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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Florence Morning News:** Governor joins hundreds in honoring DeLoach at Coker College

[http://www.snow.com/news/business/local/article\\_ec101506-2a2d-11e4-81e1-0017a43b2370.html](http://www.snow.com/news/business/local/article_ec101506-2a2d-11e4-81e1-0017a43b2370.html)

During Friday's dedication of the Harris E. and Louise H. DeLoach Center, Gov. Nikki Haley joined with Coker College President Robert Wyatt and other dignitaries to recognize the contributions of the DeLoach's and others who made the new \$12 million facility possible.

**Note:** When Gov. Haley delivered her remarks, she stunned DeLoach when she awarded him the Order of the Palmetto, the state's highest civilian honor, which was given in recognition of the business leader's lifetime achievements and contributions to the state.

**Note:** "From your outstanding leadership at Sonoco Products Company, to your extensive involvement in civic affairs, you have demonstrated a remarkable commitment to excellence, and your contributions will have a lasting impact for years to come," Haley said.

**Island Packet (Video):** Nikki Haley on Hilton Head

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/08/22/3270961/nikki-haley-on-hilton-head.html>

Gov. Nikki Haley talks about some of her accomplishments in office as she addresses the S.C. Optometric Physicians Association Annual Meeting, Westin Hilton Head Island Resort and Spa.

**WPDE:** Coker College dedicates new \$12 million gymnasium

[http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=1087103#.U\\_e1SfldV1Y](http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=1087103#.U_e1SfldV1Y)

Tonya Brown

Coker College held a dedication ceremony Friday for its new \$12 million, state of the art, Harris E. and Louise H. DeLoach Center and Gymnasium. The 71,000 square foot facility opened earlier this fall and is the largest campus expansion in institutional history.

**Note:** Governor Nikki Haley presented DeLoach with the Order of the Palmetto, an award given to those who make contributions of a statewide significance.

**Associated Press:** Black leaders want voice in SC beach safety plans

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kFX6HlJq](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kFX6HlJq)

Black leaders say they want a voice in plans to ensure safety in the Myrtle Beach area over the Memorial Day weekend. Myrtle Beach NAACP president Mickey James and other leaders say they are concerned about more than just the Memorial Day holiday weekend. They say there needs to be more security year-round.

**Note:** Two local task forces have held meetings on how to improve security. Gov. Nikki Haley has called for an end to Bikefest.

**Sun News:** Black community leaders plea to have input in plans for Memorial Day safety

[http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/08/21/4426239\\_black-community-leaders-plea-to.html?sp=/99/209/&rh=1#storylink=cpy](http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/08/21/4426239_black-community-leaders-plea-to.html?sp=/99/209/&rh=1#storylink=cpy)

Maya T. Prabhu

A small group of community activists, including the president of a local branch of the NAACP, gathered in front of Myrtle Beach City Hall on Thursday to stress the importance of inclusion as Grand Strand officials search for ways to improve safety.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley has called for an end Bikefest but Atlantic Beach Mayor Jake Evans has said the town has no plans to do so.

**WPDE:** House considering override of Governor's veto of bill increasing taxes to pay for new fire station

[http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=1087032#.U\\_ezGvldV1Y](http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=1087032#.U_ezGvldV1Y)



South Carolina House members are returning to Columbia next week to take up two of Gov. Nikki Haley's vetoes, one with a direct impact for the Grand Strand. One bill being considered is intended to help South Carolina's public libraries keep out disrupters. The other is a local bill allowing a tax hike for firefighting in coastal Murrell's Inlet and Garden City.

## 2014 Campaign Cycle News:

**Post and Courier:** Experts predict a Haley win in November

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140822/PC1603/140829766/1031/experts-predict-a-haley-win-in-november>

A panel of political scientists said incumbent Gov. Nikki Haley is likely to win reelection in November, according to a story posted on The State's website. The experts were speaking Thursday at a forum at the University of South Carolina, the story said. Two of the five political scientists at the forum were willing to offer predictions on the race and both forecasted a 10-percentage-point win for Haley.

**The State:** Experts pic a Haley win + Dems hit the stump

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/22/3633446/morning-buzz-experts-pic-a-haley.html>

Jamie Self

Republican Gov. Nikki Haley has [the edge in her November rematch against Democratic challenger Vincent Sheheen](#), a panel of S.C. political scientists said Thursday. But the state senator from Camden could pull off an upset by getting a large turnout of his supporters, the experts added.

## South Carolina News:

**Associated Press:** SC House to hold special, one-day session

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=MP4qlueA](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=MP4qlueA)

South Carolina House members are returning to Columbia next week to take up two of Gov. Nikki Haley's vetoes. A spokesman for House Speaker Bobby Harrell said Friday the House will hold a special, one-day session next Wednesday. The chamber will decide whether to override vetoes left over from the session that ended in June.

**Post and Courier:** New federal report uncovers flaws at Charleston VA hospital

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140822/PC16/140829777>

Lauren Sausser

The Charleston VA hospital funneled "hundreds of thousands of stipend dollars" to caregivers who may not have qualified for a program that benefits post-9/11 veterans, a new federal report shows. "We found that caregivers were paid even though the facility had not documented required annual reassessments," a report published Thursday by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General explained.

**Associated Press:** VA reviews caregiver support in Charleston

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=TGID05DO](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=TGID05DO)

Bruce Smith

The Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General is calling for tighter controls on the support program for family members and others who care for vets treated at the Ralph Johnson Medical Center in Charleston.

**The State:** Pinson's attorneys make final attempt to convince U.S. Judge Norton to overturn jury verdict or give new trial

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/22/3633548/pinsons-attorneys-make-final-attempt.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

Attorneys for Greenville businessman Jonathan Pinson, convicted last month on federal charges ranging from racketeering to misusing his former position of chairman of the S.C. State University Board of Trustees, have filed a final motion to convince a judge to overturn the jury's verdict.

**Associated Press:** Former SC lawmaker Viers to appear in court

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CzJIRFWF](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CzJIRFWF)

Meg Kinnard

A former South Carolina lawmaker is scheduled to appear in federal court next week on charges that he helped a businessman hide assets, then lied about it to federal agents. The 36-year-old Myrtle Beach

Republican faces 14 charges including money laundering, fraud and lying to an IRS agent and faces decades in prison if convicted.

**Post and Courier:** Scathing report in The Atlantic targets InfiLaw and other for-profit law schools

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140822/PC16/140829748>

Diane Knich

In the Aug. 13 edition of The Atlantic, the magazine ran a scathing report on for-profit law schools including InfiLaw System, the company that for the past year has been trying to purchase the Charleston School of Law.

**The State:** DSS: Infant abandoned in Lexington under Daniel's Law

[http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/22/3633963\\_dss-infant-abandoned-placed-under.html?rh=1](http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/22/3633963_dss-infant-abandoned-placed-under.html?rh=1)

Anne-Kathryn Flanagan

An infant who was brought to Lexington Medical Center Urgent Care Wednesday has been placed under the protection of Safe Haven staff, according to the Lexington County Department of Social Services. The infant falls under the jurisdiction of Daniel's Law, the Safe Haven for Abandoned Babies Act, according to the agency.

### Local News:

**Aiken Standard:** Police investigate bomb threat at DSS

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140822/AIK0102/140829838/1004/police-investigate-bomb-threat-at-dss>

Teddy Kulmala

A York man allegedly made a bomb threat against the Department of Social Services office in Aiken on Thursday, according to the Aiken Department of Public Safety. A DSS employee told officers that the suspect called the office on Park Avenue at about 11 a.m. Thursday and was upset because his Medicaid funds had been stopped, according to an incident report.

**Rock Hill Herald:** Workshops planned on Lancaster County's economic development plan

[http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/08/22/6253838\\_workshops-planned-on-lancaster.html?rh=1](http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/08/22/6253838_workshops-planned-on-lancaster.html?rh=1)

The Lancaster County Economic Development Corp. has scheduled workshops to allow residents to review the county's 2015 Economic Development Strategic Plan. Three workshops, open to the public, will be held at 6:30 p.m.:

### National News:

**Washington Post:** New forecast gives GOP a 63% chance of taking the Senate

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/08/22/new-forecast-gives-gop-a-63-chance-of-taking-the-senate/>

John Sides

A key reason is that polls are taking on greater weight in the forecast. Although both the House and Senate forecasts still incorporate our statistical model's expectations — that is, expectations based on factors like presidential approval, state partisanship, incumbency, etc. — at this point our Senate forecast weights the polls more heavily in races with substantial polling.

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