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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&tc=ar>

Felicia Kitzmiller

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

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.”

Note: “(The problems at DSS are) very hard for me to wrap my arms around... because you are trying to save children from their own parents,” Haley said. “... It’s something that will always be a work in progress.”

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

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/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: 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.

Aiken Standard: S.C. Rep. Roland Smith to receive Order of the Palmetto

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140929/AIK0101/140929326/1004>

Derrek Asberry

S.C. Rep. Roland Smith, R–Warrenville, is inviting the general public to join him and his family Wednesday when he is awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor in South Carolina. **Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley will present the award to Smith at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Langley Pentecostal Holiness Church, 2551 Augusta Road, in Langley.

Florence Morning News: Functional security is SCDOR’s priority, director Rick Reames says

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_f0029c54-4825-11e4-a47b-001a4bcf6878.html

Gavin Jackson

The two certainties in life, as the saying goes, are death and taxes, the latter of which Florence native Rick Reames III is now overseeing for the South Carolina Department of Revenue. In February, Reames was tapped to be chief of staff for outgoing SCDOR director Bill Blume. Gov. Nikki Haley appointed Reames as director in July.

Note: On Jan. 1, 2013, weeks after the scandal hit, Haley appointed Blume, a retired Ernst & Young tax executive, to succeed Jim Etter.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

WYFF (Video): Incumbent Gov. Nikki Haley looks forward to getting message out before election

<http://www.wyff4.com/incumbent-gov-nikki-haley-looks-forward-to-getting-message-out-before-election/28321802#ixzz3EnYh8hgA>

Nigel Robertson

S.C. Political News:

Associated Press: Eying 2016, Rand Paul courts young voters

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=5M9Jb8fa

Steve Peoples

Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul is working to improve the Republican Party's image among young voters as he visits South Carolina, a key state in the presidential primary calendar. The tea party favorite, who hopes to strengthen his national network ahead of a likely White House bid, was set to appear at the University of South Carolina and at the College of Charleston on Tuesday before addressing the Horry County GOP.

Associated Press: Rand Paul visiting South Carolina for GOP events

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

Meg Kinnard

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul is making a swing through South Carolina for a series of events in coordination with the state GOP. The Kentucky Republican is speaking Tuesday morning at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Later in the day, he appears at the College of Charleston before going to a Horry County Republican Party event in Myrtle Beach.

Associated Press: Harrell opponent discusses political reform

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=HUww237V

Bruce Smith

Suspended State House Speaker Bobby Harrell's Democratic opponent is scheduled to hold a news conference on political reform. Mary Tinkler plans to meet with reporters outside the Charleston County Courthouse on Tuesday to discuss what a campaign announcement calls "specific reforms to avoid corrupt behavior by elected officials."

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Aiken Standard: Higher education investment is lacking in S.C.

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140930/AIK02/140939999/1018/AIK02>

Editorial

Public colleges and universities in South Carolina are being short changed. These institutions have lost more than 40 percent of their state funding since 2008, and that trend isn't expected to change anytime soon. Across the country, subsidies for public higher education institutions have actually hit a 10-year low.

The State: Why SC revenue remains below pre-recession peak, and what it means

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/29/3713316/scope-why-sc-revenue-remains.html#storylink=cpy>

Cindi Ross Scappe

THE GOOD news is that even adjusted for inflation, states' revenue collections have recovered to 2.2 percent above their pre-recession peaks. The bad news is that this is not a universal experience. It's an average. And it should not be a surprise to learn that South Carolina is not one of the 24 states that have recovered.

Note: From a budgetary perspective, what our unrecovered status means is that the Legislature has 10 percent less spending power today than it did at the end of 2007. That underscores how unrealistic it is to think that either Sen. Vincent Sheheen's proposal to use "revenue growth" or Gov. Nikki Haley's unannounced plan that certainly will be in some way based on the same idea will even begin to address our highway infrastructure backlog.

Post and Courier: Why not debate?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140930/PC1002/140939985>

Editorial

Politically, neither Tim Scott nor Lindsey Graham has much to gain by debating his opponents for his Senate seat. Sen. Scott and Sen. Graham both are considered strong candidates. Both are incumbents. Both are Republicans in a heavily Red state. And neither has an opponent who appears to pose a serious threat, according to the polls.

Post and Courier: America's long-term test against terror

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140930/PC1002/140939984>

Editorial

President Barack Obama showed last week at the United Nations that he is facing hard realities in the strife-torn Middle East. But as he steers the nation into another war - one that likely will last beyond his remaining months in office - greater clarity is needed.

Aiken Standard (Guest Column): Creating growth for industry, small business

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20140930/AIK02/140939998>

Vincent Sheheen

Growing up in Camden and now raising my boys there with my wife, Amy, I've been a part of helping a small town grow and change over decades. As a businessman in the private sector, I learned early on that we don't have time for grandstanding – and we certainly can't afford dishonesty in government.

Speaker Bobby Harrell News:

Post and Courier: Harrell remains free on bond amid uncertainty over political future

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

Jeremy Borden

Suspended House Speaker Bobby Harrell faced a judge Monday for the first time since being indicted on nine ethics and misconduct charges, waiving his arraignment and having his bail set, but still facing an uncertain political future.

The State: Suspended Speaker's legal saga continues: Harrell makes \$18,000 bond

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

John Monk

Circuit Judge John Hayes III set an \$18,000 personal recognizance bond Monday on suspended House Speaker Bobby Harrell in a Richland County courtroom. A lawyer for Harrell, who will not be able to leave the state without permission, then asked for and was granted court permission for Harrell to attend a University of South Carolina-Kentucky football game this Saturday.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Associated Press: Sen. Scott holding chats on service academies

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=IDtd4IRZ

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott is helping high school students learn about applying to the nation's service academies. This week, the South Carolina Republican is hosting twelve informational sessions throughout the state. On Tuesday, meetings are being held in Anderson and Florence. Events are scheduled for later in the week in Aiken, Columbia, Greenville, Greenwood and North Charleston.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Orangeburg Democrat encourages child advocates to hold lawmakers accountable

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140929/PC1603/140929316>

Cynthia Roldan

At least 300 child and family professionals gathered in Columbia on Monday to discuss ways to strengthen South Carolina's families. As recent news coverage has swirled around lawmakers holding the state Department of Social Services' accountable for its handling of certain cases, one lawmaker said when it comes to families, voters also must hold lawmakers accountable.

Sun News: Horry County leader proposes smaller Bikefest loop; Myrtle Beach mayor doesn't support

http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/09/29/4507117_horry-county-leader-proposes-smaller.html?sp=/99/209/&rh=1#storylink=cpy

Jason M. Rodriguez

Horry County Council Chairman Mark Lazarus on Monday proposed redefining the planned 40-mile loop for Atlantic Beach Bikefest 2015 to a smaller 9-mile loop centralized more in Myrtle Beach. The idea, however, defeats the city's attempt at moving bikers out of the city during late night hours, said Myrtle Beach Mayor John Rhodes.

Florence Morning News: Pee Dee hears from its power trinity

http://www.scnow.com/news/article_549bd806-4844-11e4-adc3-001a4bcf6878.html

Gavin Jackson

Members of the League of Women Voters of the Florence Area and others had the opportunity Monday evening to hear from three local, prominent elected officials about legislative priorities such as road funding, the future of Interstate 73 and higher education standards.

Associated Press: Follow-up audit on BabyNet to be released

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xN4IB84L

Seanna Adcox

State auditors are releasing a follow-up review of a South Carolina program that provides early intervention services to infants and toddlers who have disabilities. The Legislative Audit Council expects to release its report on BabyNet on Tuesday, three years after finding the program did not reach enough children and providers weren't properly monitored.

Associated Press: SC cop indicted in shooting shrouded in mystery

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=kW9fJesa

Jeffrey Collins

Ernest Satterwhite was a laid-back former mechanic with some habits, including ignoring police officers who tried to pull him over. The last time he did that, the 68-year-old black great-grandfather got killed - shot to death after a slow-speed chase as he parked in his own driveway, by a 25-year-old white police officer.

The State: Environmental groups seek to block new Duke nuclear power plants in SC

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/29/3713028/environmental-groups-seek-to-black.html#storylink=cpy>

Sammy Fretwell

Duke Energy's plan to build two nuclear reactors near Gaffney is being challenged by environmentalists who oppose utilities expanding nuclear power. A coalition of 17 environmental groups filed legal action Monday in an effort to stop the licensing of about two dozen atomic power plants, including two reactors near the Broad River in South Carolina.

The State: USC reports to parents early incidents false, overall crime is down

http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/29/3713779_usc-reports-to-parents-early-incidents.html?rh=1

Harrison Cahill

A University of South Carolina official tried to reassure parents that crime on campus this year is down and that some recent incidents, including the armed robbery of a student on the Horseshoe, turned out to be "just stories."

Local News:

Anderson Independent: Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce supports tax to benefit schools

http://www.independentmail.com/news/chamber-of-commerce-supports-tax-to-benefit-schools_83973555

Nikie Mayo

The Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce has put its support behind a one-cent sales tax that would support schools. The tax, one penny on the dollar, is the subject of a referendum that will be put to voters in all five Anderson school districts in November. If the tax is approved, 20 percent of the revenue generated by it would go toward paying off existing bond debt.

Rock Hill Herald: 2 economic development leaders start work in and around York County

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/09/29/6370128_i-77-economic-development-group.html?rh=1

Bristow Marchant

Britt Blackwell liked the two candidates up for an economic development job so much, he wished he could hire both of them. The chairman of the York County Council got his wish. Rich Fletcher, who has experience handling development issues and working with local governments at SCANA Corp.

Greenville News: Almost half a ton of old drugs collected at Project Rx event

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/09/29/almost-half-ton-old-drugs-collected-project-rx-event/16446699/>

Liv Osby

Project Rx took in nearly half a ton of unused medications from Greenville County residents at its most recent collection on Saturday. With the 899 pounds of drugs from this event, Project Rx: A River Remedy has collected more than 10,000 pounds of unused and expired medicines that would otherwise have been

tossed down the drain or otherwise disposed of inappropriately, organizers say.

National News:

Washington Post: Modi's visit a chance for Obama to improve relationship, enlist India in his Asia policy
http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/modis-visit-a-chance-for-obama-to-improve-relationship-enlist-india-in-his-asia-policy/2014/09/29/f674a210-4818-11e4-a046-120a8a855cca_story.html

Katie Zezima, David Nakamura

President Obama welcomed Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the White House on Monday for their first face-to-face meeting as the administration seeks to revive the stagnant relationship between the nations and enlist Asia's largest democracy in its broader regional strategy.

New York Times: Many Missteps in Assessment of ISIS Threat
http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/30/world/middleeast/obama-fault-is-shared-in-misjudging-of-isis-threat.html?_r=0

Peter Baker, Eric Schmitt

By late last year, classified American intelligence reports painted an increasingly ominous picture of a growing threat from Sunni extremists in Syria, according to senior intelligence and military officials. Just as worrisome, they said, were reports of deteriorating readiness and morale among troops next door in Iraq.

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