconic Madison Square Garden here, the organisers today announced an elaborate programme for almost day-long event including a 360-degree rotating platform for him to address over 16,000 ge

Note: The VIP guests would include elected officials of Indian origin including South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, although some others including Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal may not be able to come due to intense election season currently underway in the US.

Washington Post: The 2016 GOP field is short on women. Carly Fiorina is trying to change that.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2014/09/26/the-2016-gop-field-is-short-on-women-carly-fiorina-is-trying-to-change-that/>

Nia Malika Henderson

Carly Fiorina, the former head of Hewlett Packard and an unsuccessful Senate candidate in 2010, now heads a PAC aimed at boosting women in politics. And, she might be the latest addition to the list of 2016 GOP presidential hopefuls, according to a piece over at the National Journal

Note: Anne Romney's idea of what a strong GOP field might look like was very different from what we've heard from other influential Republicans. Romney: I wish I could see some women out there. I love [South Carolina Gov.] Nikki Haley. There's some others out there. [New Mexico Gov.] Susana Martinez that I think are intriguing.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

WYFF: The SC Governor's race is getting expensive

<http://www.wyff4.com/politics/the-sc-governors-race-is-getting-expensive/28261652>

Nigel Robertson

Two candidates in the race for South Carolina Governor have spent more than \$1-million on ads so far but it may not be the two names you are thinking. Numbers coming out of the Clemson University social media lab show petition candidate Tom Ervin is gaining traction. Students who did the research say Ervin doesn't have much activity on social platforms but it's the exact opposite when you turn on the TV.

Associated Press: Graham appearing with NC Senate hopeful Tillis

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

The cavalcade of notable Republicans helping Thom Tillis' U.S. Senate campaign in North Carolina now includes Sen. Lindsey Graham. South Carolina's senior senator planned an appearance with Tillis on Friday afternoon in Charlotte to discuss national security issues. President Barack Obama's military actions against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria are a likely topic.

Speaker Harrell News:

Associated Press: Suspended SC speaker to have bond hearing Monday

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

Suspended House Speaker Bobby Harrell is expected in court next week for a bond hearing. Prosecutor David Pascoe told media outlets Friday that the Charleston Republican was scheduled to appear in court in Columbia on Monday.

The State: Suspended S.C. House Speaker Bobby Harrell to have bond hearing Monday

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/26/3705897/suspended-sc-house-speaker-bobby.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

Suspended S.C. House of Representatives Speaker Bobby Harrell will have a bond hearing at 9 a.m. Monday at the Richland County courthouse. The hearing time and place was announced Friday morning by 1st Circuit Solicitor David Pascoe, who is handling Harrell's case at the request of Attorney General Alan Wilson.

Post and Courier: House Speaker Bobby Harrell's bond hearing is Monday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140926/PC1603/140929529>

Schuyler Kropf

Suspended House Speaker Bobby Harrell is expected to appear in court Monday in Columbia for a bond to be set for the nine ethics and misconduct charges filed against him, the prosecutor in the case announced Friday.

South Carolina News:

The State: Did trooper who shot driver have PTSD? Also, lawyer of victim talks to Today show

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/26/3705026/lawyer-trooper-in-shooting-may.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

A former South Carolina Highway Patrol trooper facing criminal charges in connection with shooting a driver in the Columbia area may have had post-traumatic stress disorder syndrome from a prior shooting incident, a Columbia lawyer said Thursday.

Associated Press: Revenue Dept. pays \$18,000 in fees after FOI fight

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

The state Department of Revenue has paid a government watchdog more than \$18,000 in attorney fees and costs after the South Carolina Supreme Court ruled the agency didn't follow the law in responding to a request for information.

Post and Courier: MUSC to host medical marijuana meeting

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140926/PC16/140929507/1177/musc-to-host-medical-marijuana-meeting>

Lauren Sausser

The state's Medical Marijuana Study Committee will meet in Charleston next week. The group was created by legislation passed by the General Assembly earlier this year that allows epileptic patients to use CBD oil, also known as cannabis oil or cannabidiol, for treatment.

Local News:

Island Packet: State health officials investigating nine reports of salmonella poisoning in Beaufort County

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/26/3336661/state-health-officials-investigating.html?sp=/99/257/266/#storylink=cpy>

Zach Murdock

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control is investigating about nine cases of salmonella poisoning in Beaufort County, including one illness matched to a national cluster of salmonella, according to a state spokeswoman.

Rock Hill Herald: York OKs property tax, utility rate increases

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/09/26/6362850_york-oks-property-tax-utility.html?rh=1

Jennifer Becknell

The city of York will increase property taxes and utility rates and hire a new police officer, a firefighter and a part-time economic development director under a \$6.9 million budget approved by the City Council. After a lengthy debate in which council members disagreed about the need to add more employees and increase taxes, the council split 4-3 in giving final approval to the 2014-15 budget.

Island Packet: Beaufort County student said he was disciplined for sitting out of Pledge
http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/09/25/3335142_beaufort-county-student-said-he.html?sp=/99/100/&rh=1#storylink=cpy

Sarah Bowman

A Beaufort County student who refuses to say the Pledge of Allegiance with his classmates every day says he's being denied his constitutional right to opt out. The American Humanist Association's legal center agrees.

National News:

Associated Press: A departing Obama friend leaves mixed legal legacy

<http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US HOLDER?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-09-26-09-01-23>

Jim Kuhnhenn

It wasn't difficult for Barack Obama and Eric Holder to be in the same orbit. Both were sons of immigrants, Columbia Ivy Leaguers, basketball fans and prominent African-American political figures. They first met nearly 10 years ago, dinner guests of a mutual Washington friend who seated Holder next to the newly elected senator from Illinois.

New York Times: Republicans Have Reopened Lead in Battle for the Senate

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/27/upshot/republicans-have-reopened-lead-in-battle-for-the-senate.html?abt=0002&abg=0>

Nate Cohn

If the polls of early September were a reminder that the Democratic path to 50 seats remains open, then the last two weeks were a reminder of how quickly that path could close. Recent polls in Iowa, Colorado and Alaska have offered better news for Republicans. As a result, the Republicans are again slight favorites to retake the Senate, according to Leo, The Upshot's Senate model.

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