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Governor Nikki Haley News:

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

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140826/PC1603/140829508/1031/one-day-sc-house-session-stirs-question-on-its-necessity>

Jeremy Borden

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

Note: The two bills vetoed by Gov. Nikki Haley have a small number of supporters: one allows librarians to kick out unruly patrons and police to charge them with a crime, and another allows for a property tax raise in Murrells Inlet.

2014 Campaign Cycle News:

Post and Courier: Haley touts anti-bullying tour in latest campaign ad

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140826/PC1603/140829534/1177/haley-touts-anti-bullying-tour-in-latest-campaign-ad>

Cynthia Roldan

A new campaign advertisement by Gov. Nikki Haley features a teenaged girl who reached out to Haley after being subjected to bullying. The 30-second ad called "Has my back" has Haley discussing her efforts to address bullying in schools, after she received a "suicide letter" from then-eighth grader Amanda Crawford, of Pendleton.

CNN: O'Malley moving political staff into South Carolina

<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2014/08/26/omalley-moving-political-staff-into-south-carolina/>

Peter Hamby

As he builds support for a possible Democratic presidential bid, Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley is dispatching political staffers to work on two key races in South Carolina this fall, sources familiar with the moves told CNN.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Berkeley Independent: Sanford makes county visit

<http://www.berkeleyind.com/article/20140826/BI01/140829815/1071/BI>

Steve McDaniel

Second chances, states' rights and health care were all topics of discussion for U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford at Monday night's monthly Goose Creek NAACP meeting. Sanford, R-S.C., answered questions ranging from the Affordable Care Act to same-sex marriage in an hour-long discussion in front of a group of about 25 people.

South Carolina News:

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: Pennsylvania company opening new plant in SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=qCpbOpB1

A Pennsylvania company that makes parts for power generation equipment is opening a new plant in Summerville, investing almost \$8 million and creating 45 jobs. The South Carolina Department of Commerce said Tuesday that Innovative Machining Technology is opening the new facility to make parts for equipment such as gas turbines and nuclear and hydrogen generators.

Associated Press: SC-based Sonoco packaging acquires German firm

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=vJLxO4hb

Hartsville-based packaging company Sonoco is buying the German firm Weidenhammer Packaging Group for \$383 million. Sonoco president M. Jack Sanders said Monday the move makes the company a global leader in the composite can market and expands its technological capabilities.

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 thousands of veterans from coastal South Carolina and Georgia can be near their loved ones receiving VA medical care without having to pay pricey Charleston hotel rates. Local leaders announced Tuesday plans to build a Fisher House near the Ralph Johnson Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Charleston.

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: Paul Tinkler joins race for mayor of Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140826/PC1603/140829541>

Schuyler Kropf

Next year's race for mayor of Charleston is shaping up to be the competitive fight that's been expected as former City Council member Paul Tinkler confirmed Tuesday that he is joining the field. Tinkler, 61, a downtown attorney, represented West Ashley sections of the city on council from 1998-2007. He lives in the Sandhurst area, near the North Bridge.

The State: Richland coroner announces program to stem tide of needless infant sleep deaths

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/26/3641152/richland-coroner-announces-program.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

Richland County Coroner Gary Watts on Tuesday announced a new program to reduce needless infant deaths. "This is a situation that touches everybody," said Watts, explaining that since 2012, 16 infants under one year old had died in Richland County while sleeping due to unsafe sleeping conditions.

Sun News: Fall tourism campaign touts weather, rates in Myrtle Beach area

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/25/3638904/fall-tourism-campaign-touts-weather.html>

Dawn Bryant

With the summer-ending Labor Day right around the corner, Grand Strand tourism promoters started last week trying to entice travelers to visit here this fall. The "60 More Days of Summer" campaign touts the Grand Strand's still warm weather in the fall, as well as lower prices for a place to stay and fewer crowds.

Florence Morning News: Florence Police Department to get new software with grant money

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_1847f07a-2ca0-11e4-a622-001a4bcf6878.html

Traci Bridges

The department recently was awarded an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$27,267 to purchase a total station laser measuring device and software that will allow

investigators to virtually recreate fatal motor vehicle accidents, as well as major crime scenes.

Sun News: Golf Channel reveals diverse cast for Big Break Myrtle Beach

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/26/3640939/golf-channel-reveals-diverse-cast.html>

Alan Blondin

The six men and six women include many who are currently competing on various developmental tours throughout North America, and others who turned pro solely to participate in the television series.

National News:

Associated Press: Obama defends handling of veterans affairs issues

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_OBAMA?

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Jim Kuhnhenn

His standing with veterans damaged by scandal, President Barack Obama on Tuesday defended his administration's response to Veterans Affairs lapses that delayed health care for thousands of former service members, but conceded more needed to be done to regain their trust.

New York Times: Obama Plans More Measures to Improve Health Care for Veterans

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

Peter Baker

President Obama on Tuesday promised several thousand military veterans that he would take further action to improve their access to health care and housing as he seeks to turn around a dysfunctional system that has embarrassed his administration.

Washington Post: The remarkable implosion of Ed FitzGerald

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2014/08/26/the-remarkable-implosion-of-ed-fitzgerald/>

Aaron Blake

The Cleveland Plain-Dealer reports that Democratic Ohio governor candidate Ed FitzGerald's campaign, faced with a series of unhelpful revelations, is basically packing it in: Translation: We're trying to make sure our disaster of a campaign doesn't drag down Democrats downballot who actually have a chance to win.

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